



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

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Palm/Passion Sunday • April 10, 2022 • 10 am  
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*Grace and peace to you, and welcome!*

*As you prepare for worship, please sign the red welcome pad, and pass it to your neighbor. At the end of the row, have the last person please pass it back to the center aisle so we can know our fellow worshipers. Then, prayerfully allow the silent, sacred space of where you are, and the quiet stirrings of the Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

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

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude:** Fanfare Nicolas Jaques Lemmens

**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 24, 7-10):** The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates,  
**People: and be lifted up, O ancient doors!**  
**that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is the King of glory?  
**People: The Lord, strong and mighty,**  
**the Lord, mighty in battle.**


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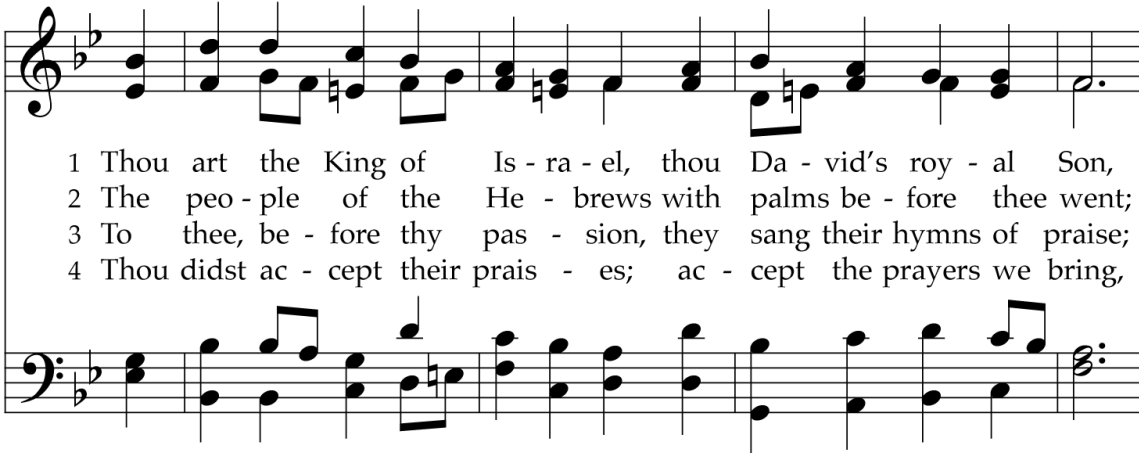
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

## Welcome and Announcements:

The Rev. Scott Herr

## Invitation to Confession:

Lisa Gifford

Leader: Like those adoring crowds that welcomed Jesus, we come with glad shouts of “Hosanna!” and joyful songs of praise, yet our faith fades in trouble, and our enthusiasm fizzles when we face challenges. Let us come before God in honesty, trusting in God’s forgiveness and steadfast love... Let us confess our sin together first in unison, and then in silence.

## Confession of Sin (unison):

**God of Perfect Love, we join the crowds over the centuries who shout your praises and who are loud in affirming you as Lord. However, we confess while our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your priorities. We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Lord, have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with your healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

*(silent confession and reflection)*

Leader: In Jesus’ name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy. Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could not do for ourselves, bringing us new life and love. Friends, hear and believe the good news!

So, friends, hear and believe the truth of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace:

Leader: In the midst of a world racked with fear, judgment, violence and darkness, Jesus says “My peace I give to you!” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## \*Congregation greets one another and share the peace of Christ

Response for Regathering: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Glory to God Hymnal No. 197)

*Ellacombe*

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.

## THE WORD

## Prayer For Illumination (unison):

Andrew Gifford

**Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

## First Lesson – Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Andrew Gifford

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem:

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates; Op. 44, No.2

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

## Second Lesson – Luke 19: 28-40

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**Minister:** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon:

“Alternative Processions”

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Philippians 2:5-11, in unison):**

The Rev. Scott Herr

Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

**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:**

Lisa Gifford

Today we take a special offering for One Great hour of Sharing. While stones can declare God's glory, God calls us to embody divine compassion. With gratitude for God's great faithfulness and for all that we have received, but mindful of the great needs in our land and around the world, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**Offertory:**

Triumphal March  
English Handbells

Michael Bedford

**Prayer of Dedication (unison):**

Lisa Gifford

Generous God, with faith, hope, and love we offer these our tithes, offerings and gifts. Bless them, along with our daily thoughts, words, and actions, to accomplish your redemptive purposes in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SENDING

