



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Behold! I make all things new.

September 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* Bach

from *Well-Tempered Clavier I*

Introit *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* Liddle

Welcome to The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader Rona Johnston

Prayer

**Gracious God,
We give thanks this morning for the safe arrival of our new pastor, J.C. Cadwallader.
We ask for your blessing on J.C. as she begins her call to this church family.
Open our ears and our hearts as she brings your Word to us.
Strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together;
Grant us patience, courage, and wisdom to care for one another;
Strengthen us in times of joy and times of sadness;
Embolden us to stand together and witness to your presence.
Be with us every day that we might follow your Son,
Living together in love,
Through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Call to Worship

God of goodness and grace, we long for your presence, for the peace your promises bring, and for the assurances we have received through the gift of your faithfulness.

May we, your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to see, open ears to hear your presence among us.

Open us to your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare us for worship.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 405 *Praise God for This Holy Ground* HEYMONYSTRAAT

Prayer of Confession

Silence is kept.

O gracious and loving God, who calls us to be your people in this age, forgive us when we keep Christ in the past, the Scripture as letters on a page, and the call to love as something which we may or may not participate in. We divide where you would unite; exclude where you would embrace; deny when you would provide. Forgive our hardness of heart, O God. Mend our brokenness and breathe into us the living Word of all-inclusive love. We pray this in the name of your Child, Jesus.

Assurance of Grace

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise *O, Sing to God Above* ROSAS

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
The Children in Worship program will resume on September 17th.
Children are encouraged to remain with the congregation this morning.
Professional nursery care is available throughout the year.

Response *The Right Hand of God* LA MANO DE DIOS

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Romans 12: 9-21

Psalm Psalm 105: 1-6

Response *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* DUNEDIN

Second Lesson Exodus 3: 1-15

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Beginning* The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

*Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

The Offering
Offertory Music *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Carter
Angela Daniels, solo

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

**God of Wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and
mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know
the riches of your love through Christ your Son. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion From: *O God of Wisdom We Come*
The Invitation by Jan Richardson

To your table you bid us come. You have set the places, you have poured the wine,
and there is always room, you say, for one more.

And so we come.

From the streets and from the alleys,

We come.

From the deserts and from the hills,

We come.

From the ravages of poverty and from the palaces of privilege

We come.

Running, limping, carried,

We come.

We are bloodied with our wars, we are wearied with our wounds,
we carry our dead within us, and we reckon with their ghosts.

**We hold the seeds of healing, we dream of a new creation,
we know the things that make for peace, and we struggle to give them wings.**

And yet, to your table we come.

Hungering for your bread, we come; thirsting for your wine, we come;

Singing your song in every language, speaking your name in every tongue,

In conflict and in communion, in discord and in desire, we come.

O God of Wisdom, we come.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... and remember him who came because words weren't enough.

Silence is kept.

(The prayer continues.) ... As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep our eyes fixed on the brilliant colors and expressions of Jesus Christ until this mortal life is ended, and all that is earthly returns to dust. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

And, now, with the confidence of the children of God, in the tradition and language most familiar, let us pray 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 Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Today we will receive the Sacrament by intinction.

Please come forward to receive a piece of bread and then dip it into the cup.

Those who wish to remain seated will be served in their seats.

Prayer after Communion

You have fed us, loving God, and we are grateful. Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come, with hearts made ready, eyes made open, hands made strong, and feet made willing to do your will in this place, and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

*Hymn 668

Golden Breaks the Dawn

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*Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in C Major

Stanley

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

We Welcome The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader to the pulpit this morning. J.C. accepted the call to be our pastor at the beginning of July, and has just moved here from Maryland. She and her wife, Heather Renwick, have been busy unpacking and settling into the Manse this past week. You may reach her at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664.

Many thanks to those who preached on our summer theme, *Behold! I make all things new.* We also thank those who pitched in to help with all the big and small tasks for Sunday morning worship. Special thanks to our Interim Pastor Susan Reisinger who organized the summer preaching schedule, to Elder Bruce Peabody who oversaw morning setup for worship, and to The Reverend John Sandel who served as the church moderator during August.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Jenn Ballew

Ushers: Charles McEnally, Paula Burkhard

Communion Servers: Brian Gray, Candice Gray, and Scott Funston

Friendship Hour Hosts: Candice and Brian Gray, Mary Webber

Flowers: Given by The First Presbyterian Church to Welcome Pastor J.C. and Heather

Nursery care is provided each Sunday morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available next door in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

Next Sunday is Rally Day, Worship is at 10:45 a.m.: The fall season kicks off with a breakfast for all ages at 9:30 a.m., worship and commissioning of children's ministries in the sanctuary at 10:45, and a potluck picnic at noon. Come and meet new and old friends in our church community.

