

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*Creating Communities of Faith*

July 15, 2018

9:30 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Sonata in C Minor (K. 254)</i> <i>Sonata in D Major (K. 288)</i>	Scarlatti
Introit	<i>My Lord, What a Mornin'</i> Alisa Dunovant, solo	Spiritual

### Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Today, we come together to worship the God of creation, the God of salvation, the God of time and eternity;**

We come to worship the God of all peoples, of all nations, of all conditions of people everywhere.

**Praise God! All that is within me, praise God's holy name!**

**Come! Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 686                      *God of Our Life*                      SANDON

### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

..... God desires for our lives to be full of light and goodness. Therefore, friends, believe the Good News:

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

\*Song of Praise                      *A Place Called Home*                      FINLANDIA

### \*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 row.  
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Response

*Go-Between God*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith

From Confession of 1967 (9.32)

**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.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4: 1, 7-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Christian Community: Love in the Time of Chaos*

John Dinkler

\*Hymn 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

The Offering

Offertory

*As a Deer*

arr. A. Dunovant

Alisa Dunovant, alto saxophone

\*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

**Holy God, we are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us new life. Receive these gifts from us and through them bring life and hope to many. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

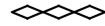
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

\*Hymn716                      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*                      BEACH SPRING

\* Benediction

Postlude                      *Sonata in C Major (K. 255)*                      Scarlatti

\*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 Elder John Dinkler to the pulpit this morning.** John and his family have worshipped at First Pres since moving to New Haven in the summer of 2014. He currently serves on session and has been involved in PCUSA churches for much of the past 20 years, starting when he was working in youth ministry at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church out of college. He works as a cardiologist in Wallingford, and is the husband of Michal Beth Dinkler and father to Alethea and Daelen.

**We also Welcome Alisa Dunovant as our soloist this morning.** Alisa is a native of Lexington, SC and a former middle school band director. In August of 2017, she moved to New Haven to begin her studies in Yale Divinity School's Master of Divinity program. She joined FPCNH in May and is excited to be a member of this community as she enters into the ordination process.

**Participating in worship leadership this morning are:**

Liturgist: Alethea Dinkler

Ushers: Jane Hindenlang, Charles McEnally

Friendship Hour Hosts: Jim and Betty Whitney

**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 next door 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](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her regular day off, though she will be on vacation till Thursday this coming week.

**Volunteers needed to Usher and Host Friendship Hour this summer!** These are easy tasks which make our church a welcoming place. Team up with an old friend or someone new, and sign-up on the sheet on the corner table! We need ushers for next Sunday. Written instructions are provided.

**Refugee Craft Fair Saturday, July 21:** First Pres will host the Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) women's sewing group's craft fair from 1-4 p.m. this Saturday, July 21st. Come see handiwork for sale and remember cash is preferred. We do need a few volunteers to help out, especially at the end to help make sure everything gets back in its proper place. Contact Lynn Autry if you can assist at any time during the afternoon.

**The First Pres Summer Book Group:** The two discussions our summer book - *Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck - are scheduled for this Monday, July 16 (tomorrow) and Wednesday, August 22. We will be meeting at the Hunt's at 86 Edgemere Road in Hamden at 7 p.m. We hope you are able to attend at least one of the discussions, if not both. Please let Art or Mary Hunt know which date(s) you plan to attend.

**3rd Thursday Potluck this week!** Pastor JC and Heather invite you to come to the Church's Manse for fellowship and food. They'll provide the main dish—likely something from the grill—and you provide a side or dessert. Come anytime after 6:30 p.m. The Manse is the yellow brick house next to the Owens Building, street address is 724 Whitney Ave.

**Fresh Produce for Christian Community Action:** In addition, to our non-perishable food donations in the wheelbarrow for CCA, this summer we are asking one volunteer each week to purchase up to \$40 in fresh produce at a local farmers' market or stand and deliver it to CCA as early in the week as possible. Choose whatever looks best to you. Deliver the produce to CCA at 168 Davenport Ave., New Haven, anytime Monday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, email [mission@fpcnh.org](mailto:mission@fpcnh.org) and we will email you a link to the volunteer form that will allow you to select the week(s) you are available. For more information, see the Mission Committee's flyer at [bit.ly/fpc-cca](http://bit.ly/fpc-cca).

**Teacher Training on Summer Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.:** Free Workshops open to all interested adults and youth who teach or who may consider taking teaching positions in the future, whether at First Pres or elsewhere. This Tuesday's class will be Boundaries Training, required for teaching at our church. Contact Kimberley ([kimberley@fpcnh.org](mailto:kimberley@fpcnh.org)) for more information.

**Friendship Bracelet Fridays 4-5 p.m.:** During July Fridays, join with friends to craft Friendship Bracelets, as part of our "Open and Affirming" ministry. Each gathering will include an educational component to expand compassionate understanding within and of the varied LGBTQ+ community. Meet on the front lawn (weather permitting) or in the Owens Community Building. Contact Kimberley ([kimberley@fpcnh.org](mailto:kimberley@fpcnh.org)) for more information.

**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.

Stuart Fritts, for healing and strength.

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

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

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

Welcoming Beatrice Cramer, born recently, daughter to James and Rebecca, and sister to Cecelia.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

People who are homeless.

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

James Smit, who is 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, July 15	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday, July 16	7:00 p.m.	Summer Book Discussion
Tuesday, July 17	5:00 p.m.	Ukulele Class
	6:30 p.m.	Teacher Training
Wednesday, July 18	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, July 19	6:30 p.m.	Third Thursday potluck
Friday, July 20	4:00 p.m.	Friendship Bracelets
Saturday, July 21	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, July 22	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Refugee Craft Fair
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2018	John Dinkler	Phillip Phiri
	Robert Williams	James Duncan
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 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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