



The Congregational Church
of New Canaan

A SEASON OF DISCERNMENT

"The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

– John 3:8

Program Year Scriptures 2026-2027

September 2026

- 6 Matthew 18:15-20
- 13 Exodus 14:4-9
- 20 Exodus 16:2-15
- 27 Numbers 21:4-9

October 2026

- 4 Exodus 20:1-21
- 11 Exodus 32:1-14
- 18 Exodus 33:12-23
- 25 Deuteronomy 34:1-12

November 2026

- 1 Matthew 5:13-16
- 8 Matthew 25:1-13
- 15 Matthew 25:14-30
- 22 Matthew 25:31-46
- 29 Mark 13:24-37

December 2026

- 6 Isaiah 40:1-11
- 13 Luke 1:26-38
- 20 Luke 1:39-55
- 27 Luke 2:22-40

January 2027

- 3 John 1:1-18
- 10 Matthew 2:1-12
- 17 1 Samuel 3:1-20
- 24 Jonah 3:1-10
- 31 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

February 2027

- 7 Mark 9:2-9
- 14 Mark 1:9-15
- 21 John 2:13-22
- 28 John 3:1-15

March 2027

- 7 John 3:16-21
- 14 Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 21 Mark 11:1-11
- 28 Mark 16:1-8

April 2027

- 4 John 20:19-31
- 11 Ruth 1:1-22
- 18 Genesis 12:1-9
- 25 John 15:1-17

May 2027

- 2 Acts 1:1-11
- 9 Ezekiel 37:1-14
- 16 Acts 2:1-21
- 23 Isaiah 6:1-8
- 30 Psalm 139

June 2027

- 6 Mark 3:31-35
- 13 Mark 4:26-34

An abstract painting of a human figure, possibly a woman, rendered in vibrant, swirling colors of yellow, orange, red, blue, and green. The figure is elongated and appears to be in a dynamic, expressive pose. The background is a mix of these colors, creating a sense of movement and energy.

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Throughout Scripture, the Holy Spirit is revealed through images of wind, fire, and dove—symbols of the Lord's living presence moving among God's people. At Pentecost, the Spirit descended as tongues of fire, giving birth to the Church and sending ordinary people into an extraordinary future. From the very beginning, the Christian movement has been animated, sustained, and directed by the Holy Spirit.

As we approach the 300th anniversary of our congregation, we believe that same Spirit continues to lead Christ's Church today.

An anniversary is more than a celebration of the past. It is an opportunity to remember God's faithfulness, to discern where the Lord is leading us now, and to prepare for the generations who will follow us. Throughout this coming year, we will gather to reflect on who God has called us to be over the past three centuries, to listen for where Jesus is leading us today, and to seek Spirit's guidance as we prepare for a fourth century of ministry on God's Acre.

The flame imagery created by Stephanie Joyce during the Pentecost season has become a fitting symbol for this journey. Throughout the year, these images will remind us that the Holy Spirit still moves—sometimes like fire, sometimes like wind, sometimes with the quiet gentleness of a dove. The Holy Spirit often leads in ways we do not expect, inviting us beyond what is familiar into the new work the Lord is preparing for us.

That is our hope for this season of discernment: that, together, we might listen well, follow faithfully, and discover where the Holy Spirit is leading our congregation next.