



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

Where Faith, Families & Friends Connect

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time • July 12, 2026 • 10:00am
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*Grace and peace to you, and welcome!
Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here—
with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today—
as we worship God, who welcomes us all!*

THE GATHERING

Prelude:

Variations on *America*

Charles Ives

*You are invited to listen for God's Spirit
speaking through the music of the Prelude
as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 119:105-11)**

Cindy Graciano

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

All: God's Word lights the way for us.

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

All: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

**All: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort,
and so we come to worship and praise the living God!**

**PLEASE STAND IN BODY AND/OR SPIRIT.*

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Scott Herr

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Leah Saulsberry

Children are invited to attend Sunday school following the children's message.

Call to Confession

Cindy Graciano

Leader: God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet traces of God's grace are intertwined even in our most painful sorrows and struggles. Let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we have turned against God that we may receive that grace anew.

Confession of Sin (unison)

Cindy Graciano

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ...

(silence for further individual reflection and repentance...)

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (from Romans 8:1-3)

Cindy Graciano

Leader: For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe and live in the freedom of this scandalous, joyous good news:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen!**

Gloria Patri

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Terence J. Flanagan

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
6 Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be,
11 world with - out end, A - men. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

Cindy Graciano

Leader: The first words of the risen Christ to his followers were, "Peace be with you." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please share Christ's peace with one another.

Congregation greets one another and shares the peace of Christ.

THE WORD

Prayer for illumination (unison)

Cindy Graciano

Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-10

Cindy Graciano

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo:

En Prière

Gabriel Fauré

*Si la voix d'un enfant
peut monter jusqu'à Vous,
O mon Père,
Ecoutez de Jésus
devant Vous à genoux
La prière.
Si vous m'avez choisi
pour enseigner Vos lois
Sur la terre,
Je saurai Vous server,
auguste Roi des Rois,
O Lumière!
Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur,
mettez la vérité
Salutaire,
Pour que celui qui doute,
avec humilité,
Vous revere!*

If the voice of a child
can reach you,
O my Father,
Listen to the prayer
of Jesus on His knees
Before You.
If You have chosen me to
teach Your laws
On the earth,
I will know how to serve You,
holy King of Kings,
O Light!
Place on my lips,
O Lord
The salutary Truth,
So that whoever doubts,
should with humility,
Revere You!

*Ne m'abandonnez pas,
 donnez-moi la douceur
 Nécessaire,
 Pour apaiser les maux,
 soulager la douleur,
 La misère!
 Revelez Vous à moi, Seigneur,
 en Qui je crois,
 Et j'espère,
 Pour Vous je veux souffrir
 et mourir sur la croix,
 Au Calvaire!*

Do not abandon me,
 give me the gentleness
 So necessary,
 To relieve the suffering,
 to alleviate pains,
 The misery!
 Reveal Yourself to me, Lord,
 in whom I have faith,
 And hope,
 I want to suffer for You
 and to die on the cross,
 At Calvary!

Jamie Ratcliff - alto

Second Lesson – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Rev. Scott Herr

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What God Purposes

The Rev. Scott Herr

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 435: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

In Babilone

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Scott Herr

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for the Offering

The Rev. Scott Herr

Leader: The God who is God demands nothing of us, but instead invites us to inhabit the infinite ocean of grace poured out through our savior, Jesus Christ. It is this generosity that gives us life, and it is in our own acts of generosity that we join in this larger life. So let us give joyfully, thanking God for the wonders of Christ's love.

Offertory Solo:

Ol' Time Religion Medley

Arranged by Roosevelt André Credit

Well give me that ol' time religion, It's good enough for me.
Sometimes I'm up sometimes I'm down. Oh yes, Lord!
Sometimes I'm almos' to de groun'; Oh yes, Lord!
Oh, Nobody knows de trouble I've seen, Oh Glory hallelu!
Oh, by an' by, I'm goin'; to lay down dis heavy load.

Jamie Ratcliff - alto

***Doxology (No. 606)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Cindy Graciano

Holy God, you have called us together as your people, gathered in your church, to struggle on behalf of your promises of grace and life for all the world. Bless and multiply these gifts. May their fruit demonstrate the unfathomable, inestimable glory that is yours in Christ Jesus. And if that's asking too little, do more! In Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn No. 694:**

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:
 sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

***Benediction**

The Rev. Scott Herr

***Ringing of the Church Bell**

Postlude:

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

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We encourage you to stay for the musical conclusion of our Worship together.

