

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Creating Communities of Faith

August 5, 2018

9:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Sonata for Piano, Four Hands, K. 358, Allegro* Mozart

Call to Worship
God of Grace,
You have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praises.
Fill us with your Spirit,
That we may celebrate your glory, and worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.
With minds, hearts, and voices prone to the praise of God,
Come! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* O WALY WALY

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Patient, steadfast God, we confess that we are drawn to the allure of knowledge and skill for what the world tells us they mean about us and our worth. We measure ourselves and one another by usefulness, productivity, pace, and ability when you have created us to be alive. We pursue a kind of perfection that exhausts and consumes us when you have purposed us for fulfillment. We sustain systems that do not allow us the space to breathe deeply and the time to know our neighbors; systems that reduce your abundance of life to self-preservation. Renew us, O God, in your image once more. Transform us, connect us, and teach us what it means to receive your gifts of faith, life, and one another. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Let us take hold of this forgiveness, and live life in the Spirit of Jesus. Friends, trust in this promise and 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.

The Children in Worship program will resume next Sunday.

Response *Go-Between God*

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

Second Lesson

John 14:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

How Does the Body of Christ Learn?

Kimberley Fais

*Hymn 533

In the Singing

BREAD OF PEACE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*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 Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....And so, with all your people, with angels, archangels, and with the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name, joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho
san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est!

The prayer continues ...

...Remembering the grace of your Son Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Today we will receive the Sacrament by intinction.
Please come forward to receive a piece of bread and then dip it into the cup.
Those who wish to remain seated will be served in their seats.
(Gluten free bread is available too.)

Prayer after Communion

The Offering

Offertory *Sonata for Piano, Four Hands, K. 358, Adagio* Mozart
Linda and Patrick McCreless, piano

*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.**

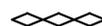
*Prayer of Thanksgiving
With these gifts, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives for the sake of Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*Hymn *We Are the Church* PORT JERVIS

*Benediction

Postlude *Sonata for Piano, Four Hands, K. 358, Molto presto* Mozart

*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.

Preaching this morning is Kimberley Fais, our Director of Christian Education for Children & Youth. Kimberley holds her Master of Divinity from Drew Theological School. Her undergraduate work at Sarah Lawrence College and Oxford University led her from the field of creative arts therapy into ministry’s waiting arms. Previously, she has worked for the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:
Liturgist: Kathryn Miller-Jensen
Ushers: Scott Haight, Sadako Ohki
Communion Servers: Kimberley Fais, Beth Aura Miller, and David Miller
Friendship Hour Hosts: Pat Wales, Martha Smith
Flowers: Given by Patricia Murphy, in memory of her mother, Jeanette, and grandmother, Vera.

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. 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 (mmarhunt@gmail.com or 203-288-3530) know if you plan to attend.

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 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 "Listening and Following Directions." Contact Kimberley (kimberley@fpcnh.org) for more information.

Memorial Cairn Tomorrow: Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will mark the cost of the continuing violence in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Mid-East with a 15 minute prayer service at the intersection of Broadway, Elm and Park streets in New Haven on Monday evening, August 6th, at 6 p.m.

Garden Helpers Needed: Our new flower bed is lovely, but a few hours service from any volunteer weeders in the flower garden and gravel next to the Owens Building would be much appreciated! Contact Pat Wales if you can help.

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.

Stewart Fritts, currently at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford.

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, August 5	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday, August 6	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Cairn
Tuesday, August 7	6:30 p.m.	Teacher Training
Saturday, August 11	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, August 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	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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