**\*Glory to God Hymnal No. 198:**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

*St. Drostan*

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**\*Charge and Benediction:**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

**Choral Amen:**

**\*Ringing of the Church Bell:**

**\*Postlude:**

Marche Triomphale

Nicolas Jaques Lemmens

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**Welcome to worship!** On this Palm Sunday, our guest preacher, the Rev. Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo, will be reflecting on two texts, Isaiah 50: 4-9a and Luke 19: 28-40, and two very different processions, the triumphal entry of Jesus to adoring crowds, and the *via dolorosa* with Jesus carrying his cross to *Golgotha* through jeering hoards. How will we move through the ambiguities and perplexities of this Holy Week?

**Welcome Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo our Guest Preacher today!** The Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo serves as the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Southern New England. Prior to this call she was the Transitional Executive Presbyter for Albany Presbytery, served two pastorates in New Jersey, and did clinical and pastoral field work in Chicago, IL. In addition to her work with our Presbytery she serves at the national church level as the Chair-Elect of the board of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and is a member of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. She is working on her Doctor of Ministry at Memphis Theological Seminary in Land, Food and Faith Formation. Her husband, Juan Gabriel Ocampo Valle, is a native of Bogotá, Colombia, where they also maintain a home and they have one daughter. She is an avid gardener and added a few chickens to her garden during the pandemic.



**All children** are welcome to stay in worship throughout the service, but especially through the procession of the palms until Scott offers a message for young disciples at the end of the welcome and announcements. Childcare is also provided in the nursery by **Louna Esperance** and **Saturnina Greeves-Cooper** from 8:45-11:45am every Sunday. There are also curriculum bags for kids and a craft corner in the rear of the sanctuary if anyone gets restless. Church wide events hosted by the YLC are inclusive of all ages and next Sunday the youth are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and a Bake Sale for the adults! After Easter, please watch the event schedule and sign up to explore faith and share in fellowship with our wonderful inter-generational church family.

FPCNC is staying steady with "mask optional" policy in worship, at church gatherings, and on church grounds. Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks, although those who prefer to may continue to do so. The in-person Sunday service will continue to be simultaneously streamed online via *LocaLive* at 10:00 am.

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

**Nicolas Jaques Lemmens** was born and died in Belgium. He took lessons from François-Joseph Fétis, who wanted to make him into a musician capable of renewing the organ-player's art in Belgium. Fétis sent him to Adolf Friedrich Hesse in Germany to learn Johann Sebastian Bach's tradition. In March 1849 he was appointed organ teacher at the Royal Brussels Conservatoire, aged only 26; and he trained numerous young musicians, including two eminent Frenchmen, Alexandre Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor. During 1852 he gave organ recitals in Paris, where he stunned audiences with his technique, particularly, his brilliant pedal-playing, which he owed to his studies of Bach's music (at the time Bach's organ works were not at all well known in France).

**William Mathias** (1934-1992) began to compose at an early age, studying first at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, taking his BMus with first-class honours, and subsequently on an Open Scholarship in composition at the Royal Academy of Music. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in 1965 and gained the DMus of the University of Wales in 1966. From 1970-1988 he was Professor and Head of the Music Department at

the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He was known as a conductor and pianist and gave or directed many premières of his own works. A house composer with Oxford University Press since 1961, his compositions cover an extraordinarily wide range. He has made a highly significant contribution to twentieth-century organ music, and his church music and carols are still regularly performed worldwide.

**Michael Bedford** (b.1949) served as Organist/Choirmaster and Composer-in-Residence at St. John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma for 25 years before retiring in 2015. A native of Sherman, Texas, he has published choral music for children, youth, and adults, as well as organ collections, handbell music, and two extended works for choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra. He has served as a workshop leader and clinician for children's and youth choir festivals, hymn festivals, directors' workshops, and music reading sessions throughout the United States.

### **THIS WEEK AT FPCNC**

**Mundy Thursday Service, April 14 at 7pm** During the service of Tenebrae, meaning shadows or darkness, the lights are gradually dimmed to darkness as we read the story of the passion of Jesus. We remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the "strepitus." Worshipers leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the celebration of his coming Resurrection.