***Join us in the Common Room after worship
 for a time of fellowship, coffee/tea and treats.***

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship with the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan on this 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the season of the church year when we practice ordering our lives more in line with the teachings of Jesus. Today we are reflecting on the way in which God’s Word takes root in our lives and produces fruit. According to Isaiah, God’s Word accomplishes what God purposes. Then Jesus explains his parable about the sower as a parable about the “word of the kingdom”. What does God purpose? And what is the relationship between the word of the kingdom and the word that bears fruit in our lives, in our marriages, with our children, with our friends, and in our community engagement? Lots of questions for consideration. We’re glad you’re worshipping with us and pray you’ll experience the grace of God’s welcome and be spiritually refreshed and socially reoriented for the week ahead.

Sunday School – Summer Schedule. Sunday School will run on a normal schedule through the end of July. We will take a break from August 2 – September 6, and resume on Rally Day, September 13. Wishing you all a blessed and fun-filled summer ahead! *Leah Saulsberry, Sunday School Director*

TODAY IN WORSHIP (Cont'd)

Until August 2nd, join us as we explore Bible stories and all our questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the world around us. We will explore these themes through discussion, crafts, music, and other visual media. Children begin Worship in the Sanctuary with their families then following the Blessing for Young Disciples, we move to our Sunday School classes upstairs in the Bliss House and then return to the Sanctuary towards the end of Worship.

If your child is participating in Sunday School, please fill out this very short form so that we have up-to-date family contact numbers, and you can provide us with any information about your child that will help us minister to them: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/2024SundaySchoolStudents>

Adults or older teens who want to come be part of the fun of Sunday School, we need you! Join us and bring your own sense of wonder and joy as we learn together what it means to be part of God's big family. Let us know of your interest by filling out this form: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/Teachers2024-25>, or reach out to Leah Saulsberry at leahs@fpcnc.org.

Children are warmly welcome to stay in Worship! For children who stay during Worship, the **Pray-Ground** can be found in the area in front of the back pew bench. The Pray-Ground is a designated place in the Sanctuary where young children can experience worship through age-appropriate worship materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in what is happening. We will continue to rotate books and coloring materials on an ongoing basis. Although it can seem counter-intuitive to adults, children are often able to process what they hear more effectively when they have something to do with their hands.

Any child worshipping in the Pray-Ground should bring their grown-up with them to the Pray-Ground. Including young children in Worship can sometimes feel a little daunting, especially on days when they're feeling a little extra fidgety, but we don't need to be discouraged from keeping children in the Sanctuary. There are many important things that children learn while in Worship, even when we're not sure if they're paying attention.

Young children learn by observing the adults around them. Children acquire the "language" of worship by listening to and observing the words the adults around them say, much like how they learn their native tongue. Quite simply, children learn to worship by regularly being in Worship. **So families with little ones should feel free to worship together in the Pray-Ground!**

FPCNC also offers childcare during our Sunday Service provided by Saturnina Greaves and Lizz Reyes from Wee Care Nanny Agency. Our Nursery is located just off our Common Room vestibule down the long hall from the Sanctuary and is available between the hours of 8:45–11:30am. **Parental and guardian sign-in is required and we do ask that you pick up your child promptly after the Service.**

Have a prayer request? Prayer Cards are located in the back of the church adjacent to the Sanctuary entrance. Before worship, please give the completed Prayer Card to either Scott, Mary or one of the Ushers. These requests will be included in our Prayers of the People for that Sunday. You will have the option to exclude your prayer from the communal prayer if you prefer. All prayers will be held and prayed over in confidence. Any questions or concerns, please contact Scott (scott@fpcnc.org) or Wendy (wendy@fpcnc.org).

Cents-ability – The Cents-ability jar has a temporary location at the Welcome Table while the construction is taking place this summer. Please drop your spare change into the jar either on the way to Coffee Hour or whenever you're at church. You can also take home a small cents-ability bank to collect change. All change collected will be donated to the New Canaan Food Pantry. ***We collected a total of \$99 from the last few months of donations!!*** Thank you for your continued support.



ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Last weekend our country celebrated a rather big anniversary. Not wishing to be outdone, Mother Nature decided on adding to the fireworks, leaving many, including our church, without power for days. I had chosen organ music of a patriotic nature, wishing to add to the festive mood of the weekend. Having been unable to play what I was intending, I offer the music that I had prepared again today. We hear music by local composer **Charles Edward Ives** (1874-1954) for our prelude. Ives was born in Danbury, Connecticut. The Iveses, descended from founding colonists of Connecticut, were one of Danbury's leading families, and they were prominent in business and civic improvement. They were similarly active in progressive social movements of the 19th century, including the abolition of slavery. Composed in 1891, when Ives was seventeen, *Variations on America* is a composition for organ that Ives prepared for a Fourth of July celebration in 1892 at the Methodist church where he was organist in Brewster, New York. He performed it for the first time on February 17, 1892, and made revisions to the work until 1894. Although the piece is considered challenging even by modern concert organists, he spoke of playing the pedal work in the final variation as being "almost as much fun as playing baseball". In 1962 it was orchestrated by William Schuman, and premiered in this version by the New York Philharmonic under Andre Kostelanetz in 1964.

Alto Jamie Ratcliff will sing music composed by **Gabriel Urbain Fauré** (1845-1924), a French composer, organist, pianist and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. Although his best-known and most accessible compositions are generally his earlier ones, Fauré composed many of his most highly regarded works in his later years, in a more harmonically and melodically complex style. At the age of nine, he was sent to the École Niedermeyer music college in Paris, where he was trained to be a church organist and choirmaster. Among his teachers was Camille Saint-Saëns, who became a lifelong friend. After graduating from the college in 1865, Fauré earned a modest living as an organist and teacher, leaving him little time for composition. When he became successful in his middle age, holding the important posts of Organist of the Église de la Madeleine and Director of the Paris Conservatoire, he still lacked time for composing; he retreated to the countryside in the summer holidays to concentrate on composition. By his last years, he was recognised in France as the leading French composer of his day.

Our offertory solo is composed by a good friend of mine, **Roosevelt André Credit**, a bass-baritone singer, actor, and music director. Originally from Oakland, California, he holds degrees from Oregon State University and Northwestern University. He is celebrated for his rich vocals across Broadway, opera, and gospel, and his contributions to the soundtrack for the Academy Award-winning film *12 Years a Slave*. He maintains an active career as a performer and music leader across multiple prominent platforms in the New York City region and nationally. He frequently performs as a soloist and section leader at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, NYC, and serves as the Music Director for the Broadway Carolers.

Our organ postlude is music composed by "The March King", as he is known: **John Philip Sousa** (1854-1932). He was an American composer and conductor of the late Romantic era known primarily for US military marches. *The Stars and Stripes Forever* is an American patriotic march written and composed in 1896. In his 1928 autobiography, *Marching Along*, Sousa wrote that he composed the march on Christmas Day, 1896. Sousa was on board White Star Line's *Teutonic* on his way home from a vacation with his wife in Europe and had just learned of the recent death of David Blakely, the manager of the Sousa Band. He composed the march in his head and committed the notes to paper on arrival in the United States. It was first performed at the Philadelphia Academy of Music on May 14, 1897. Following an Act of Congress in 1987, it was officially adopted as the national march of the United States of America.

THIS WEEK

FPC Summer Office Hours – June 22 thru September 7

Monday, July 13 – Thursday, July 16: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Friday, July 17: 9:00am – 1:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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4th Annual
**Peaches
on the
Patio**

Sunday, July 19
11:30 am, during
Coffee Hour

178 Oenoke Ridge New Canaan, CT
Visit fpcnc.org or call us at 203-966-0002 ext 1

NOTE FROM SCOTT

The FPCNC Liturgist Team wants you...

As much as we will miss the Rev. Mary Marple Thies leading in Worship, her stepping *down* creates an opportunity for new leadership to step *up*. I would like for you, the members of the congregation, to prayerfully consider becoming a member of the FPCNC Liturgist team! Liturgists are people who assist in Worship leadership. I'll offer support and training as needed over the next couple months to prepare any who are willing to take some of the parts that Mary has so wonderfully led "up front" during Sunday Worship.

Liturgist /'lidərjəst/

A Liturgist is someone who plans, organizes, and leads the public Worship Services of a religious community. The term originates from the Greek *leitourgia*, meaning "the work of the people".

