

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 19, 2025  
10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it  
as  
he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil  
without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.”  
Martin Luther King Jr.

### PRELUDE

*O Gott du frommer Gott, op. 122*  
Jesse Pieper, organ

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

*My Lord, What a Morning*  
African American Spiritual  
Chancel Choir

H.T. Burleigh  
(1866-1949)

### OPENING BELLS

### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

**All: in your light we see light.**

One: Let us worship God!

### \*HYMN 394

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use.**

### \*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. This is good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Tara Church

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Judith Riggs

**All: Holy God, we need the guidance of your Word. Help us be honest with ourselves  
and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

p. 692 OT

ANTHEM

*O Happy Day*  
African American Spiritual  
Fred Schlick, tenor, Chancel Choir, Jesse Pieper, piano

Edwin  
Hawkins  
(1943-2018)

SECOND LESSON

John 2:1-11

p. 93 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Seeing the Signs”

Dr. DeGarmo

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*HYMN 395

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING

**Ritual of Friendship:** *Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Wexford Carol</i> Clarion Ringers	James W. Krug (b. 1978)
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		OLD HUNDREDTH
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
<b>*PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
<b>*HYMN #339</b>	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	LIFT EVERY VOICE
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	<i>Amen</i>	African American
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Fantasy on Brother James' Air</i> Jesse Pieper, organ	Adolphis Hailstork (b. 1941)

## WELCOME!

We are delighted you are joining us in worship! Founded on Easter Sunday in 1881, First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich embraces our mission to nurture and empower people in all stages of life to be Christ's disciples and to actively serve those in need. All children may join the *Time for Young Disciples* during the service and then be dismissed together for Sunday School. Nursery care is available in Room 220 for children under three.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Lindley DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Heather Antonissen, Director of Bell Choirs; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Fred Schlick, tenor; Chancel Choir; Clarion Ringers; Dr. Judith Riggs, reader.

**Usher Team 3:** Steve Waters (Captain), James Waters (Deputy), Abe Cary, Tony Kane, Kathy Myer, Ellie Ritch Galatioto, Justine Schwartz, Jackson Waters, Vaughn Waters, Sandy Waters.

**Cover Art:** *Marriage at Cana* by Juan de Flandes (1500).

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti and Sudan; St. Marc School in Haiti; those affected by the Los Angeles wildfires, including former associate pastor Matt Colwell and his family, who have lost their home; Martha Awdziejewicz, Barbara Freeman, Adrienne & Don Perry, Elly Schafer (mother of Renée Lux)

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join interim pastor Lindley DeGarmo for a virtual Bible study of the sermon text for the upcoming Sunday on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Focus text this week: Luke 4:14-2. Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82203791684> Passcode: 408515.

## COMMUNITY NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Join us EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT for dinner from 6:00-7:15 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is also invited to participate in children's programming and music rehearsals throughout the evening.

## WINTER NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND RECEPTION

Interested in becoming a member of FPCG? Please join us for our winter new member orientation session on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. We'll gather for a light supper in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. and begin our orientation at 6:30 p.m. (Childcare is provided.) Those attending orientation will be welcomed by the congregation at a New Member Reception during worship on Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m.

To RSVP for the orientation session, please contact Emily Sternberg at [emily@thesternbergs.net](mailto:emily@thesternbergs.net). If you haven't done so already, please scan and complete the interest form found here so we have your contact information.

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Join us for fellowship and book discussion in the Church Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. We gather at 9:15 a.m. for coffee and discussion starts at 9:30 a.m. Contact Colleen Giambo at [cgiambo@gmail.com](mailto:cgiambo@gmail.com) for more details. Here is a list of the future Friday dates and books:

February 21--The Message, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

March 21 --The Safekeep, by Yael van der Wouden

## ACADEMY

**The Glory of Sport - Dr. Paul Gaffney**  
**January 26, 2025, 11:30 a.m.**

Join the Academy in the Edna Anderson Chapel for a conversation about the (potential) greatness of sport as an expression of the human spirit. The word "glory" suggests something meaningful, deeply human, and maybe even sacred. Of course, there are plenty of problems in contemporary sport, but to understand those problems we need first to appreciate what is being corrupted, and why that is a shame.

Paul Gaffney is an Associate Professor of Philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. John's University, NY, where he has taught for the last 35 years, serving as department chair from 2007-2019. He is currently Director of St. John's University's Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) graduate program. Since 1999 he has been a summer Adjunct Associate Professor at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy, specializing in Business Ethics and the Philosophy of Art. Since 2015 he has served as the Editor of the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, the official outlet of the International Association of the Philosophy of Sport. His personal engagement in sport has included playing Division I basketball at Niagara University.

## MISSION ENGAGEMENT

**PACIFIC HOUSE COOKS:** Join the FPCG team to cook and serve meals for men and young male residents of Pacific House on the second Thursday of every month. Cook in the FPCG kitchen from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. or serve at Pacific House from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Contact Carol Barber: [cbarber@cyburban.com](mailto:cbarber@cyburban.com); (914) 490-6621.

**DRIVERS NEEDED FOR CALL-A-RIDE:** Have a few hours a week to assist elderly members of our community? Drivers are needed! Email or call Terry Lohmeyer: [terryhl@aol.com](mailto:terryhl@aol.com), (203) 249-9412.