**Good Friday Service, April 15 at 12pm** What's "Good" about "Good Friday?" It's a day full of ambiguities and perplexities. It's a day of violence and unspeakable cruelty on the one hand, and peaceful non-retaliation and unimaginable forgiveness and love on the other. The only way to fully appreciate and comprehend what the Christian celebration of Easter is all about is to first attempt to appreciate the proclamation of the cross. Paul writes, "we proclaim Christ crucified, ... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." Come join us for worship on Good Friday.

**Cents-ability** – WOW with everyone's spare change we collected **\$166.09** last Sunday and will donate to the Presbytery One Great Hour of Sharing along with any additional donations we receive in church today.



### **Last Chance to donate towards Easter Flowers in the sanctuary**

Call the church office if you would like donate funds in memory of your loved one.



### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **ADULT EDUCATION – SAILBOAT FAITH: LIVING SPIRITUALLY**

A Timely, Dynamic, 4-part Conversation Series

Special Guest Moderator: Rev. Christopher Tate

**Sunday, May 1, 2022: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** (Light Lunch Served, Child Care Available)

Come join us on Sunday, May 1st from 11:30 to 1pm for the first in a series of conversations, inspired by the mission statement of the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan. As the pandemic recovery continues, the goal of this series is to help participants renew, explore, deepen, and strengthen their spiritual practices. The mission of First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan (We strive to: live spiritually, love inclusively, learn continuously, and leave a legacy), while pursued in the context of the Christian faith at our church, also reflects universal aspirations of those



seeking to live meaningful lives, so these conversations will be open to all, and participants are encouraged to invite friends and/or neighbors to participate as well. Questions that may be part of our first conversation include:

- What does it really mean to **live** spiritually?
- What are some of the obstacles to improving spiritual practices, and how might they be overcome?
- What are some “real-life” examples of living spiritually?
- What are some of the benefits of improving and/or enriching our spiritual lives?
- What are some concrete “action steps” one can take to live more spiritually?

Rev. Christopher Tate will lead us in exploring these, and other questions. Chris grew up in the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan and was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) in 2006. Chris has served churches in Greenwich, Wilton, and New Canaan, CT and served for almost a decade on the Board of Pacific House, Inc. a housing and human services agency focusing on people who are homeless, and based in Stamford, CT.

### **PARTICIPATE IN CHRIST’S MISSION**

#### **2022 Annual Lenten Food Drive**

**52 bags collected!! LAST CHANCE to reach our goal of 100.** The list of items needed and extra bags are in a basket in the back of the sanctuary. **Deadline is Passion/Palm Sunday, April 10.** The NC Food Pantry serves New Canaan residents that have been approved by the Dept. of Social Services for true need. It is run by volunteers, so your donations go directly to feed the hungry among us.



**During the season of Lent**, our congregation collects a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our congregation receives this offering on Palm Sunday, although the children of our congregation will receive coin banks to collect funds toward this offering throughout the season of Lent. Or you can donate online at any time at [www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs). **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is allocated as follows: the Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent; the Self-Development of People receives 32 percent, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32 percent. One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes and details are located on table in the back of the Sanctuary.**





**Sign-Up Genius.** W+2 is a formula for Spiritual Health. It's simple: When you are in town and able, come join us for Worship every week for spiritual refreshment and a reminder that you are loved. Then, find another source of revitalization during the week, whether a class or small group or service opportunity that feeds your soul. Finally, commit to a regular way of sharing your gifts for ministry. Service is not an option for followers of

Christ, *it's our way of life*. You can serve anywhere, but we would welcome you sharing your gifts of time and talent in the church through helping on a Sunday Morning. Ministry options are varying from reading of scripture and liturgy, ushering, greeting, serving communion, or helping to prepare for communion, etc. We will prepare you fully for what you sign up for. It's pretty easy, and usually very rewarding! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jan Lucie at 309-331-3468, one of our pastors, or simply sign up [here](#). Either way, thank you for joining the ministry!

**If you wish to place flowers** in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, baptism, or birthday, or to memorialize a beloved family member or friend, please contact Barbara Wentzel, Flower Coordinator, 203-966-5402 or [barbarawentzel@mac.com](mailto:barbarawentzel@mac.com).

**FPCNC Flower Committee needs your help.** Their mission is to decorate the sanctuary, adding beauty, color, and nature each week. Flower arrangers and plant waterers are needed. We'd love your help! We're happy to help or teach you on simple decorating. For more info contact Patty von Jena: 203-655-1321 or [pvonj@optonline.net](mailto:pvonj@optonline.net).

