FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
GREENWICH

APRIL 24, 2011
THE FESTIVAL OF EASTER
IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Preachers warn
This peaceful world of ours is ready for destruction—
And still the sun shines, the sparrows come
Each morning to the bakery for crumbs.
Next door, two men deliver a bed for a pair of newlyweds
And stop to admire a bicycle chained to a parking meter.
Its owner is making lunch for his ailing grandmother.
He heats the soup and serves it to her in a bowl.

The windows are open, there’s a warm breeze.
The young trees on our street are delirious to have leaves.
Italian opera is on the radio, the volume too high.
Breve e tristi giorni visse, a baritone sings.
Everyone up and down our block can hear him.
Something about the days that remain for us to enjoy
Being few and sad. Not today, Maestro Verdi!
―Charles Simic

THE PRELUDE

Church Sonata in F, K. 224
Allegro (from Concerto for Oboe d'amore in A, BWV 1055)
Final (from Symphonie I)

W. A. Mozart
J. S. Bach
A. Guilmant

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES AND THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today; let all the world sing alleluia!

K. Estes

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

# 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN
AN EASTER LITANY OF PRAISE

Lector: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

Lector: In life, in death, in life beyond death,
People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lector: Over powers and principalities,
Over all who determine, control, govern or finance the affairs of humankind,
People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lector: Of the poor, of the broken,
Of the sinned against and the sinner,
People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lector: Above the Church,
Beyond our most excellent theologies
And in the quiet corners of our hearts
People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lector: Thanks be to God!
People: Alleluia!

Choir: Hail Thee, Festival Day!
R. Vaughan Williams

Lector: Glory be to you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.
The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim
People: that the love which suffers is the love which saves.

Lector: So fill your people with joy and your church with celebration
People: That the world may know that your holy son Jesus is not a dead hero we
commemorate, but a living Lord we worship,

Lector: To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be our praise forevermore.
People: The people sing to the tune ST. KEVIN:

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot, through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Lesson from the Epistle I Corinthians 15, selected verses
The Ministry of Music The Trumpet Shall Sound (from Messiah) G. F. Handel

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised, incorruptible.
For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1 Cor. 15:52-54

The Lesson from the Gospel John 20
The Ministry of Music Et resurrexit (from B minor Mass) J. S. Bach

Et resurrexit tertia die secundum scripturas, et ascendit in coelum, sedet ad dextram Dei Patris, et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos, cujus regni non erit finis.

... and on the third day, he rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

The Prayer for Illumination
The Sermon Windows on the Word, XXVIII:
Not Today, Maestro Verdi!
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Brief Statement of Faith Presbyterian Church (USA)

Lector: Having heard the word of God, let us respond by confessing our faith.

People: 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.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE  # 106  Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks  ALLELUIA #1

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

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.

THE BRINGING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Ritual of Friendship

The Offertory  Allegro (from Organ Trio Sonata I in E-flat, BWV 525)  J. S. Bach

The Ministry of Music  Hallelujah Chorus  L. Beethoven

(from Christ on the Mount of Olives)

Hallelujah unto God's almighty son!
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim his grace and glory!

The Prayer of Dedication

*THE RECESSINAL HYMN  # 122  Thine Is the Glory  JUDAS MACCABEUS

*THE BENEDICTION

Please be seated to continue worshiping through the postlude

THE POSTLUDE  Toccata (from Symphony V)  Ch. M. Widor

(*Please stand if you are able. ***Latecomers may be seated.)
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE
Preaching: The Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg, Senior Minister
The Reverend Joan W. Priest, Associate Minister for Mission and Nurture
Judy B. Kelly, Director of Membership
Kevin L. Estes, Minister of Music
The Chancel Choir
Scott Tomlinson, Bass Soloist

Violin
Susan Heerema

Cello
David Bakamjian

Flute
Matthew Willis

Violin
Allan Schiller

Double Bass
Dave Grego

Trumpet
Jeff Kievit

Viola
Brett Deubner

Oboe & Oboe d’amore
Virginia Brewer

Timpani
Alan Johnson

WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SIX STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE NAWE depict twelve of Jesus’ parables under the arch and in the main body of the windows. The bottom panels of each window contain six symbols telling the story of the life of Christ:
The Lily: The Angel’s Annunciation to Mary The Christmas Rose: The Nativity
The Seashell: The Baptism of the Lord Nails and Thorns: The Crucifixion
The Pomegranate: The Resurrection The Butterfly: The Resurrection

INFANT/TODDLER CARE & PRE-SCHOOL AGE CARE: Infant/Toddler care is in Room 120 and 121 (first floor to the right of the elevators). Childcare is provided by trained caregivers. Parents will be given a beeper in case of an emergency. Three- and four-year-olds should attend church this morning with their families, and will be dismissed during the service for Children’s Chapel.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL: ALL CHILDREN ARE TO GO DIRECTLY TO CHAPEL: There will be a special Easter Children's Chapel today on the second floor. Do you know what a donkey, bread and a cup of wine, a linen cloth, and an empty tomb have to do with Easter? You will! All children ages 3’s to 5th grade are invited to participate. An Easter craft fair will follow in the second floor Sunday School rooms.