## STEWARDSHIP

As we reflect on the blessings God has entrusted to us, we are reminded that all we have belongs to Him. Our stewardship campaign is an opportunity to give back to God with grateful hearts, supporting the ministries that make a difference in our church and community.

To date, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$522,505, 44% towards our \$1,200,000 goal.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can respond. Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or you can give online through our church website. Let's join together in giving generously, knowing that every gift helps further God's work among us.

*"All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee."*

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

As Deacons, our ministry is one of compassion, witness, and service. It includes services such as hospital visits, meal deliveries, an altar flower to celebrate a birth, arranging rides to worship and generally being available to hear any concerns or questions you may have. Please don't be shy about reaching out on your own behalf, or perhaps on behalf of another member of our church who may benefit from a meal, a visit, or just a word of encouragement. Contact the church office at (203) 869-8686, x110, contact one of our pastors, or email our

Deacon Co-Moderators, Julie Mather ([matherct@msn.com](mailto:matherct@msn.com)) and Ginger Boldt ([gboldt1774@gmail.com](mailto:gboldt1774@gmail.com)) if you hear word of someone in need from among our congregation.

## FELLOWSHIP

## BURNS SUPPER FUNDRAISER ON JANUARY 25, 2025

Celebrate the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian church and the birthday of Robert Burns at an FPCG fundraiser in a traditional evening of Scottish music, poetry, dinner, and fellowship. The evening will kick off with a performance by the Greenwich Pipe Band followed by dinner and renditions of Burns' songs by our own choir soloist Leslie Craigie, a Scot who has performed all over the world, and accompanied on the piano by our Music Minister, Dr. Caroline Worra. Best known for writing "Auld Lang Syne," Scottish bard Robert Burns has a lasting legacy, influencing artists as diverse as John Steinbeck and Michael Jackson. All are welcome! Invite your friends to this fun event. There is a nominal member and non-member fee; proceeds benefit FPCG. Sign up here: <https://www.fpcg.org/burns>.

### YWCA PROGRAM



*We must make our hearts  
instruments of peace and nonviolence  
because when the heart is right,  
the mind and the body will follow.*

CORETTA SCOTT KING (Aug. 23, 2003).

### A Vital Conversation: Women's Health Equity Forum

The Coretta Scott King and  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Annual Conversation

January 23, 2025  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

YWCA Greenwich  
259 East Putnam Ave.  
Greenwich

Event is FREE and  
open to the public  
To register, please go to  
[ywcagreenwich.org](http://ywcagreenwich.org) or  
scan below

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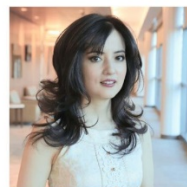


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### PANELISTS



**Dr. Juliet Mushi**  
Harlem Hospital  
Obstetrician-Gynecologist



**Dr. Mia Kazanjian**  
Stamford Health  
Diagnostic Radiologist



**Fatmata Williams**  
State of Connecticut, Division  
of Health Services  
Director of  
Medical Administration



**Dr. Romelle Maloney**  
Greenwich Hospital  
Obstetrician-Gynecologist

#### EVENT DESCRIPTION:

Join YWCA Greenwich's Center for Equity & Justice to learn more about the data that illustrates chronic disparities in our community and in the region. Experts in medical fields will discuss how these inequities and barriers impact the lives of people based on gender, race and other dimensions of identity. Our panel will offer solutions to these important issues to ensure that the arc continues to bend toward justice for all. In addition, we will engage in an interactive data gathering session to gauge how health inequity impacts all.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Blood donations create a flurry of hope for patients in need. More donors are needed this winter! When you give blood at First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich on Friday, Feb. 14 from 11:30-4:15, the Red Cross will send you a \$15 e-gift card for a merchant you choose. Make your appointment now to give hope by scanning the QR code or at <https://rcblood.org/4gLIElq> using the code FPCG or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



# Heart to Heart

## A Date Night

### For Busy Couples to Reconnect

**January 31, 2025**

6-8PM in FPCG Fellowship Hall

Dinner, Wine & Dessert

Childcare for ages 5+

Free but RSVP required

[tara@fpcg.org](mailto:tara@fpcg.org)

With all the demands for your time, it is easy to lose touch with your partner. Tonight FPCG will watch and feed the kids, while you relax and enjoy dinner and a lighthearted and practical presentation from two couples counselors on how to connect amidst the hectic lives we all live.

Sponsored in partnership with the  
Greenwich Center for Hope & Renewal



## PJS & PANCAKES

January 26

In lieu of Sunday school, young disciples are welcome to help make pancakes to serve to the congregation during coffee hour.

Please reach out to [Tara@fpcg.org](mailto:Tara@fpcg.org) to volunteer to be chefs, kitchen supervisors, or valentine card makers!



## LEADERSHIP

### Session

Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo, Moderator  
Rev. Andre Castillo, Associate Pastor  
Laura Geffs, Clerk of Session

Wayne Atwell  
Linda Cha  
Lilian Eng  
Lee Ganshaw  
Layne Grindal

Jim Joyella  
Ryan Kim  
Debra Mecky  
Kate Minchin  
Mary M. Paretto

Brian Pennington  
Elizabeth Peyton  
Stephanie Schnabel  
Sue Sproule  
Emily Sternberg  
Nancy Yao

*Session members may be contacted at [session@fpcg.org](mailto:session@fpcg.org). Messages go to all Session members.*

### Board of Deacons

Ginger Boldt and Julie Mather, Co-Moderators

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Bob Giambo  
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