



# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

## 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Monologue IV* Rheinberger

Introit *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach

### Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Again today we come together to worship the God of creation, of salvation, of time and eternity; the God of all peoples, of all nations, of all conditions of people everywhere.

**Praise God! All that is within me, Praise God's holy name!**

Praise God and remember the kindnesses bestowed upon us: forgiveness of sins, healing the broken places, shining light in the darkness, surrounding us with love.

**Praise God! All that is within me, Praise God's holy name!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people. We live more in apathy born of fatalism, than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

... Friends, believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are made new. Thanks be to God!**

\*Song of Praise

*Joy in the Morning*

Sleeth

### \*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.

### Stewardship Moment

David Miller

### Response

*We Will Walk With God*

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (pp. 204-205)

Psalm Psalm 78: 1-7

Second Lesson Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 (pp. 215-216)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *As for Me and My House* The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

\*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 *Thanks Be to God* Mendelssohn  
from *Elijah*

\*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

**God of Life, we offer these gifts as a sign of our desire to share our resources for  
the common good and building of your kingdom. We humbly ask that you use  
them to strengthen our mission and ministry,  
and deepen our witness to your healing presence in this needy world. 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 714

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Monologue I*

Rheinberger

\*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: Jennifer Herbst

Ushers: Dick Hasbany, Sadako Ohki

Cantor: Fiona Scott Morton

Friendship Hour Hosts: Kathy Milligan, Pat Wales

**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.

**Stewardship Campaign:** Thank-you to all who have already returned your stewardship pledge card or are dropping them off today. If you've forgotten, you can mail it to the church this week or email a note *in confidence* to: [firstpreschurchstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:firstpreschurchstewardship@gmail.com). Your prompt response enables Session's preparation of a budget to accomplish our bold hopes and dreams to serve God in our lives, church and community.

**Thanksgiving Offering:** Today, we will receive a Special Offering for Thanksgiving which will support the ministry and mission of Christian Community Action, the Connecticut Food Bank and the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. Each of these programs is dedicated to assisting individuals and families in times of crisis, at Thanksgiving time and around the year. Your generosity can be a meaningful way of giving thanks and sharing with the community we all live in.

**Next Sunday, Nov 26 @ 9:30 a.m.:** Children, youth, and adults of all ages are welcome to our Annual Advent Event. This takes place during our usual Christian Education hour. We will have creativity stations throughout the Gathering Hall to help us usher in the Advent season. Join us for candle-making, candy-making, and more!

**Volunteers really needed!** Signup sheets for ushering and Friendship Hour through the end of the year are on the Welcome Table. We really need some more signups, for next Sunday and into December. Both of these are easy and a great way to meet a few new people. Why not partner with someone who's new, or new to you, and sign up as a team? If you're unsure about how to do the task, ask any of the Welcome Table Hosts for more info.

**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.

**Abe's Tent is coming!** Our church will be hosting 12 men from Columbus House starting Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> until Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the white boards in the Miller Gathering Hall on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We seek people to host, provide dinner, stay overnight and/or greet the men. Any questions, contact Brian Gray at [brian\\_gry@yahoo.com](mailto:brian_gry@yahoo.com).

**Signup for Christmas Potluck:** It's not too early to start thinking about the good food we'll be sharing at our annual Christmas dinner potluck on Sunday, December 10th. We will gather together after the Christmas music service to eat, sing carols and delight in one another's company. Now is the time to let us know what your contribution will be for the table: turkey, ham and vegetarian main dishes, and potatoes and green beans and salad too! Sides of cranberry relish, of course. And lots of dessert! Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Table.

**The December Inklings Deadline** will be Monday, November 27th. Please send your notices and articles to the church office at [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com)

**Adult Sunday School in December:** To get ready for Christmas, you are invited to read through daily devotionals from Richard Rohr's Preparing for Christmas. Daily, on our own, we will read the scripture and reflections provided in his book. Then, on the Dec 3rd, 10th and 17th, we will gather at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday to share our thoughts, discoveries, and prayers for the season, guided by Pastor JC. If you are interested in participating, please place your order for a book by signing up at the Welcome Table or sending an email to [PastorJC@fpcnh.org](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org). The cost for the book is \$5.

**Sewing Supplies needed by Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS):** The women's refugee sewing group is an important program for IRIS because it gives women with very little education a motive to be with others for a social time that comes with some assimilation. The sewing group is looking for donations of thread, material and scissors. Also needed are jewelry making supplies such as beads, tools and findings. If you have any of these items at home that you would like to donate, please place them in the labeled box in the Copeland Room.

**Craft Sale, Sat, Dec 2, 1-4 p.m.:** The IRIS Refugee Women's Sewing group will be holding a craft sale in our Miller Gathering Hall. Come help support and empower women who have recently been resettled in the New Haven area.

**Goody Bag Sunday, Dec 3:** You are invited to bring home-baked or store-bought treats for the students who worship with us and students from our congregation who are away at school. Herbal tea, mints, gum, hard candies, popcorn, energy bars and home baked treats are all good options to consider for the 54 bags we plan to distribute. It's like a Friendship Hour in a bag!

**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 is continuing cancer treatments.

For Stewart Fritts, who is struggling with health issues.

Prayers for those who suffer from gun violence.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for people who are lonely.

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, November 19	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
Saturday, November 25	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, November 26	9:30 a.m.	Advent Activities for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour

**Happy Birthday this week:** Jim Clark, Cressida Lui, November 22; Paula Burkhard, November 26.

**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 Tuesday 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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