THE GREETERS this morning at 9:00 a.m. are Betsy Harper, with Deacons Dean Goss and Jacquelyn Goldman; 11:00 a.m. greeters are Kristan and Vic Zimmermann, with Deacons Fenella Kiley and Max Parker.

USHERS SERVING TODAY AT 9:00 A.M. ARE MEMBERS OF TEAM VI: George Hallenbeck, Captain, Sandy Brumley, Tolman Geffs, Joyce Grant, Cele Halsey, Betsy Harper, Teri James-Brumley, Dan McLeod, Colin Munro, Max Parker and Candee Weed.


PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please keep these members/friends of our church in your daily prayers: Evalyn Thompson, George Minchin, Joey Caron*, Tally Clarke*, the family of The Reverend Guthrie Speers, Jr.*, those in caring partnership through Stephen Ministry; those currently serving in the military, especially those in harm’s way; and our friends in Honduras. In the Presbytery of Southern New England cycle of prayer this week we pray for the Presbytery meeting on May 7, 2011. To be included in this list and the regular Prayers of the People during worship, please call (203) 869-8686 and notify one of the pastors at the church.

*non-member friends or family
ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP 2011: With a wonderful response from many members and friends, First Presbyterian has reached our 2011 budget goal. The congregation is enormously grateful for these many blessings and we are excited to move forward. However we welcome any additional pledges from new or returning givers as this will allow the church to build even stronger programs, and to make a more meaningful commitment to mission. Thank you.

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE: There will not be a 5:00 p.m. worship service this afternoon; join us again next Sunday for the 5:00 p.m. evening candlelight worship service in the Anderson Chapel (second floor). If you have not yet experienced it, or cannot attend the regular morning worship service, it is a perfect opportunity to hear the same sermon and to worship in a casual atmosphere. Childcare provided. Questions? Contact Fenella Kiley at Fenella001@yahoo.com or (203) 661-5277.

INQUIRERS’ CLASS WITH THE REVEREND DR. WILLIAM A. EVERTSBERG: There will be an Inquirers’ class for those who wish to explore our Christian faith and consider membership in our congregation. This class will be held Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 6:00 – 9:15 p.m. and new members will join on Sunday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. For additional information please call Judy Kelly at 203-869-8686 x115 or 203-869-7246, or Michelle Binnie at 203-863-2197.

THE WOMEN’S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for our next meeting, on Friday, April 29, 2011, in the Church Library. Come at 9:15 a.m. for coffee fellowship, and the discussion runs from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. We will discuss Gate at the Stairs, by Lorrie Moore. Call Colleen Giambo, at (203) 622-0269, or Linda Kennedy, at (203) 869-1459, with any questions or suggestions.

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION: If you need transportation for Sunday worship, or know of anyone who needs transportation, or can volunteer to be a driver, please contact Dean Goss at 203-869-1484.

MAY 1st FLUTE CONCERT presented by flutist Alexandra Hamilton, soprano Margaret Mack, Kristi Shade, harpist, and Renata Rolfing, pianist. Please join us for this beautiful concert featuring music of Mouquet, Ravel and Saint-Saëns. The concert begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception in the Fellowship Hall to follow.

MONDAY EVENING ACADEMY BOOK GROUP: The Monday Evening Academy Book Group continues to work their way through Diarmaid MacCulloch’s book, Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years. If you would like to join this group or have any questions, please contact Colleen Giambo at cgiambo@gmail.com. For Monday, May 2, read Part VII: pp.769-865.

ARTS CIRCLE UPDATE: We now have a date for the opera pre-performance supper. On May 4, 2011 Dr. William A. Evertsberg will lead a discussion about the May 6, 2011 Metropolitan Opera performance of Rigoletto in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. All who are interested are invited. There will be a $15 charge. Please RSVP to Winona Mullis at (203) 618-9850 not later than April 23. The tickets for the opera, for those who have reservations, will be distributed at the supper or on the bus, which will leave Collyer Center at 5:30 p.m. We usually take a sandwich to eat on the bus.

CROPWALK UPDATE: Thank you to all who walked and donated to this year’s Crop Walk! It was a complete success. 20 FPCG members of all ages walked through Old Greenwich on Sunday, April 10. It was our first year participating in Crop Walk, and of the just over $20,000 raised, FPCG contributed a little more than $4,000 (roughly one-fifth of the total!) which will go to help many of those struggling with hunger both locally and abroad. A special thank you to Julia Hyland for her effort in organizing the event!
At First Presbyterian Church,
Easter 2011 Flowers have been given:

(Donors may take a plant following the 11:00 a.m. service.)

