

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2018

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Preludes on "Land of Rest" and "Beach Spring"* Held

Introit *My Spirit Looks to God Alone* Read

Call to Worship

God of the prophets, call us today.

Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

Sing to us Your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

Teach us Your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.

*Hymn 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* PLEADING SAVIOR

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

God of All Nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to our brothers and sisters – particularly those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... We are forgiven, for we are loved. Therefore, rejoice!

Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Walk in the Light

*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.)

Children's Ministry Moment

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.

Minute for Mission

Brian Gray

Response

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Vasile

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (p.169)

Hymn 28

You Are Before Me, Lord
(Please remain seated.)

Psalm 139

Second Lesson

John 1: 43-51 (pp. 92-93)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Come and See

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 720

Take My Life

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*Affirmation of Faith

from the Belhar Confession

We believe

that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
that God calls the church to follow God in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

arr. Parker/Shaw

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. 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.

Prayers of the People / Litany for Social Justice

Dr. King's work reminds us: church and state must work together for the common good; laws must establish justice for all, but hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish.

Therefore, as followers of Christ, we will do the work of justice for all; we will open our hearts to an ever-expanding vision of community. We will trust the Spirit of God to guide and move us between the present and the anticipated Kingdom of God.

Dr. King's vision inspires us: "We are tied together in a single garment of destiny caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."

Therefore, we will work for a world where lives are enriched by difference; where people of different genders, races, and sexual orientations work together in Shalom for the good of the whole, for every person is made in the image of God.

Dr. King's words challenge us: "...injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

**As disciples of Jesus, we will listen to the cries of the poor;
we will stand in solidarity with those who suffer oppression;
we will take as our own the hopes of all who long for full human life;
we will create in our midst the Beloved Community with room for all,
justice for all, joy for all, Shalom for all.**

We will listen to the voice of the Christ, who stirs about liberating all minds, hearts and spirits.

Dr. King's life inspires us: "I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land...I still believe that someday we shall overcome."

**With your help, O God, we will reach the goal laid before us without faltering.
We will never give up our hope for equality with one another. We will live Dr.**

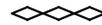
King's dream into our reality. We will overcome because of our faith and trust in You, our God. Amen.

*Hymn 339 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN

*Benediction

Postlude *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Manz

*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 and our congregational conversation.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Cressida Lui

Ushers: Charles McEnally, Ernie Bodenweber

Friendship Hour Hosts: Candice Gray, Sue Balakrishnan

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.

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

Congregational Conversation after worship TODAY: Next Sunday, the congregation from Church of the Redeemer will be joining us for worship, as they discern their future. Immediately following worship today, Pastor JC and the Session will lead a discussion explaining how this came about, answer your questions and engage in conversation. Nursery care will be available in the Owens Building.

Abe's Tent starts tomorrow! Our church will be hosting 12 men from Columbus House starting January 15th thru Monday, January 22nd. Sign-up sheets are posted on the white boards in the Miller Gathering Hall. Check with Brian Gray (brian_gry@yahoo.com) to see if people are needed to host, provide dinner, stay overnight and/or greet the men.

Youth Serve Abraham's Tent: Youth ages 10 and older are invited to help serve and share dinner with the men of Abraham's Tent on Friday, January 19th. Brian Gray and Tyler Wadzinski will bring ingredients for tacos along with Mexican rice, chips, salsa, and dessert. Youth can arrive to the Owens Community Building between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and we will serve dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to stay and talk and play card/board games. Dinner and games will be finished by 8:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School next Week: *Responding as a Community of Faith* with the Rev. Shannon Craigo-Snell via Skype. This is the last of six sessions led by Art and Mary Hunt, using the PC(USA)'s Facing Racism Study Guide. Come, even if you could not attend earlier classes in the series.

Volunteers needed! Signup sheets for ushering and Friendship Hour are on the Welcome Table. We need a few extra people for next Sunday. Ushering and hosting friendship hour 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.

Interested in Church Membership? Have you been worshiping with First Pres and are interested in joining as a member of the congregation? If so, please contact Pastor JC. A New Members dinner will be scheduled in the next few weeks and we hope to see you there!

Lenten Devotional Writers Wanted: Do you love to write and want to share your gifts with the congregation? Your help is needed to write brief devotionals to be shared during the Lenten season. The theme will be "Path to the Cross" and the devotionals will be based on the Passion story as told through the Gospel of Matthew. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Gordon (bruce.gordon@yale.edu)

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 Jackie Spycher, our former YDS intern, who will be ordained as a teaching elder this afternoon in Michigan.

For Jeff Miller, brother of David, who is recovering from surgery.

For Nancy Walker's 3-month old niece, recovering from heart surgery.

Prayers for those who suffer from gun violence.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for people who are homeless.

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, January 14	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Conversation
	12:20 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Escape New Haven
Tuesday, January 16	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, January 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 20	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, January 21	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.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 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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