

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 10, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Prelude *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* Manz

Introit *God Welcomes All* South African Tune

Litany of Generations

Give thanks to the Lord, our God, who has created all life.

God's love is forever.

Open our minds to the joys and gifts to be learned and shared from all seasons of life.

Open our hearts that we may know your love at each and every moment.

Thank you, God, for children who are curious, unafraid, and infectiously joyful, who are trusting receivers of God's grace.

We thank and praise you, God, for the children.

Thank you, Lord, for the youth who demonstrate courage and hope as they begin new adventures; for their fresh ideas and their energies.

We thank and praise you, God, for the youth.

For those in the middle years of life, we give thanks, dear Lord; for steady hearts that guide the young and offer their experience to us all.

We thank and praise you, God, for those in the middle years of life.

For those grown up and grown old, dear Lord, we celebrate your special gift. We give thanks for joys seen only through the eyes of those who are wise in their age, and whose stories of life lived can enrich our spirits.

We give thanks and praise, dear Lord, for those who have grown old.

Gracious God, guide us so that in each stage of life we recognize and cherish the joys and sorrows, the strengths and weaknesses, and the special presence of your Spirit—not only in our own season of life, but in the lives of each other, young or old or in between. Allow us to witness the unique gift of each person, created out of your love.

God's love enfolds us all. Amen.

Call to Worship

Great and loving God, we come before you emptied of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem.

As we start a new year, let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable, nor so familiar as to be conventional.

Prepare us for the unexpected.

Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us, and may we be transformed.

Here in this place, we gather and joyfully say to anyone with ears to hear:

All: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 19 *God of Great and God of Small* GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret and for the things that we have failed to do, forgive us. Forgive us for the times we have acted without love and have reacted without thought. Forgive us for the times we have withdrawn care, failed to forgive, or said unhelpful or hurtful words. Forgive us, O God, and help us lay down our burden of regret, we pray.

Assurance of Grace

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things hidden from memory, or are too deep for words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace. Friends, 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.

Commissioning of Youth and Children Ministry Leaders

...God has called you to be leaders and teachers. We praise God for calling you to this service of Christian education, and for the gifts and guidance God provides for ministry.

The teachers and leaders respond:

In response to God's call, and as children of a faithful God, we who will lead youth and children this year commit ourselves to each other and those who come to learn. We will seek to grow in our own understanding of God. We will offer compassion, time, and space. We will listen and share. We will plan carefully but remain open to the Living Spirit. We will pray and sing and make joyful noises. We will stretch our intellect to new heights. We will tend our hearts. We will expect more of ourselves than others expect of us. We will offer our whole selves in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave of himself for us.

The congregation responds:

We affirm you. We bless you. We celebrate you. We have heard your promises, and we commit ourselves to support you through our prayers and our participation in education, worship, and service.

Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us. By your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Brian, Sam, Theo, Sandra, and Cassy to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, teachers of your Way, and stewards of your Word. Amen.

Response

The Right Hand of God

LA MANO DE DIOS

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 13: 8-14 (p. 162)

Psalm

Psalm 145

Second Lesson

Exodus 12: 1-14 (p. 58)

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Religious Technology

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 330

Our Help Is In The Name of God

OLD 124TH

*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 Anthem

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Pote

*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 Life, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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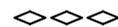
*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord

Manz

*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 Virginia. She and her wife, Heather Renwick, are settling into the Manse and getting to know their way around New Haven. You may reach her at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Andrew Forsyth

Ushers: Dick Hasbany, Ernie Bodenweber

The following people will be serving as our Youth and Children Ministry Leaders this year:

Samuel Carrillo, Youth Advisor

Rev. Theo Gill, Teacher

Brian Gray, Outreach Coordinator

Cassy Gulden, Teacher

Sandra Malan-Bowles, Teacher

Potluck Picnic TODAY: Please join us immediately after worship for our Rally Day church picnic. The grills are hot and there is plenty of food and good company to share.

Volunteers really 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.

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!

Next Saturday, 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.

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.

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.

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. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

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.

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..

For Sue Asher, who mourns the recent passing of her father.

Prayers for those who live in the midst of conflict.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for the people 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 10	9:30 a.m.	Rally Day Activities
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck Picnic
Monday, September 11	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday, September 12	7:15 p.m.	Mission Committee
Wednesday, September 13	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 16	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	10:00 a.m.	Teachers' Retreat
Sunday, September 107	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
	Fiona Scott Morton	Mary Porterfield
Clerk	Tim McCloskey	
Treasurer	Mike Spicer	

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

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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