In loving memory of Karina Miller and Lottie Lichirie by Lilly and Whit Armstrong.
In loving memory of Dana Aydelotte by Tom Aydelotte.
In loving memory of Lois Barber by Charles F. Barber.
In loving memory of The Reverend and Mrs. C. John L. Bates and Maggie Fawcett by BK and John Bates.
In honor of family and good friends by Beth Bemis.
In loving memory of Miss Ruth Rosenberg by Gloria Chin Besthoff.
In honor of Alex and Angus Binnie’s grandparents by the Binnie family.
In loving memory of Ivan A. Blish by his wife, Dorothy M. Blish.
Alleluia—with grateful hearts, by Joe and Ginger Boldt.
In loving memory of her sister, Nancy Marie Ziegler, by Helen Louise and Wayne Branom.
In honor of Bill and Alethea Correale, and in loving memory of Alan and Frances Burnham, by Cora Burnham and Tony Correale.
In loving memory of Mrs. Sheila Nields; Mrs. Sturart Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston Cammann; and Mr. Cortlandt Cammann, by Carola Cranstoun Cammann.
In loving memory of Reginald Cauchois by his wife, Audrey Cauchois.
In loving memory of Kaia and Christian Close’s great-grandparents by Kaia and Christian Close.
In loving memory of William L. Culbert III by Sandra P. Culbert.
In loving memory of Diane Wassman Darst, Ph.D. by David M. Darst, Elizabeth Darst Leykum, Charles S. Leykum, Diane Elizabeth Leykum and David M. Darst, Jr.
In loving memory of our parents and grandparents by the Forbes Delany family.
In honor of our wonderful grandchildren by Ron and Susie Dubin.
In loving memory of our parents and our grandparents, by Marilou and Philbin Flanagan.
In loving memory of Dave Roberson by the Gaston family.
In honor of Mary Jane Holland – get well May-May, love Holly, Wit and Clara Geffs.
In loving memory of Richard L. Goard by John, James and Annette Goard.
In honor of my wife, Gloria, and daughters Shanley, Sydney, Sawyer and Stella, by Dennis Hanlon.
In honor of Haley, John, Katrina and Toby by Betsy and Bob Harper.
In honor of family and friends by the Hawks family.
In loving memory of Lou and Dot Hipp, by their loving children and grandchildren.
In loving memory of my parents, John and Eva Hoffman, by Dr. J. Brooks Hoffman.
In loving memory of Patricia Cassels Seitz, beloved grandmother, by Andrew and Thomas Hotchkiss.
In honor of our mothers, Janet Schofield and Millie Hroziencik by the Hroziencik Family.
In loving memory of our grandma, Beatrice Singh by the Hylands.
In honor and loving memory of Pasqua and Clorinda Ciano by Corinta N. Ciano Kotula.
In honor of all of our wonderful friends and family by the Kunschner family.
Happy Easter to All from Peggy and Jack Larkin.
In loving memory of my family: Joe, Eric, Eugen, Christiane, Friedl, by Trudi Larsh.
Happy Easter to Everyone!! from Micki and Jerry Lee.
In honor of the life of Robert Hall Davis by the Loveless family.
In loving memory of my parents Attilio and Renée Mastalli, by Peter Mastalli.
In honor of our family by Barbara and Peter McSpadden.
In loving memory of Caroline Sanders Sterrett by Bob and Sarah Meyerhoff.
In loving memory of Mrs. Autumn B. Morphy by the Morphy family.
In honor of Emily and Delphine, Ashley and Nigel, by Mom and Dad.
In loving memory of Ross and Ethel Hunter, and Bill and Ethel Ogden, by Ross and Cathy Ogden.
In loving memory of Anna and Peter Limperis, and Dorothy and Ernest Parker, by Donald and Alice Parker.
In loving memory of Julia Penney by Marcia Preston and family.
In loving memory of my father, Bruce Withers, by Joan Withers Priest.
In honor of their grandmothers, Caroline Ritch and Donna Lundberg, and in loving memory of their grandfathers, Herald Ritch and Frank Lundberg, by Ellie Ritch and Seth Ritch.
In loving memory of John Royster Roberson and David Hale Roberson by Charlene and Kathy Roberson.
In loving memory of Lila Shorts, Patricia Awad and Christina Kelley by Kathryn Shorts and Daoud Awad.
In loving memory of James W. Smith by all of his grandchildren.
In loving memory of John and Olive Bechtel by Judy Soto.
In honor of Will, Zach and Katherine Sternberg, by their parents.
In loving memory of Jim Stoltzfus, Sr. and Bob Stoltzfus by their family.
In honor of our church, by Theodore and Evalyn Thompson.
In loving memory of John Henry Altorfer, Linda’s father, by Jim and Linda Tullis.
In loving memory of David von Peterffy by Sibylle von Peterffy.
In loving memory of our fathers, John M. Waters and James W. Nethercott, by Sandy and Steve Waters.
In loving memory of all who have departed, by a friend.
In loving memory of my parents, Jasper F. and Florence S. Odell, by Mildred O. Weeks.
In honor of Pamela A. and Robert E. Wolfe, by Scott and Missy Wolfe and family.
In honor of our grandchildren by Toni and Ralph Wyman.
In honor of our children, Jacqueline and Carter, by Michael and Marian Yagemann.
In loving memory of Rolf and Edel Hasner, parents of Nina Yoder, by the Yoder family: Merle, Nina, Erik, Elyse and Kate.

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