## MISSION OUTREACH

### WALK WITH US – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

#### EARTH CARE NEEDS – Interested in our planet?

#### A Green Church by 2025: **Summer Intern Needed.**

Looking for a college student that is majoring in environmental studies to work on a summer project, up to 10 hours/month. This is to help pull together the right steps on this project.

**Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>!** Watch for a way to make mother nature happy – coming soon!

#### Where Are Our Financial Donations Going Today? March Update 2022

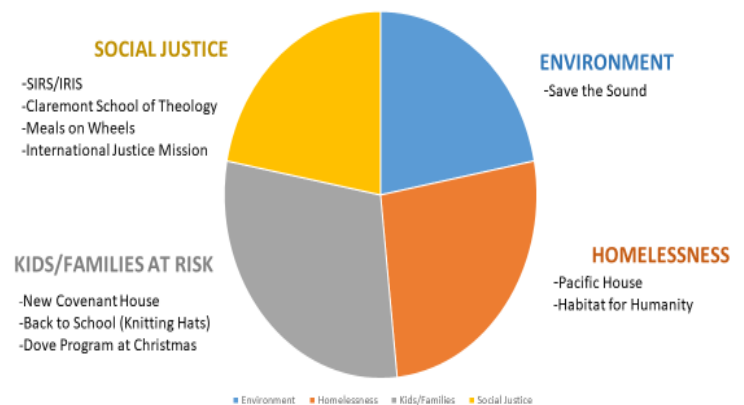
Pacific House for March Mattress – to help buy 4 beds for their shelter: \$1,000.00

New Covenant House: \$400.00 month in food and support

Meals on Wheels: \$500.00

If you want to find out more about Mission Outreach, how you can help or if have any idea or questions, please contact Cindy Graziano: 203-912-1991 or [c\\_graziano@msn.com](mailto:c_graziano@msn.com).

Active Outreach Focus Areas  
(FPC New Canaan 2022)



## **MISSION OUTREACH HELP NEEDED:**

**New Covenant House (NCH): Volunteers Needed to prepare or serve food – this is so rewarding!** FPC is privileged to have the opportunity to prepare and serve dinner on the first Saturday of each month at NCH in Stamford. **Help is needed, 1 cook and 1 server needed for May 7. For September 3, October 1, and November 5, 2022, 3 people to help prepare meals (2-4pm) or 2 people to serve meals (4-6pm).**

Click here to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A5AE28A7FF2-newcovenant>. Any questions, contact Cindy Graziano. If you're interested in being part of the soup kitchen shopper team, contact Wendy in the church office.



**Meals on Wheels:** Interested in delivering meals through Meals on Wheels? Several Church members have already volunteered their time and they've signed up directly on the MOW Signup Genius site. It's a great way to get involved in the community – please consider delivering meals. To signup, go here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fa5a72ba2f94-january>.

## **GROW IN FAITH**

**Sunday Morning Learning with Scott:** We begin a new Lenten series on “Practice Spiritual Disciplines” and will address the following topics in the coming Sundays:

April 10 Try Different Practices (Isaiah 43:19; Hebrews 4:15-16)

**All are welcome to come, Sunday mornings at 8:30 am in the Common Room!** Coffee/tea, and continental breakfast are provided.



**Action and Contemplation during Lent...** The sanctuary is open for members who want to spend time for prayer and meditation, using the Labyrinth in the sanctuary, or if you simply want to enjoy some quiet time sitting in the sanctuary, you are welcome. This is a great opportunity to bring your food donations for the New Canaan Food Pantry and to pray for ourselves and our larger community. We believe prayer and service go together. **A host will be available in the back of the Sanctuary to welcome you during these times and provide instructions on how to use the Labrynth – every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:30–2:30 pm each week through Holy Week.** The Labrynth is designed to lead one into private meditation 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. We ask that you remove your street shoes, so please wear socks or bring your slippers from home.



**Youth Leadership Committee (YLC)** is run by parent volunteers with a commitment to spiritual growth, the YLC meets for the 2021-2022 school year.

