



# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

February 4, 2018

10:45 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Upon Your Table, Lord</i>	Wood
Introit	<i>Just Come from the Fountain</i>	Spiritual

### Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Highest of all creation, God lives among us.

**Jesus journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Come now, all who thirst,

**And drink the water of life.**

Come now, all who hunger,

**and be filled with good things.**

Come now, all who seek,

**And find that you are beloved, called and equipped by the Spirit.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name – the complicity of our actions which causes oppression, the retribution we have sought to exact, and the divisions we shore up among us. Forgive us for laying waste the land and the water, for deporting neighbors according to unjust laws, for enabling fear to infect our communities. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a new future in which we can be changed. Help us to serve you in the world as agents of reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

... God has freed us from our sin and transformed our grief into great joy.

**Now, we can be at peace and serve the Lord. 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.

Response

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Vasile

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*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.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31 (p. 668)

Psalm

Psalm 147

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

Second Lesson

Mark 1: 29-39 (p. 35)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*For That Is What I Came To Do*

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 797

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

YE BANKS AND BRAES

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Music Down in My Soul*

Hogan

\*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

**Loving God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to these cries and may your name be glorified. Amen.**

\* Communion Hymn

*I'm a-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table*

Spiritual

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... With the with the faithful of every time and place, on this Sunday your people cry out:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est!

The prayer continues ...

Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

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.**

Prayer after Communion

**Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.**

\*Hymn 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

*Wood*

\*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: John Dinkler

Communion Servers: Jenn Ballew, George Rupp, Jen Herbst, Andrew McCloskey, Lynn Autry, and Rona Johnston.

Ushers: Dick Hasbany, David Lane

Flowers: Given by Pat Wales, in memory of Marjorie Parker Wales who was born 100 years ago this month.

Friendship Hour Hosts: Anita Shaffer, 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.

**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 TODAY:** Your donations of money (dollars, coins, or checks) & nonperishable food to benefit the Christian Community Action's Food Pantry. A presentation of this offering will be made during the worship service.

**Prepare for Earth Day:** Today after worship, a group will talk about how the church can recognize and celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd -- both in the service and in activities leading up to it. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to share them during Friendship Hour. Follow the signs to celebrate God's creation!

**Annual Meeting is Feb 11th, next Sunday:** 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. The annual report was emailed out this past week and paper copies are available on the Welcome Table.

**Join us for lunch next Sunday!** On February 11th we will meet in the Miller Gathering Hall following worship for our Annual Meeting. CLOC will provide the sandwiches; you all bring cookies or chips if you wish! What a fun way to be about the business of our church!

**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.

**Adult Ed Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.:** Arthur Shippee continues the second of a three-week program on poetry.

**Save the Date, Feb 13th:** Instead of Third Thursday this month, let's celebrate Shrove Tuesday! All are invited to the Manse for a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13 starting around 6:30pm. Pastor JC and Heather will provide the pancakes - you bring your favorite breakfast side or brunch beverage. It will be our sweet treat before the season of Lent!

**Ash Wednesday** falls on February 14th and will be marked with a short 7:30 p.m. service including the imposition of ashes. The Reverend Arthur Shippee will lead the service and the choir will sing. Come join our church community in worship and contemplation of the Lenten season ahead.

**Note on today's offertory music:** "Music Down in My Soul," by Moses Hogan is an energetic, celebratory anthem. Hogan (1957-2003) was a composer from New Orleans who contributed mightily to the gospel repertoire, and who helped bring gospel music into mainline churches in his short life. He died tragically of a brain tumor at age 45.

**Memorial Cairn Tomorrow:** Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will mark the cost of the continuing violence in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Mid-East with a 15 minute prayer service at the intersection of Broadway, Elm and Park streets in New Haven on Monday evening, February 5th, at 6 p.m.

**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, David Miller's brother, who will have surgery tomorrow.

For Ed Miller, David Miller's father, who is recovering at home after a heart attack.

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, 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
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group Crafting
	12:15 p.m.	CLOC Committee
Monday, February 5	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Cairn
Tuesday, February 6	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee
Wednesday, February 7	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 10	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, February 11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting & Lunch

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2018	Gary Cline	John Dinkler
	Phillip Phiri	Robert Williams
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach	Rona Johnston
	Fiona Scott Morton	Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan	Jennifer Ballew
	Jennifer Herbst	Timothy McConnell
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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