



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Vingt-quatre pièces, XIII and XVII* Langlais

Introit *Sing a New Song* Schutte

Call to Worship

God calls us to worship.

We come, some with laughter and songs of joy, some from a sense of obligation or habit.

God calls us to worship.

We come, some with hearts heavy with grief, some with distraction or exhaustion.

God calls us to worship.

We come, some with eagerness and enthusiasm, some with stress, loneliness, or depression.

As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy, pain, hurt, and hope

into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and peace. Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need still for more – and it easily seems to control us. We are so busy with our lives, we forget every breath depends on you. We are careless with our words, saying things we don't mean, things that are hurtful to others. We indulge in hateful thoughts against those we feel have offended us, and we are indifferent toward the suffering in our own neighborhoods. Forgive us, O God, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way. Show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Through the prophet Isaiah, we hear these words: "Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like the snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." Laying bare our sins before God, we are met with God's compassion, love, and forgiveness. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise

Praise God, All You Nations

GHANA

*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.

Moment for Mission

Michael Tenney

Response

We Will Walk With God

SWAZILAND

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Philippians 4: 1-9 (pp. 198-199)

Psalm

Psalm 106

Second Lesson

Exodus 32: 1-14 (pp. 78-79)

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Standing In The Breach

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Lord, Most Holy

Pollock

*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 Thanksgiving

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. 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 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

*Benediction

Postlude

Fantaisie

Langlais

*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: Rona Johnston

Ushers: Mary Webber, Paula Burkhard

Friendship Hour Hosts: Jane Hindenlang, Lucy Ambach

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.

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 Sunday at 9:30 a.m.-Adult Ed continues a series on Racism, the last of three sessions in October. The series is led by the Mission Committee's Peace and Justice Action Group, and the Oct 22nd discussion will focus on "Envisioning a New Way of Life Together."

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.

Potluck Lunch next Sunday: Join friends around the table for an "Apple" Harvest Potluck following worship next Sunday, October 22nd. We invite you to bring out your creativity and prepare a family sized main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert using apples (or any other fruit or vegetable of the season) as we gather together to taste and see that God is good!

Hurricane Help: Our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico have requested our help. Next Sunday, we'll be collecting **diapers, mosquito netting, and mosquito repellent bracelets** to send to the island. See Pastor JC for more info.

New Church Directories: Copies of the church directory are available on the Welcome Table.

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. 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.

This Thursday, Oct. 19th, "3rd Thursday at the Manse", potluck next door at 724 Whitney; come anytime after 6:00 p.m. Bring a side dish, dessert and beverage to share, the main dish will be provided by Pastor JC and Heather.

Fall Property Cleanup-Oct 20, This Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Join the Property Committee and our friends from EMERGE to clean up the church grounds before winter. Come help for an hour or for the day; we will be mainly cleaning up the area behind the Owens Building. For more info, check with Art Hunt.

Oct. 22nd, Confirmation Class will continue with their dinner gathering; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Apple Picking on Oct 22nd, 1-4 p.m.: Children and Youth are invited to head out to Bishop's Orchards for a fall outing. Contact Kimberley Fais for more info.

Save the Date: Oct 28, 6-10 p.m. Curling in Bridgeport. Here's your chance to try out curling with on-ice instruction from experienced curlers. For ages 15 & up. The outing will end with a potluck chili dinner in the "warm room." More info is in the Oct Inkling or speak with Scott Funston. Signup sheet is on the Welcome Table.

Presbytery Day in West Hartford, CT- Saturday, Oct 28 – Workshops to inspire and inform you and your church experience. Come for part or the whole day. Lunch is \$12, but no fee for the workshops. Registration closes this Thursday, Oct 19. For more info, <http://psne.org/new/events-calendar/presbytery-day/>

Abe's Tent is coming! Abe's Tent is coming! Our church will be hosting 12 men from Columbus House starting Monday, January 15th (Martin Luther King Jr. observance day) until Monday, January 22nd. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the white boards in the Miller Gathering Hall on Sunday, December 3rd. We seek people to host, provide dinner, stay overnight and/or greet the men. Your participation is encouraged and greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Brian Gray.

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.

Prayers for Stephen, Mattie Long's son, as he continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.

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, October 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, October 17	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, October 18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, October 19	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck at the Manse
Saturday, October 21	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, October 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Apple Picking
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation

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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