

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*15th Sunday After Pentecost*

September 17, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Voluntary and Trumpet Tune in D* Boyce

Introit *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* RESTORATION

## Call to Worship

With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never farther away than the reach of our need and our prayer.

**You who tower over the universe and are yet intimately present.**

Always renewing the face of the earth;

**Always renewing the faith of your children.**

Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew and to center our worship on your great glory.

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

## Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

## Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will but our own. We have broken your law and created our own. Seeking our own comfort, we have rebelled against your love, and we have not loved our neighbors as Jesus commands.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin that we might joyfully love you and serve others. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

Who is a God like God - pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgressions? God does not retain anger forever, because God delights in showing clemency. God will, again, have compassion for us and tread our iniquities under foot. God will cast our sins into the depths of the sea. As God showed faithfulness and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, so too is God faithful to us. 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*

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## \*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.

Children are welcome to leave to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Moment for Mission

Fiona Scott Morton

Response

*The Right Hand of God*

LA MANO DE DIOS

\*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.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 14:1-12 (p. 163)

Psalm

Psalm 114



Second Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31 (p. 61)

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Setting Free*

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 67

*My Song Forever Shall Record*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Wisdom's Table*

Bell

\*Doxology

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in, a people to be in  
community with. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your people and make us  
bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others.  
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

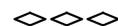
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 475                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      NETTLETON

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *Processional in C*                      Travers

\*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.

**Participating in worship leadership this morning are:**

Liturgist: Ralph Jones  
Cantor: Michael Tenney  
Ushers: Lynn Autry, Pat Wales  
Friendship Hour Hosts: Candice Gray, Scott Funston, Jenn Ballew

**The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader** may be reached at her email: [PastorJC@fpcnh.org](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

**Next Sunday, September 24th:** Special music in worship provided by the Elm City Girls Choir.

**Adult Sunday School Next Week @ 9:30 a.m.,** will continue with Bruce Gordon leading the second part of a three part series on “The Reformation at 500 years”. Plan to come even if you weren’t able to attend the first week.

**Next 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.

**Upcoming Presbytery Meeting:** At the Presbytery of Southern New England's meeting this Wednesday, September 20th, two people from our church will be presented for approval: The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader as our new pastor, and Michal Beth Dinkler for approval for ordination as a Teaching Elder. Elders Beth Aura Miller, David Miller and Scott Funston will be attending as our church's Commissioners, but anyone can come as observers. If interested, speak with any of those attending.

**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 really needed!** The Welcome Table in the Copeland room has signup sheets for ushers and Friendship Hour Hosts. 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.

**Flowers for our worship service** can be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special or a special event in your life. A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Table. Please choose a “first Sunday of the month” and note how you would like the flowers to be listed in the bulletin. Then send along a check for \$50 to the church to help offset the costs.

**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 priority: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies.

**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.

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 17	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
Monday, September 18	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday, September 19	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, September 20	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, September 21	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, September 23	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, September 24	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class

**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](mailto: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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