Please pray about this. Yes. *You*. Pray and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and let your yes be yes, and your no be no. I will respect hearing a lot of no's. But I also know that many of you have gifts and would love for you to exercise your gifts for ministry. It may be surprising that God is calling you and will give you what you need to help lead the congregation up front in Worship. Please reach out to Wendy, Jan or me and we will equip you to be a member of the FPCNC Liturgist Team.

EDITOR'S NOTES

FPC Accessibility Project: Please note that the accessibility project construction has begun and effective immediately exclusive use of the back driveway (by the Memorial Garden and Columbarium) via the NC Nature Center driveway has been promised to Turner Construction until further notice. Please avoid use of the rear driveway for parking or building access. To access the Memorial Garden or Columbarium, please park in the large parking lot by the front of the church and walk around to the back by way of the sidewalk to the left of the Sanctuary doors.



Our Labyrinth is back in the Sanctuary for the summer. The Labyrinth is designed to lead one into private meditation and prayer via following the intricate path that takes us to the center. It's not a maze, but a purposeful passage that may be entered into with gentle song, prayer, or quiet meditation. Walking the Labyrinth can be a meaningful and powerful practice for personal introspection and transformation. Instructions are posted or you can reach out to Scott or the Church office for guidelines. *To help preserve the Labyrinth, we ask that you remove your street shoes, so please wear socks or bring your slippers from home.*

Greetings from the Worship, Music and Fine Arts Committee

Summer has officially arrived and so has the lovely weather. It's a time we all look forward to with trips to visit family, friends and favorite destinations. Whether you enjoy staying local or like to venture to places further away, we look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings for Worship followed by a time of fellowship when you are home. Refreshments on the patio provide us with the opportunity to greet our church family and friends in a beautiful outdoor setting. We are always in need of people to sign up to read, usher, greet, carry the Cross or serve Communion. Please take a moment to go to our website (www.fpcnc.org), click on "SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER!" and on the bottom of the home page find a date(s) that works best for you. We are always most grateful for your participation and we welcome any newcomers to the "Worship Team." If you have questions about serving on Sunday mornings, please feel free to reach out to Jan Lucie, Armin Thies or Linda Martin of the Worship Committee or call Wendy in the church office. Wishing you all a very safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in Sunday Worship over the summer. *The Worship, Music and Fine Arts Committee*



