



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *God, Who Is Three in Unity* Alberti

Introit *God, the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian* Fedak

Call to Worship

Holy God, who created us in love,
create us anew in love as we worship you.

Holy Jesus, who redeemed this world in love,
reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

O Holy Spirit, who moves this worship towards God's appointed way,
move within us as we worship you. Amen.
As children of God, let us worship God!

*Hymn 663 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* MORNING HYMN

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... Friends, believe the Good News – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

*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

LAUDS

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 13-15 (p. 285)

Hymn 439 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* Psalm 103
(please remain seated)

Second Lesson Matthew 7: 1-5 (pp. 6-7)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *They Had Yale; We Have Jesus* The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco

*Hymn 629 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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, engages 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!

The Offering
Offertory Anthem *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Hillert

*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

Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God, and through them bring life and hope to many. Through 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 688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

*Benediction

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Walther

*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.

We Welcome The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco to the pulpit this morning while Pastor J.C. is away. Steve is a native Pittsburgher. He was ordained by Pittsburgh Presbytery in 1988. After a stint teaching religious ethics at Elmhurst College in Chicago, he served as the library director at Pittsburgh and Princeton theological seminaries for a combined total of twenty-five years. Before assuming the duties of the Divinity Librarian at Yale in 2015, he served as an interim pastor in Monmouth and Redstone presbyteries. His seminary degree is from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, his library degree is from the University of Pittsburgh, and his PhD is from Princeton University. He and his wife Lizzie have eight children between them.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Bruce Gordon

Ushers: Caty Poole, Mike Spicer

Friendship Hour Hosts: The Wallman 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.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School has ended for the season: Both the Children and Youth programming and the adult program will resume in September.

 **Weekly Update on Becoming a Sanctuary Church:** Whether you have attended a training or not - your help is needed! All who are interested in participating in the life of this work, please go to <https://firstpresnewhaven.breezechms.com/form/892647> to complete our Volunteer Registration form. Members of the Sanctuary Coordinating Team will then be in touch to follow up.

CT Folk Concert, Friday, June 1st @ 7:30 p.m.— The final concert of this season's First Friday series will feature, "The End of America." This Philadelphia based band blends three-part harmony with rock and Americana style music. First Pres receives ten complimentary tickets; email the church office if you want to attend.

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. 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.

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.

Save the Date; Sunday, June 10th—End of Year Potluck Picnic. Burgers and beverages will be provided; plan to bring a side or dessert to share. This will also be our last Sunday worshipping at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, before switching to the 9:30 a.m. summer worship schedule.

Columbus House Homeless Shelter: Seeking a few good people to cook and/or serve and/or provide donations for dinner the first Saturday during upcoming summer months. It only takes a couple hours of your time early in the evening but it's wonderful way to do your bit for mission. New to the church or haven't participated before? Speak to Pat Wales after service or e-mail her (patwales@att.net). Thanks for helping out...the guests will be very grateful.

Date Change: The IRIS Women's Sewing Group Craft Fair, originally planned for the afternoon of Saturday, June 2nd, will be rescheduled for a later date TBA.

The June Inkling Deadline is noon on Wednesday, May 30th. Please send your announcements and articles to the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com.

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.

Family and friends of Florene Hughes, Kirk Hughes' mother, who passed away last week.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

People who are homeless.

Prayers for our immigrant friends in local sanctuary churches, and for their families.

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 27	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
Wednesday, May 30	12:00 p.m.	June Inkling Deadline
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday, June 1	7:30 p.m.	Folk Concert
Saturday, June 2	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	5:30 p.m.	Columbus House dinner
Sunday, June 3	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler Robert Williams	Phillip Phiri
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
Music Director:	Patrick McCreless
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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 Wednesday 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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