Memorial Cairn, Monday, September 4: Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will once again mark the number of deaths of civilian and military personnel from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Join the 15 minute prayer service tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the corners of Broadway and Elm Streets in New Haven. All are welcome.

Choir Rehearsals will start this Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m., and we will sing at the opening service in the sanctuary on September 10. Our regular rehearsal times are: Wednesday's at 7:00 and Sundays at 9:30; members can come to either rehearsal, or both. If you haven't sung with us before, and enjoy singing, get in touch with Pat McCreless. We always welcome new singers!

Jeanette Murphy's Memorial Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th in the Sanctuary. A light reception will follow in the Miller Gathering Hall.

Potluck Picnic next Sunday: Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 10th for our Rally Day church picnic pot luck immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service. Hot dogs, burgers and veggie burgers, along with condiments, chips, water, soda and coffee, will be provided. Please bring a family size salad/side dish or desert to share.

Youth Group for Ages 10-18: Our first gathering is next week from 12-3 p.m. Fill a plate at the picnic and join Youth Advisors Kimberley Fais and Sam Carrillo for games in the Community Building.

Help Needed: Our Christian Education team needs some support in non-teaching roles, such as serving as greeters and hosts during Sunday school to help new friends have a smooth arrival. Please see Kimberley for more information.

Sunday school for children and youth includes Bible Stories class, led by Cassy Gulden and Sandra Malan-Bowles, and Prayer & Preaching class, led by Rev. Theo Gill and Kimberley Fais. If you are unsure which might be the best fit for you, just ask!

Volunteers needed! New signup sheets have been put out for ushers and Friendship Hour Hosts. There are still openings for first Saturdays of the month to prepare and serve dinner for the homeless at Columbus House. Consider trying one or more of these to help out at church during the fall season. Printed instructions are available and if new to the task, ask someone else already signed up for more info.

Sunday, September 16: Teachers' Retreat for educators in the church and beyond. Whether you teach kindergarten or college, come share a time of prayer and preparation for the new season. 10 a.m.-12 noon in the Gathering Hall.

Our church donates fresh produce from **Massaro Farm** to Christian Community Action's food pantry, and we need volunteers to pick it up and drop it off on Tuesdays. Please take a moment after worship to sign up to help on a Tuesday in September or October. Instructions and directions are posted with the sign-up sheet.

Sermon Recordings: Did you know we are now recording sermons and adding them to the website each week? Many thanks to Ralph Jones for making this happen! To access the sermons go to our website: **fpcnh.org**. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says *About Us*. Scroll down to *Worship* and hover over the word *Worship*. The tab *Sermons* will appear – click on that, and you will find the last two months of Sunday sermons.

Sunday, September 24: Confirmation class for ages 14-18 will meet with Pastor JC for Dinner Church in the Gathering Hall. Join us from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for food, friendship, and spiritual discernment.

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow outside between the two buildings. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Mid-week Bible Study, usually held on Thursdays, is taking a break and will reconvene later in September.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

For Jeff Miller, brother of David, who will be continuing cancer treatments.

For Stewart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Debbie Tenney, for healing and strength.

Prayers for those who live in the midst of conflict.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for the people of Texas and Louisiana, suffering losses from flood and storm.

Andrew McCloskey, serving with the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

This Week

Sunday, September 3	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday, September 4	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Cairn
Tuesday, September 5	7:30 p.m.	CLOC Committee
Wednesday, September 6	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 9	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	2:00 p.m.	Jeanette Murphy Memorial Service
Sunday, September 10	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2017	Lynn Autry	Candice Gray
	Jane Hindenlang	Bruce Peabody
Class of 2018	Gary Cline	John Dinkler
	Phillip Phiri	Robert Williams
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach	Rona Johnston
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First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Pastor:	The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader
Music Director:	Patrick McCreless
Church Administrator:	Martha Smith
Christian Educator:	Kimberley Fais
Nursery Care Provider:	Emily Landino

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