CONCERT @ FPC

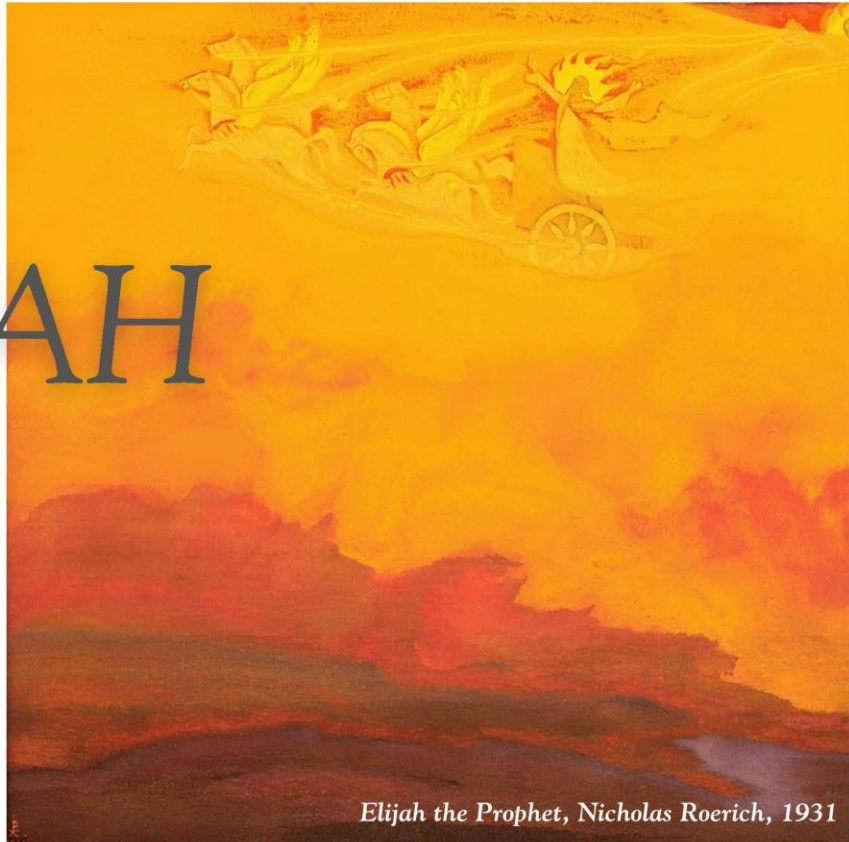
MUSIC ON THE HILL

presents

Felix
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ELIJAH

The Summer
Chorus
with two-piano
orchestration



Elijah the Prophet, Nicholas Roerich, 1931

Thursday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan

178 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan

Tickets:

\$25 in advance/\$30 at the door

Children/students free

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Rally Day Picnic & Celebration!

Sunday, September 13, 11:30 am



Please join us for 10 am Worship.
Then after service join us for fun,
food, live music, lawn games, and
Ol' Faithful rides.

All Ages Are Welcome!

COMMUNITY



Waveny Lifecare Network's

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Providing support and guidance to those impacted by Alzheimer's and dementia in New Canaan

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- Alzheimer's and dementia caregiver support group
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It could save a life later.

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Save the number, save a life. Add the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) to your phone now—it could save a life later. Trained crisis counselors are available to talk 24/7/365.

NEW CANAAN
Behavioral Health
ALLIANCE

Finding the right behavioral health support for yourself, family member or a friend can feel overwhelming. The New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance (NCBHA) is excited to announce the launch of its website. New Canaan Human Services, NCCF and Silver Hill Hospital have partnered with over 30 local agencies and organizations to encourage, develop and support a greater community awareness of behavioral health issues and resources in our area. To talk directly to someone that can help navigate available resources, or just to see what behavioral health events are happening around the area, visit www.newcanaanhba.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN

CALENDAR – UPCOMING WEEK

SUNDAY, July 12

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service
11:30 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, July 13

4 pm Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

TUESDAY, July 14

9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

WEDNESDAY, July 15

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons
4 pm Session Meeting (Zoom)

THURSDAY, July 16

FRIDAY, July 17

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30 & 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)
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SATURDAY, July 18

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)
2-5 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

SUNDAY, July 19

9 am Music Rehearsals
10 am Worship Service
11:30 am Coffee Hour & Peaches on the Patio

CALENDAR – JULY thru OCTOBER

Thursday, July 30, 7:30pm

Music on the Hill Concert @ FPC

Saturday, September 5, 2-6pm

New Covenant House (Prepare and Serve Meals)

Sunday, September 13, 11:30am

RALLY DAY PICNIC & CELEBRATION

Thursday, September 24, 3pm

NC Chamber Music Concert @ FPC

Friday, September 25, 7pm

NC Chamber Music Concert @ FPC

Sunday, September 27, 3pm

Lumos Concert @ FPC

Sunday, October 4, 3pm

Organ Dedication Recital (Sanctuary)

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Katie White and Henry Welles

Lay Reader: Cindy Graziaano

Ushers: Jo Ann Nerenburg and Sue Sherwood

MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

OUR PASTOR

The Reverend Dr. R. Scott Herr, Senior Pastor

OUR STAFF

Terence J. Flanagan, Director of Music and Fine Arts • Jim Riehl, Business Administrator
Leah Saulsberry, Sunday School Director • Wendy Starr, Office Manager
Emily Johnson, Communications Assistant • Kate and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers
Terence D. Flanagan, Sunday Audio Technician

2026-2027 SESSION ELDERS AND DEACONS

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Bob Spangler (Clerk) • Barb Achenbaum • Tom Butterworth • Jim Ely • Terence D. Flanagan (Youth)
Angela Johnson • Nancy LaBadie • Janet Lanaway • Jan Lucie • Mark Magnusen • Bonnie Peterson
Mike Peterson • Steve Van de Graaf • Patty von Jena • Stephan von Jena

DEACONS

Ferial Aldag • Sue Benko • Carole Clarkson • Chris Cluett • Sue Dishart • Kathy Edwards • Lisa Flanagan
Julie Fowler • Thomas Godina (Youth) • Victoria Mezo • Jo Ann Nerenburg • Debera Prosek • Sherry Tate

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