



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 24, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Prière pour orgue* Cherubini

Introit *God of Mercy, God of Grace* D. Wilson

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

As we gather, we are reminded of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**To come to worship in these moments, to confess our sins,
to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen,
to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all God's promises.**

May our hearts be vulnerable to the Spirit among us.

All: May we celebrate our faith. Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 686 *God of Our Life* SANDON

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. From the earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not always accuse, nor will God keep anger forever. God does not deal according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love. Friends, receive the good news of the Gospel:

All: 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.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Children's Ministry Moment

Response	<i>The Right Hand of God</i>	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.	
Prayer for Illumination			In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.	
First Lesson		Philippians 1:21-30 (pp. 196-197)	We are not alone. Thanks be to God.	
Hymn 59	<i>The Steadfast Love of the Lord</i> (Remain Seated)	Psalm 105		
Second Lesson		Exodus 16:2-15 (pp. 62-63)	The Offering	
The Word of the Lord.			Offertory Anthem	<i>Make Strong for Service</i>
All: Thanks be to God.				Cherubini
Sermon	<i>God's Provision</i>	The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader	*Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH
*Hymn 81	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	AUSTRIAN HYMN	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	
			Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. Through Christ, our Lord. 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 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

*Benediction

Postlude *Postlude in D Minor* Bruckner

*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: Bruce Peabody

Ushers: Anita Shaffer,

Friendship Hour Hosts: Betty & Jim Whitney, Mary Webber

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

This Evening: 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.

Adult Sunday School Next Week @ 9:30 a.m., will continue with Bruce Gordon leading the third part of a three part series on "The Reformation at 500 years". Plan to come even if you weren't able to attend earlier classes.

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! 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 the Welcome Table Hosts 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.

Saturday, October 7th - Youth Group Serve Project: Ages 10-18 will prepare a meal for the homeless residents of Columbus House. RSVP to Outreach Coordinator Brian Gray.

Save the Date: Oct 28, 6-10 p.m. Curling in Bridgeport. More info in the Oct Inkling or speak with Scott Funston. Signup sheet is on the Welcome Table.

Former And Current Presbytery Members- Your Input Is Needed

At Wednesday's Presbytery meeting, it was announced that for the next three weeks (till Oct 12), the Presbytery will be engaged in the Landscape Survey so that our Presbytery leaders can learn about the trends, needs, and engagement that is driving the life of our Presbytery and how to harness that for future ministry. This survey should be taken by all members of the Presbytery (active and retired) as well as any persons serving on Presbytery committees. It will take about 30 minutes and it must be done in one sitting - there is no 'save' function for a partially completed survey. Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PresbyterySNE>

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 natural disaster.

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 24	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
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tuesday, September 26	7:00 p.m.	Oct Inkling Deadline
Wednesday, September 27	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 28	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, September 30	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, October 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	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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