**BAKE SALE Sunday, April 17 – for charity.** We need your wrapped baked donations! All sales will be donated to a local animal/pet non-profit that Alexis Rodgers and Layla Magnuson, Bake Sale leaders, are researching. See these easy recipes (Scottish Shortbread, Chocolate Chip, Easy Brownies, Funfetti Cupcakes, and Homemade Peanut Butter Dog Treats)

for inspiration located in the most recent Tidings email. **Drop off your baked goods on Saturday, April 16** from 4:00–6:00 pm in the Common Room.



YLC is a platform for the youth of our church to connect not only with each other, but also the greater community of our church and New Canaan. Their goals are to learn leadership and management skills and partake in fellowship and outreach with our church and community, all while building strong relationships with those around them. They meet once a month from 4:00–5:15pm in the Tate Youth Barn at FPC. All high school students, friends and members are welcome. For more information email [megan.wunderlich@gmail.com](mailto:megan.wunderlich@gmail.com).

**Support Groups** – The Town of New Canaan Human Services has created resource sheets for support groups associated with grief, caregivers, and divorce. Please review the most recent FPC Weekly Tidings email for links to these informative documents.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Please keep the following people in your hearts.**

***New concerns:*** Felicia Kazantzidis (Rebecca Roth's friend and fellow colleague) who was in a serious accident

***Continued concerns:*** Tim and Kate Albert (friends of the Holden family); The family of Doris Altman (cousin of Maxine Gaddis) who died March 8; For the family and friends of Steve Benko; John Edwards; Tindley Whipple Gilbert; John Lanaway; Denise Lynch; Sandy Nissley; Spencer Reeves; The family of Sherri Tracy (friend of Kay Brix) who died March 23; The family of Debbie Murphy Williams; The Abo Noktah family (our Syrian refugees): father Khaldoun, mother Khawla Alzob, daughters Hanin, Zain and Hayat, and sons Yaman and Ahmed, and Khaldoun's mother, Nam Abo Noktah.

**Smith Kildare Holden** born March 31st in Greenwich, CT at 7lbs 12 oz and 20". Son of Taylor and Laura Holden, brother of Kirk Holden, nephew of Wynne and Chelsea Holden, grandson of John and Lanah Holden (paternal grandparents), grandson of Stephen James Nolan and Suzanne Nolan Champagne (maternal grandparents), and great grandson of Marilyn and Gordon Jones.



## UPCOMING CONCERTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### **New Canaan Chamber Music – Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm in our Sanctuary**

Andrew Armstrong (piano) will be joined by Solomiya Ivakhiv (violin) and Alice Yoo (cello).

The composers are Beethoven, Bridge, Prokofiev and Dvořák.

