

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
November 10, 2024  
10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”*

Psalm 127:1

### PRELUDE

*Improvisation on ‘Ar hyd y nos’*  
Jesse Pieper, organ

Eugene Hancock  
(1929-1993)

### OPENING BELLS/INTROIT

*Love Each Other*  
Jubilate Choir, Summit Sounds,  
Steeple Band, and Chancel Choir

Timothy G. Bushong  
(b. 1960)

### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**All: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**All: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

One: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Let us worship God!

### \*HYMN 363

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

DARWALL’S 148TH

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Andre Castillo

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation’s. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish.**

### \*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: “The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

*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

Rev. Castillo

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Nancilee Holland

**All:** Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 127

p. 573 OT

**ANTHEM**

*If Ye Love Me*  
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)

**SECOND LESSON**

Mark 12:38-44

p. 49 NT

**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“See and Be Seen”

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.

**\*HYMN 711**

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

**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.*

**ANTHEM**

*The Gift of Love*  
Margaret Mack, soprano  
Caroline Worra, soprano  
Jesse Pieper, piano

Hal Hopson  
(b. 1933)

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 697**

*Take My Life*

HENDON

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*  
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)

### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in A major*

BWV 536

\*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.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A called meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich will be held in the church sanctuary on Sunday, November 17, 2024, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing members of the Session, Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee and Pastor Nominating Committee.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo; The Rev. Andre Castillo; Dr. Caroline Worra, Music Minister; Tara Church, Director of Children's Ministries; Jesse Pieper, organ/piano; Chancel Choir; Steeple Band; Summit Sounds; Jubilate Choir; Margaret Mack, soprano; Nancilee Holland, reader.

**Usher Team 1:** Hearst Zhang (Captain), Diane Brown, Carol Barber, Peter McWhorter, Kate Minchin, Heidi Novak, Scott Sternberg.

**Cover Art:** *Widow's Mite*, James Tissot (1836-1902).

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti and Sudan; St. Marc School in Haiti; all those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton; Ona Ziegler, Carola Cammann, Barbara Freeman, Adrienne & Don Perry; the families of Adolfo Paniagua, John Kuck, Robert Feeley, Thomas Fong, Russ Harden, Sandy Herman, Kae Jacobs and Karen Joyella.

## THIS WEEK - ACADEMY



### **The Galileo Affair**

**Dr. Paul Gaffney, Edna Anderson Chapel, Today, at 11:30 a.m.**

On June 22, 1633, Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was convicted by the Inquisition of "vehement suspicion of heresy," a crime intermittent between the charges of "formal heresy" and "mild suspicion of heresy." The Roman Catholic Church believed that his heliocentric worldview, derived from Polish astronomer Nicholas Copernicus, contradicted Holy Scripture (especially Joshua 10-13) and thereby threatened the authority of the Church. Under threat of torture, Galileo was forced to recant his scientific position and was sentenced to live out his days under house arrest in Florence. The "Galileo Affair" is one of the most fascinating, shameful, and consequential episodes in history. But it is not merely a historical episode; it raises questions that continue to challenge us today: What is the relationship between science and religion? What is the rightful authority of Scripture? What is the place of human beings in God's Divine plan and creation?

Paul Gaffney is an Associate Professor of Philosophy in the College of Liberals 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. Professor Gaffney has made eighteen previous presentations, on various topics, to the FPCG Academy.

## TIME & TALENT SURVEY

If you have not yet done so, please take a few moments to complete the 2024 Time & Talent Survey, which is available by scanning the QR code.



## FLOWER DONATIONS



Donations of flowers to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion are always welcome and help to beautify the Sanctuary. On Mondays, the deacons distribute the flowers to members and friends who might need cheering or a simple thank you. If you want to make a dedication one Sunday, please get in touch with Erin Moore in the business office ([erin@fpcg.org](mailto:erin@fpcg.org) or (203) 869-8686). You may also sign up for a donation online [Flower Dedications](#) or by scanning the QR code.

## 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.

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



Join us for fellowship and book discussion in the Church Library on the 4th Floor. We will meet on Friday, November 15 to discuss **James: A Novel**, by Percival Everett. We gather at 9:15 a.m. for coffee and discussion starts at 9:30 am. Contact Colleen Giambo at [cgiambo@gmail.com](mailto:cgiambo@gmail.com) for more details.

