

Journeying on the Path to the Cross

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Praeludium in G</i>	Purcell
Introit	<i>Jesus, I Will Ponder Now</i>	Vulpius

Call to Worship

As we worship God today, we long for God's Spirit to comfort and challenge us.

We long for God's Spirit to help us become more holy, more loving.

In a world that does not understand repentance,

We pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline.

As we journey to the cross,

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

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Building the Lenten Cairn

As we add to our Lenten cairn this morning, we are invited to lay before God that which requires forgiveness. For what do you seek forgiveness? For what do you seek God's mercy?

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive our sins, O God. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age; the sins of our soul and the sins of our body; our secret and our whispering sins; our presumptuous and our careless sins; the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them all O God, because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Teacher. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

.....As we lay this stone upon our cairn, rejoice that God renews, restores and redeems us daily, softening our hearts, becoming more vulnerable to the power of love in our lives and in the life of the world. Friends, believe the good news:

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

*Song of Praise

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

*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

King-Robinson School

Response

Jesus Know the Inmost Heart

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HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Ezekiel 36:22-28 (p. 805)

Psalm

(read responsively)

Psalm 51:7-12

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

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 away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Second Lesson

John 13:1-17 (p. 107)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Are You Being Served?

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHERE PONI

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

From Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of humans in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on inhumanity and the awful consequences of complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Welcoming New Members

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Wilt Thou Forgive That Sin

Hylton

*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

God of Mercy, God of Love, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude and may your will be done. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

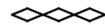
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

*Hymn 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

*Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary in E Minor* Stanley

*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: Emily Theus

Ushers: Charles McEnally, Jane Hindenlang

Friendship Hour Hosts: Lynn Autry, Jim & Betty Whitney

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.

Lenten Communion: Each Sunday during Lent, communion will be shared in the sanctuary, either during the service (first Sunday of the month) or following the service. The Reverend Dr. Joyce Mercer will preside this morning.

Today we welcome the following people as new members of First Presbyterian Church: Richard Bowles and Sandra Malan-Bowles, James and Rebecca Cramer, Lucy Evans, Jim Hackney and Scott Haight, Carol Hastings, Charles McEnally, and Christine Whitten.

Building the Lenten Cairn: A stone is provided for you each Sunday to build your own cairn through the course of the Lenten Season. You are invited to build it in a place where you need it. Consider where you need to be reminded most of the direction God is leading you and build your cairn there. It might be here in this church—find a place important to you and build it there. It might be in your home, at work, in our garden, at you bus stop. Wherever it is that it would be helpful for you to have the reminder that you are on a path, and God is with you—build your cairn there.

Adult Ed Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.: Bruce Gordon continues a second week on "The Way of Gratitude."

Bible Study: Mid-week Bible study has resumed and is now being held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Plan to bring your bag lunch and Bible to gather with others and preview Sunday's scripture texts. For more information, contact Pastor JC at pastorjc@fpcnh.org

Potluck Lunch next Sunday, March 4: As part of our ongoing Lenten journey, this month's potluck will be a simple soup and sandwich lunch. No dessert will be served. Please bring ready-to-serve sandwiches or soup to share.

CT Folk Concert, Friday, March 2nd @ 7:30 p.m.— With rich harmonies and musical versatility, come hear Pesky J. Nixon (PJN) at the March concert. First Pres receives ten complimentary tickets, email the church office if you want to attend.

Flowers: The Worship Committee is looking for a few people who will be willing to contribute flowers for our worship on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). If you are wish to provide flowers for worship, please sign up at the Welcome Table. Tell us who or what they honor, and put a check for \$50 in the offering plate with a memo that it is for flowers.

March Inkling Deadline is tomorrow! Please send in your announcements and notices to the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Diaper Drive: Christian Community Action is in urgent need of diaper donations for families in the Hill, especially sizes 5 and 6. Show some love to babies, mommies, and daddies! Donations accepted at CCA's 168 Davenport Avenue offices between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.; or you can leave them in the green wheelbarrow and they'll be delivered at the end of the month with the food.

Volunteers needed for a little work and little fun. Yes, we do need volunteers to help usher for Sunday worship, and to host after-worship Friendship Hour. Both are very easy tasks and a great way to meet new people. Signup sheets are on the Welcome Table. 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. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Upcycling; Donate Your Used Jeans, Flannel, and Fleece: As part of our ongoing studies of stewardship of the earth and ethical labor, we're exploring practical ways to Reduce and Reuse materials. During the season of Lent, our Youth Group will collect denim, flannel, and fleece that might not otherwise be re-sellable. We hope to upcycle them into some crafty projects – like DIY bean bag chairs or floor cushions for the Children in Worship program. Please do NOT buy new items to contribute to this drive. We only wish to receive items that are currently sitting in Mending Purgatory or in a similar circumstances. You'll find our box marked for donations in the Copeland Room.

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 is recovering from surgery.

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

Prayers for those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

Prayers for the young people who seek change.

Prayers for Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

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 25	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Lenten Communion
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday, February 26	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Dinner
	11:55 p.m.	March Inkling Deadline
Wednesday, February 28	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 2	7:30 p.m.	Folk Concert
Saturday, March 3	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, March 4	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	11:55 a.m.	Potluck Lunch

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	Gary Cline Phillip Phiri	John Dinkler Robert Williams
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach Fiona Scott Morton	Rona Johnston Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan Jennifer Herbst	Jennifer Ballew 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
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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 Tuesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

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