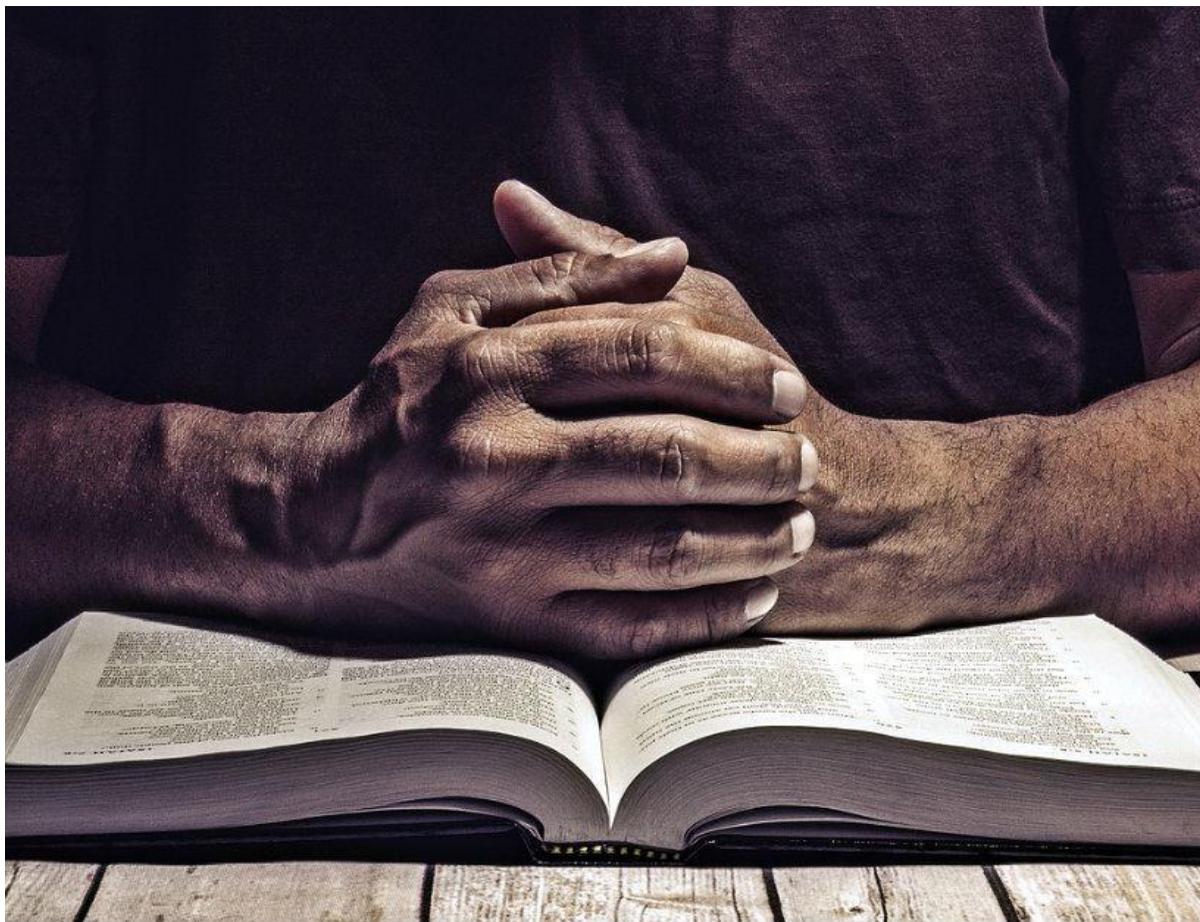


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**10:00 AM**

**GATHERING**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

“It was part of her discernment to be aware that life is the only real counselor, that wisdom unfiltered through personal experience does not become part of the moral tissues.”

~Edith Wharton

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**PRELUDE**

*Sleepers Wake, BWV 140*  
*(arr. Ferruccio Busoni)*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Largo from Harpsichord Concerto No. 5,*  
*BWV 1056 (arr. Alfred Cortot)*

Jeb Dennis, piano

*I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ from Orgelbuchlein,*  
*BWV 639*

Jeb Dennis, organ

**WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT**

*O Be Joyful In the Lord*

Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands.*  
*Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.*  
Jeb Dennis, piano

**OPENING HYMN**

## GATHERING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of God, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

**All: We confess that we have followed in ways that are not yours, O God. We have sinned and seek your redemption. God hear our prayers.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**All: God, through your grace and forgiveness may be ourselves prosper and be made new.**

Leader: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**All: Who is worthy to withstand your judgment? Only in Christ may we claim our forgiveness, only through You may we find our hope.**

Leader: God, in silence hear the prayers of confession and joy that are upon our hearts.

