

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Have Mercy, God, Holy Spirit</i>	Bach
Introit	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers, come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame, come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues, come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation, come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong, come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Spirit gathers us to worship God and builds us up in faith, hope and love so that we may go into the world to proclaim the gospel and work for justice and peace.

Come, let us worship God together!

*Hymn 407	<i>Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers</i>	NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'
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Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again. Shake our hearts and enliven our souls with your love. Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice, love, grace and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.

We shall live in the joy and peace of this assurance. Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise	<i>Come, O Spirit</i>	BOUNDLESS MERCY
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*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

There's a Spirit in the Air

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Receiving New Members

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engaged us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (p. 806)

Hymn 292

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

Second Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21 (p. 119)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Does This Mean?

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Service of Confirmation and Receiving New Members

...And, today, we mark together a new reality. Not an end, but the recognition that your journeys continue in a new way.

Beginning today, you will no longer be strangers among us. Today, you will become equal citizens, participating equally in the journey of faith we take together. Discussing, discerning and voting, challenging, supporting and loving with equal voice. Today, we recognize that you are participatory citizens and full members in this household of God. Through Jesus Christ, being the head and cornerstone in whom this church is held together, we are not just a group of people but a community of faith in which Christ dwells, in which God is present, and in which the Holy Spirit cares for us.

Gifts/Blessing the Confirmands

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Martin

*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 wind, word and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit among your people. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 404

What Is This Place

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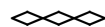
*Benediction

Postlude

Come, Lord Creator, Holy Spirit

Pachelbel

*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: Peter Williams, Rachelle Zribi, Martha Smalley

Friendship Hour Hosts: The McCloskey Family

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.

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.

Today we receive new members:

By their confirmation of the faith promises made on their behalf at their baptism; Lizamishel Boateng, Riley Lanz, Ellie Latham, Rory Latham, Leo Rupp-Coppi, Claire Turner, and Sadie Turner.

By reaffirmation of faith; Alisa Dunovant has been accepted as a new member.


Pentecost Offering will be collected today: This denominational offering supports programs for children and youth. 60% of the collection goes to Presbyterian Church (USA) programming and 40% is retained by First Pres for New Haven area programs.

THIS Wednesday, May 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.: Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* will be performed by members of our choir, along with friends from the choirs of Bethesda Lutheran Church, the United Church on the Green, the Church of the Redeemer and a full orchestra. The performance will be at Bethesda Lutheran Church, located just down the street at 450 Whitney Avenue.

No 9:30 a.m. Sunday School next Sunday, May 27: Children and Youth programming is taking Memorial Day weekend off and the Adult program has ended for the season.

Next Sunday, May 27th, we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco to the pulpit, while Pastor J.C. is away.

Graduating? If you are graduating this year from high school, college or university – or have a family member who is graduating, please make sure the office knows, so the church family can rejoice with you.

 **Weekly Update on Becoming a Sanctuary Church:** As of Thursday, a total of 64 people have signed up to be trained to do the work of Sanctuary - and we are confident that there are many more interested in participating but have yet to align their schedules with a training session.

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians describes the many parts that make up one body. Indeed, as our many parts join together, we see the Body of Christ taking shape. Thanks be to God.

Bible Study continues to meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The group previews the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings. Contact Ralph Jones if you want to join: rcjmhs@gmail.com.

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.

Volunteers needed! If you've never volunteered, signing up to be a Friendship Hour Host or Usher are a great way to meet a few new people at church. There are new sign-up sheets with opportunities to help through the beginning of the summer.

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.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

Kathy Milligan, who is recovering at home.

Gordon Ambach, who is resting at home.

Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

People who are homeless.

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

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, May 20	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, May 22	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Training
Wednesday, May 23	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Elijah</i> Performance at Bethesda
Saturday, May 26	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, May 27	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	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 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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