

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Scherzo and Elegy* Walton

Introit *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* White

Call to Worship

Great and loving God, we come before you emptied of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem.

Let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable,

Nor so familiar as to be conventional.

Prepare us for the unexpected.

Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Amen.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 662 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Often, Holy God, we dare your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience, and show contempt for your love. We plead your help. Help us to own up carefully how we have wronged you and our brothers and sisters. Help us to admit honestly how we have grieved you and others. Help us to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon. Draw the darkness out of us and forgive us, O God. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In God's abundant grace, God has forgiven us. God has freed us from our sin and transformed our grief into great joy.

Now, we can be at peace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Creation of Peace

Miller

*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.

Minute for Mission

Poor People's Campaign

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

To be ordained and installed: Jennifer Ballew

To be installed: Sue Balakrishnan, Jennifer Herbst, and Timothy McConnell

Service of Ordination and Installation

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same God who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it...

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p.171)

Psalm Psalm 111

(The cantor will signal when the congregation should sing the refrain above.)

Second Lesson Mark 1: 21-28 (p. 35)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *With God's Help* The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 181 *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit* EBENEZER

Renunciations and Affirmation

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in God, the Creator almighty, the One who created heaven and earth and is creating among us today.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Constitutional Questions

Prayer for the Ordained and Installed

The Offering

Offertory Anthem *As Truly as God Is Our Father* Mathias

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**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

Receive these gifts from us, O God of goodness. Through them, bring life and hope to many in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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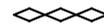
*Benediction

Postlude

March

Walton

*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: Elizabeth Gill

Cantor: Ken Balakrishnan

Ushers: Paula Burkhard, Sadako Ohki

Friendship Hour Hosts:

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Next Sunday: Bring your donations of money (dollars, coins, or checks) & nonperishable food to worship next Sunday to benefit the Christian Community Action's Food Pantry. Children & youth will greet people at the doors to collect the donations. A presentation of this offering will be made during the worship service.

Volunteers needed! Signup sheets for ushering and Friendship Hour are on the Welcome Table. 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.

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)

CT Folk Concert, Friday, Feb 2, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.— The Meadows Brothers play roots music combining folk, blues, country and rock 'n' roll. First Pres receives ten complimentary tickets, email the church office if you want to attend.

February Inkling Deadline is today. Please send in your announcements and articles to the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Annual Meeting is Feb 11th: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for February 11, 2018, to be held during the Potluck lunch following worship. This is the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation. If reports come in in a timely fashion, we will have a copy of the report for you next Sunday. Otherwise, the report will be emailed during the week before the Annual Meeting.

Adult Ed Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.: Arthur Shippee begins a three-week program on the Gospel of Mark.

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 recovering from surgery.

For David Miller's father, who is in the hospital.

For Nancy Walker's niece, recovering from 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.

Today we also give thanks to God for the service of the Ruling Elders rotating off of Session: Lynn Autry, Candice Gray, Jane Hindenlang and Bruce Peabody.

This Week

Sunday, January 28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Children
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Dinner
Wednesday, January 31	11:59 p.m.	Feb Inkling Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 2	7:30 p.m.	CT Folk Concert
Saturday, February 3	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	5:30 p.m.	Columbus House Dinner
Sunday, February 4	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018

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John Dinkler

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

Class of 2019

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Rona Johnston

Fiona Scott Morton

Mary Porterfield

Class of 2020

Sue Balakrishnan

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Jennifer Herbst

Timothy McConnell

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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

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The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader

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Nursery Care Provider:

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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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