



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Creating Communities of Faith

July 29, 2018

9:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Preludio and Sonata in G Minor* Handel

Introit *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Spiritual (arr. Carter)
Angela Daniels, solo

Call to Worship

Let us pray: Holy God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather.

We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your spirit, eager to hear your Word.

Fill our hearts with your spirit and prepare us for faithful worship. Amen.

Come! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 401 *Here in This Place* GATHER US IN

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... God will cast our sins into the depths of the sea. 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*

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 24

Second Lesson Proverbs 3: 1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Change and Trust Go Hand in Hand* Andrew McCloskey

*Hymn 684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go* LUX PRIMA

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.

The Offering

Offertory

He Shall Feed His Flock, from Messiah

Handel

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**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

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give them with a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. 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 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*Benediction

Postlude

Aria, from Partita in G Major

Handel

*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 Andrew McCloskey to the pulpit this morning. Andrew grew up going to First Pres with his family and served as a Youth Elder while he was a student at Guilford High School. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 2015, where he was a founding member of the Wesleyan Association of Christian Thinkers (WACT), and recently returned from Mozambique where he lived for just over two years working as an Education and Youth Development Volunteer in the US Peace Corps. Next month, Andrew will move to Kent, CT where he will begin his career as an educator at Kent School teaching biology and psychology.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Bruce Peabody

Ushers: Martha Smith,

Friendship Hour Hosts: The McCloskey and Balakrishnan Families

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 or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her regular day off.

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

The First Pres Summer Book Group: The next discussion of our summer read - Go, Went, Gone by Jenny Erpenbeck - is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22. We will be meeting at the home of Ned and Wanda Castner, 122 Ashler Village in Wallingford (*please note the change in location*). If you can arrive early, plan to attend a pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. The book discussion will begin at 7 p.m. The group that met on July 16 talked about continuing the book group into the fall. Please come on August 22 even if you have not had a chance to finish the book. The discussion will be interesting and you can help choose our next read. Please let Art or Mary Hunt know if you plan to attend.

Fresh Produce for Christian Community Action: In addition, to donating non-perishable food items in our green 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 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.

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 topic will be "Routines and Procedures." Contact Kimberley (kimberley@fpcnh.org) for more information.

Ukulele Tuesdays--Last Week! This Tuesday afternoon from 5-6:00 p.m. you will find Kimberley in the Community Building ready to show you the joy of playing a ukulele. An informal class will review basics skills along with techniques to build toward playing full songs. Bring a ukulele if you have one, but an instrument and prior knowledge are not required. This lesson series is open to all ages and skill levels.

Next Sunday we continue our summer preaching theme of Creating Communities of Faith with Kimberley Fais preaching. Pastor JC will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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.

Stuart Fritts, for healing and strength.

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

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.

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 29	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, July 31	5:00 p.m.	Ukulele Class
	6:30 p.m.	Teacher Training
Saturday, August 4	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, August 5	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler Robert Williams	Phillip Phiri James Duncan
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
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 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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