

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Slane
Jesse Pieper, organ

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

I've Got the Love of Jesus in My Heart
Chancel Choir, Jubilate Choir,
Summit Sounds, and Steeple Band

William Cooke
(1838-1898)

OPENING BELLS

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

All: we were like those who dreamed.

One: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

All: our tongues with songs of joy.

One: It was said among the nations,

All: the Lord has done great things for them.

One: The Lord has done great things for us,

All: and we are filled with joy.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Ever-present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have.

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The Lord has done great things for us. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are renewed, and we are made whole. Beloved children of God, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

All Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** (Hymn 4)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Verse 4) GOSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ross Ogden

All: Holy God, just as you spoke at the dawn of creation, continue to speak to us now as we prepare to encounter your Word. Be with us in our listening, in our speaking, in our understanding, and in our responding. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

p. 171 OT

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

Chancel Choir

(b. 1941)

Jesse Pieper, organ

SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8

p.106 NT

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Holy Waste”

Dr. DeGarmo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jamie

Manirakiza

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM	“Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth” from <i>Elijah</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
	Fred Schlick, tenor	
	Dr. Caroline Worra, piano	

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Hymn 612)	<i>We Praise You, O God</i> (Verse 1)	KREMSER
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*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 846	<i>Fight the Good Fight</i> (Verses 1, 2 & 3)	DUKE STREET
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***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Psalms 150</i>	G. S. Talbot (1875-1918)
	Chancel Choir	

POSTLUDE	<i>Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist, BWV 671</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
	Jesse Pieper, organ	

**Please stand as you are able.*

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. D. Lindley DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Fred Schlick, tenor; Chancel Choir; Jubilate Choir; Summit Sounds; Steeple Band; Ross Ogden, reader; Jamie Manirakiza, Partnership to End Human Trafficking.

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: *Christ at Supper with Simon the Pharisee, with the Anointment of Christ's Feet by Mary Magdalen*, Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo (Italian, 1727 - 1804)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti and Sudan; St. Marc School in Haiti; Barbara Freeman, Adrienne & Don Perry, Elly Schafer (mother of Renée Lux), Nancy Raker, Yvonne Williams, Cassandra Fountain and the families of Caroline Larken, Gil Raker, Ralph Wyman and the Benincasa family.

TODAY - FOLLOWING SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Partnership to End Human Trafficking Pop up Shop — purchase items to support human trafficking.

Center for Hope and Renewal: Come to a “speed therapy: session where you can confidentially meet with a therapist for 15 minutes for free to learn more about what therapy is like and how it may benefit you or someone you know. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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 19:28-34. Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82203791684> Passcode: 408515.

COMMUNITY NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

Join us for our final Lenten Soup Dinner from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and our LENTEN VESPERS SERVICE from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is also invited to participate in our children's programming and music rehearsals between 5:00 and 8:45 p.m. Childcare is provided from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

ONLY 5 COMMUNITY NIGHTS LEFT (until fall) - April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7.

Celebrate with us for our FINAL COMMUNITY NIGHT on Wednesday, May 7th with a DINNER THEATER

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HOLY WEEK

April 13

PALM SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. - Sanctuary

April 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. - Sanctuary

A solemn service with communion, music, and quiet reflection.

April 18

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 P.M. - Sanctuary

Join us for a musical presentation of John Rutter's *Requiem*, featuring our Chancel Choir and our organist, Jesse Pieper, conducted by our Music Minister, Dr. Caroline Worra.

April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

A festive celebration of our risen Lord!

9:00 A.M. - Sanctuary - Family-Friendly Worship Service

10:00 A.M. - Nursery School Playground - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 A.M. - Sanctuary - Full Festival Worship Service

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