(time of silence for individual reflection and prayer)

Leader: God, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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.**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Kyrie Eleison*

Frederick Schlick, cantor

*Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.*  
*Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.*  
*Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.*

## SHARING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

In lieu of passing the offering plates this morning, you are invited to place your offering in the basket provided on your way out of the service, or simply **text “FPCG” to 45777** to set up text giving (see detailed instructions in the back page of the bulletin). Thank you for being a part of worship today! We are grateful for your continued prayers and support during these challenging days.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## DOXOLOGY

**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

## HEARING

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ellie Strathdee

Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to transition to Sunday School

## SCRIPTURE

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

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

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

## SERMON

Mark Montgomery

## RESPONDING

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*For I Know the Plans*

Nancy Farndale (b. 1953)

Jeb Dennis, piano

*(Refrain)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Please hold these church members and friends in your prayers this week: Abi Babcock and Family; George Hallenbeck; Don Perry, the Stahl family; Clare (Renie Blair); Frank Molina (Edna Navarro); Ralph Wyman; the Loveless family; Our partners and friends in Haiti; Linda Kennedy; John Bliss; Robert Feeley; Bob Peterson; Shirley Escudero; Melinda Barber (Carol and Bob Barber). *Note: Names on the prayer list will remain on the list for 2 Sundays. To reinstate, please email [nancilee.holland@fpcg.org](mailto:nancilee.holland@fpcg.org).*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*How Excellent Thy Name, O Lord*

George Friedrich Handel  
(1685-1759)  
(Psalm 8:1)

*How excellent, how excellent thy Name,  
O Lord,  
in all the world is known!*

*Above the heav'ns, O King, ador'd,  
how hast Thou set Thy glorious  
throne!*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Danse Rustique*

Layla Rodriguez, cello soloist

William Henry Squire  
(1871-1963)

## \*BENEDICTION

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

*Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ,  
Of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

*You are invited to remain seated to continue worshipping through the Postlude.*

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in E Major, BWV 566,*  
Jeb Dennis, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

(\*You are invited to stand)

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Mark Montgomery, Interim Senior Minister  
The Reverend Andre Castillo, Associate Minister  
Ellie Strathdee, Director of Children's Ministries

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Enjoy Sunday morning worship as it happens!

[www.fpcg.org/LIVE](http://www.fpcg.org/LIVE)



Welcome! We are happy to be able to worship in the Sanctuary this morning and grateful you were able to join us today!

It is with joy that we announce that *we no longer require reservations for our worship services*. However, please continue to bring your mask, your hand sanitizer and your wonderful spirit and enjoy a socially distanced time of fellowship and worship as a community of faith!

The Chancel Flowers are given this morning in remembrance of David L. Holland, by his daughter, Nancilee Holland.

## MUSIC WORSHIP

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, September 16 • 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM

Choir Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor).

## CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

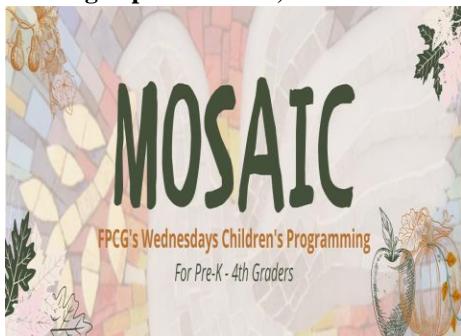
We can't make Sunday School happen without you!

Email [Ellie.Strathdee@fpcg.org](mailto:Ellie.Strathdee@fpcg.org) to sign up to volunteer in our Pre-K & K, 1st & 2nd, or 3rd & 4th grade classrooms. Any time you can give is much appreciated.

Starting September 12th



Starting September 15<sup>th</sup>, Mosaic is back! Join us as we dive into Mosaic a little bit differently this Fall . . .



Much like a mosaic, our Wednesday children's programming will be a miscellany of Scripture, games, activities, and team building. We will gather in the 4th Floor Youth Suite, or at Collyer Center if the weather is nice, from **5-6 PM** every Wednesday, followed by dinner from **6-7 PM**. Parents are invited to enjoy an hour of fellowship while their children are in programming. Mosaic will be hosted by our Director of Children's Ministries, Ellie Strathdee, and our Nursery

Coordinator, Tara Church. *For more information, please email [ellie.strathdee@fpcg.org](mailto:ellie.strathdee@fpcg.org)*

**High School Ministry:** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders – mark your calendars and join us for food, fun, and friends on Friday nights this fall! We'll meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Youth Suite from **6:00 – 7:30 PM** on the following Friday nights: **September 17, October 8, November 12, and December 10**. Bring your friends, bring your Bible, and be sure to RSVP: [andre.castillo@fpcg.org](mailto:andre.castillo@fpcg.org).

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**Middle School Ministry:** Beginning Sunday, **September 19**, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders will meet every Sunday morning during 10:00 AM worship in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Youth Suite for games, snacks and Bible study. And be sure to mark your calendars for the Middle School Fall Party on Friday, **October 1 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM!** RSVP: [andre.castillo@fpcg.org](mailto:andre.castillo@fpcg.org).

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**Confirmation:** Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> graders – grow in your relationship with Jesus, hang out with friends, and learn what it means to be a member at FPCG in our annual Confirmation experience! Parents and prospective Confirmands are invited to join us for a fun and informational dinner on **Friday, September 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Confirmation classes begin on **Sunday, October 3 from 4:00 – 5:45 PM** in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Youth Suite. To register or for more information, email: [andre.castillo@fpcg.org](mailto:andre.castillo@fpcg.org).

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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## TEXT GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Text **'FPCG Give'** (upper or lower case) OR the **amount you would like to give along with 'FPCG'**, to **45777**.  
[Ex: 50 Fpcg, FPCG 50, \$50 FPCG, or fpcg \$50.]
2. You will be prompted to visit a secure URL.
3. Enter your contact information and your payment method,  
i.e., checking, credit or debit card information.
4. Your donation will then process. You will receive a confirmation text showing your registration / donation was successful.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Effective September 4 – July 1 • 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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