## FPCG 2024 – COMMUNITY NIGHT – EVERY WEDNESDAY

Enjoy a meal with friends and family every Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## FPCG – HARVEST DINNERS



Sign up for a Harvest Dinner!  
Enjoy fellowship and fun.

How has God provided for you this year?  
How has God called you to provide?

Please use the QR code to sign up or the following:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAD2AA7FD0-45395704-harvest#/>

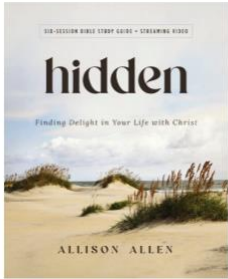




## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

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 AROUND THE BIBLE (Group Led Bible Study)



Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the library. - Join the women of FAB, which began October 9th, for a 6-week Scripture and video study of *Hidden: Finding Delight in Your Life with Christ* by Allison Allen. In a world that equates significance with being seen, we will learn how to rest in God's acceptance and admiration by studying lesser-known Biblical characters who served God's greater purpose by living a "life hidden with Christ in God." Col 3:3 FAB is a weekly, multigenerational women's group for fellowship and conversation. Feel free to attend one or all of our meetings. RSVP to Renee Lux ([reneelux@gmail.com](mailto:reneelux@gmail.com)).

## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS

**Thursday, November 28 at 12:00 pm:** The tradition continues! We are so excited to open our doors on Thanksgiving to welcome members of our community to enjoy food and fellowship and to deliver meals to those homebound.



Please use the QR code to sign up or the following:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545AAAC23A46-52372792-2024>

But we can't do it alone! We need your help to prepare over 200 meals so please sign up at <https://biturl.top/Mjmq2> or at Coffee Hour. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, deliver and prep. For any questions, please contact Hellen Kim at [hellen.p.kim@gmail.com](mailto:hellen.p.kim@gmail.com) or the FPCG office.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR KIDS AT YERWOOD CENTER

Come Join Us and Serve a Thanksgiving Meal to Kids at The Yerwood Center  
Tuesday, November 26 - 90 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford, CT  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
RSVP: [yvonneloubiere@gmail.com](mailto:yvonneloubiere@gmail.com)



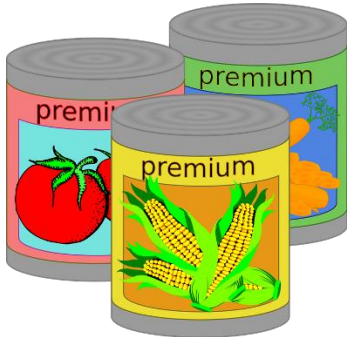
## KIDS IN CRISIS – FPC YOUTH SOCIAL

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the first-floor kitchen. Our Confirmation class will lead the charge as we cook for this amazing organization, who feeds displaced kids right here in Greenwich every day of the week. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. RSVP to Lee Ganshaw ([ganshaw@icloud.com](mailto:ganshaw@icloud.com)).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

From November 5 to 25, we're partnering with our Nursery School for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to support our neighbors in need. We're collecting non-perishable food items, including canned gravy, stuffing, corn bread, and more. Drop off your donations in the church lobby and help us make a difference in our community!



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

# THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Join in with the Nursery School to donate canned food/non perishable food items.

**We Are Collecting The Following Items:**

Canned Gravy	Cereal
Cooking oil	Canned Fruit
Pasta	Canned Vegetables
Stuffing	Canned Protein
Cranberries Sauce	Mashed Potatoes
Corn Bread	Peanut Butter

**Items Will Be Collected**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**5-25**

**Drop Off Location**  
First Presbyterian Church  
1 West Putnam Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**      203-869-8686 ext 118  
Tara@fpcg.org

## MUSIC NOTES – ALL INVITED

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# THANKS GIVING CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AT 11:30 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

## LEADERSHIP

### Session

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

Wayne Atwell	Ryan Kim	Elizabeth Peyton
Lynda Cha	Debra Mecky	Stephanie Schnabel
Lilian Eng	Kate Minchin	Sue Sproule
Layne Grindal	Mary M. Parette	Emily Sternberg
Helen Ji	Brian Pennington	Steve Waters
		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

Hamish Allan	Maria Crowley	Amie Hogan
Olivia Allan	Bob Giambo	Nancilee Holland
Renie Blair	Carolyn Hahn-Re	Margaret Mack
Carolyn Cleveland	Liz Harden	Chris Zadik

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS · 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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Ministers: All members of the congregation.



**We are a Stephen Ministry Church.**

