

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress (two settings)* Buxtehude, Hanff

Introit *As the Hart Longs (Psalm 42)* Goudimel

Call to Worship (Psalm 124:8, Geneva, 1542)

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

God is our refuge and our strength

A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*Hymn 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The psalmist reminds us: "The Lord 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 with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who love God." Therefore, with humility and joy, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise

New Songs of Celebration Render

Bourgeois

*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

Fiona Scott Morton

Response--Hymn 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers
(remain seated)

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 43:14-21 (pp. 672-673)

Second Lesson Luke 18:35-43 (p. 82)

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Behold I am Doing a New Thing* Dr. Bruce Gordon

*Hymn 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering
Offertory Anthem *Alleluia* Bach

*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
Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the one who loves and redeems us. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

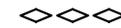
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

*Hymn 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

*Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in E-Flat Major ("St. Anne")* Bach

*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.

Today is Reformation Sunday and the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 theses. We mark this occasion during the service with special music, and welcome Dr. Bruce Gordon to the pulpit this morning. Bruce is a Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale Divinity School, with a particular interest in the Reformation. He has led many of our Sunday morning Adult Education classes during the school year, as well as recruiting other class leaders.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Sarah Harris Wallman

Ushers: Candice and Brian Gray

Friendship Hour Hosts: The Williams Family

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.

Hurricane Help: Our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico have requested our help. Today is our final day collecting **diapers, mosquito netting, and mosquito repellent bracelets** to send to the island. See Pastor JC for more info.

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend! Don't forget to "fall back" and set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening as we return to Standard Time on Sunday.

Next Sunday Adult Ed at 9:30 a.m.—Bruce Gordon will continue his series on the Reformation.

All Saints' Sunday, November 5th: All Saints Sunday invites us to remember those from our congregation as well as others we have loved who have died in the year past. It is a time to celebrate their homecoming with God. During worship next Sunday, November 5th, we will take time to read the names of those who have died since last year. If you would like to submit a name to be included in the litany of remembrance, please write their name on the bulletin insert and place in the offering plate. Or you may call or email the name of your loved one to the church office (firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com).

Next Sunday, Nov 5th, 12:00 p.m.--Plan to stay for a Luncheon to kickoff the Stewardship Campaign. Instead of a luncheon at the end of the Campaign to celebrate our results as we have in past years, we are hosting a luncheon after worship at the *beginning* of the Campaign. We will use that luncheon to break into small groups by topic to talk specifically about our hopes and dreams for the coming year at the Church, relating to worship, mission, education, and outreach. The goal is to give everyone a chance to talk about the future and then have the Session take those discussions and build them into the 2018 program and the Church budget. We will then ask people to make their pledges for 2018 over the following two Sundays, with the request that all pledges be in by November 19th; this gives the Session and the Finance Committee time to work those pledges into a budget which has the priorities for 2018 that we have all talked about. 2018 is going to be an exciting time for the Church, so please join the Stewardship Committee for lunch next Sunday as we start planning for next year. God is doing a new thing among us!

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.

CT Folk this Friday, Nov 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.: Concert will feature Brook Williams. "Ranked in the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists, Brooks is a mean finger-picker and a stunning slide guitarist. His massive repertoire spans classic roots and blues." First Presbyterian Church receives 10 free tickets, and you may reserve yours by contacting the church office.

Our Music Today celebrates the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, in both its Lutheran and Calvinist traditions:

The Prelude offers two organ settings, one each by the 18th-century German composers Dietrich Buxtehude and Johann Hanff, of the most famous of Reformation hymns, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

The Introit is a choral setting of the initial verses of Psalm 42, "As the Hart Longs," by the 16th-century French Protestant (Huguenot) composer Claude Goudimel. Goudimel was a successful and well-respected Protestant composer, but he was murdered in Lyons, France, in the aftermath of the St. Bartholomew's Massacre, in August of 1572--a grim reminder of the religious strife that ensued from the Reformation.

All our congregational hymns and responses, with the exception of the last hymn, come from the Lutheran or French Calvinist traditions.

The anthem is an Alleluia chorus by J.S. Bach, from his Motet No. 6, *Praise the Lord, All You People*.

The final hymn, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," a paraphrase of Psalm 90, comes neither from the Lutheran nor the Calvinist, but rather the Anglican, tradition. Written in the early eighteenth century, its tune has been known since the mid-19th century by the name of the London church, St. Anne's, in which its composer, William Croft, was organist.

The postlude is a fugue by Bach that is commonly known as the "St. Anne" Fugue, because its subject, or theme, is the exactly the same as the first phrase of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Despite this melodic connection, though, the label of "St. Anne" for the fugue is actually a misnomer historically: Bach did not know the hymn, but he happened to hit on exactly the same tune as the subject of his organ piece. Historically accurate or not, though, the fugue embodies for us the intertwining of two of our great musical and spiritual traditions. (Please note that, on this celebratory occasion, the postlude will be considerably longer than usual.)

Volunteers needed! The Welcome Table in the Copeland Room has new signup sheets for ushers and Friendship Hour Hosts. Volunteering for these easy tasks are easy ways to help out at church and get acquainted with a few new folks. Printed instructions are available, and if new and unsure about the task, ask any of the Welcome Table Hosts for more info.

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 knee replacement rehab.

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 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Wednesday, November 1	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 2	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Friday, November 3	7:30 p.m.	Folk Concert
Saturday, November 4	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, November 5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Stewardship Luncheon

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
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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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