Purchase tickets here: <https://www.newcanaanchambermusic.org/tickets>



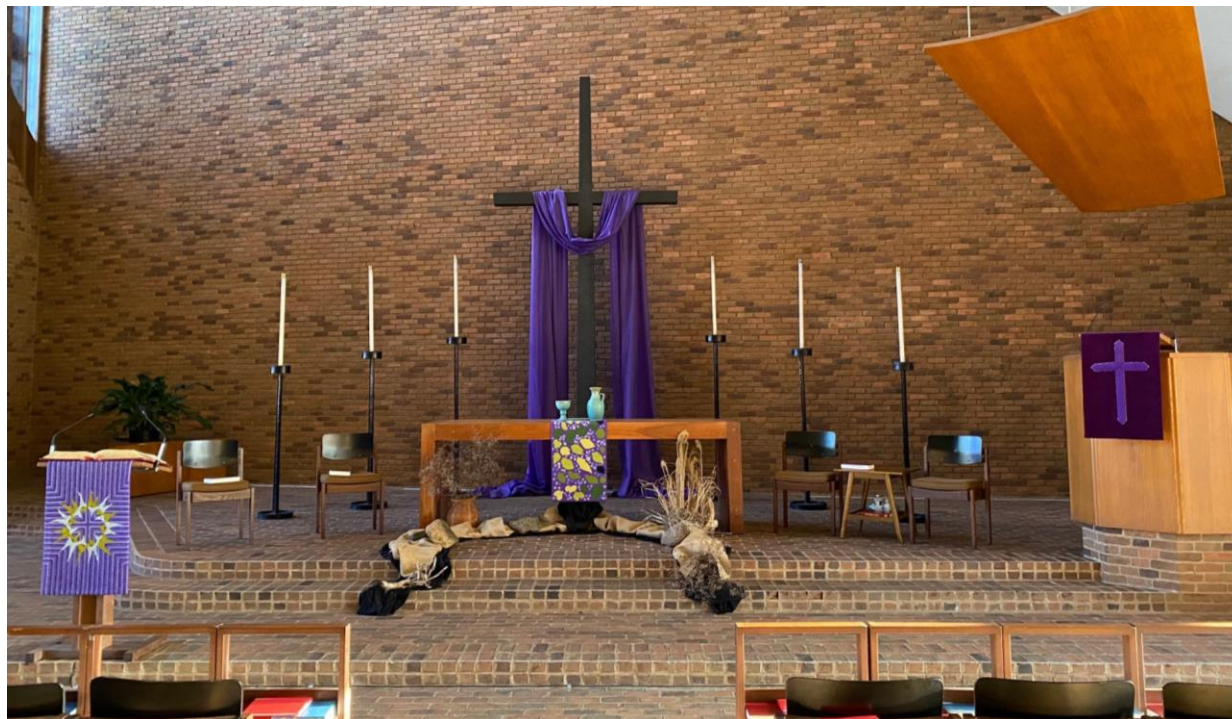
### **Charis Chamber Voices**

**Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 pm in our Sanctuary**

Join Charis for their final concert of the 2021-2022 Season! The Spring program will feature sacred works based on Old Testament texts as well as songs celebrating spring. Music by Randall Thompson, Schubert, Brahms and more.



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**(In-person or LocalLive)**



**Maundy Thursday – April 14**

**7:00 pm The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Tenebrae service lead by The Rev. Mary Marple Thies and The Rev. Dr. R. Scott Herr  
*Lisa Flanagan – soprano soloist will sing Were You There*

**Good Friday – April 15**

**12:00 pm Service**

*Christopher Grundy – baritone soloist*  
*Singing Psalm 23 by Othmar Schoeck and*  
*Mache dich (Purify thyself) from St. Matthew Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Easter Sunday – April 17**

**6:30 am Sunrise Service**

Memorial Garden weather permitting

**EASTER MEDITATION** – The Harrowing of Hell and St. John Chrysostom's Easter Homily  
*Lisa Flanagan – soprano soloist*

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**10:00 am Service with Holy Communion**

The Rev. Dr. R. Scott Herr preaching  
*Featuring festive music with brass, tympani, organ, our FPCNC Choir, guests, and soloists.*  
*All are invited to sing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah at the close of the service.*

**Easter Egg Hunt and BAKE SALE**

Immediately following worship on Easter Sunday, all children (and their friends!) are invited to participate in an Easter Egg hunt outside. Meet by the Tate Youth Barn for an organized start before the children explore the playground area to find their Easter Eggs! Don't forget to bring a basket!



## Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

**GIVE:** To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156. You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/UK22](https://pcusa.org/UK22), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

**ACT:** Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

**PRAY:** May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.

May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.

And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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**THIS WEEK at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

8:30 am Learn with Scott

9 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Palm/Passion Sunday Service in person and via LocalLive (Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo guest preacher)

11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom

**MONDAY, APRIL 11**

3:30pm, 4:30pm Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

10 am Leadership meeting

12:30-2:30 pm Labrynth Meditation

8 pm Men's A.A. Group (closed)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**

12:30-2:30 pm Labrynth Meditation

4:30 pm English Handbells

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**

12:30-2:30 pm Labrynth Meditation

3:30 pm Special Church

4:30 pm Confirmation Class (Tate Barn)

7 pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin' Jams (Lawn)

12 pm Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)

10:30 am A.A. Group (open)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden)

8:30 am Music Rehearsals

10 am Easter Sunday Service in person and via LocalLive (Rev. Scott Herr preaching)

11 am Coffee Hour in person and Zoom

**THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

The First Presbyterian Church Choir

with

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Jennifer O'Neill – alto, Evan McCormack – tenor, Christopher Grundy – baritone

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

**Ushers:** Peggy Hooker and Sarah Robinson

**Lay Readers:** Lisa and Andrew Gifford

**Cross Bearer:** Charles Robinson

**MINISTERS**

The Entire Congregation

**OUR PASTORS**

The Rev. Dr. R. Scott Herr, Senior Pastor • The Rev. Mary Marple Thies, Parish Associate

**OUR STAFF**

Terence J. Flanagan, Director of Music and Fine Arts • Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir Director • Jim Riehl, Interim Church Administrator • Wendy Starr, Office Manager • Kate Stringfellow and Matt Ziance, Operations Managers