

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Creating Communities of Faith

August 12, 2018

9:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Fugue in E Major*, from *Well-Tempered Clavier*, Book II Bach

Introit *Ave Regina Coelorum* Guillame Dufay

Call to Worship

Our worship is in the name of the Creator,

The one eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being.

And of the Redeemer,

Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom the love of God is made manifest among us,

And of the Sustainer,

The Holy Spirit by whom we become the people of God and the church of Jesus Christ.

As we gather here this morning,

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 303 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* CHURCH UNITED

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious God, have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins. Remove from us the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives of healing and unity to a broken world. We pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... With this promise, go and live as people reconciled. 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

Psalm 133

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-7;11-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

That "U" Word

Joshua Narcisse

*Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The Offering

Offertory

Irish Folksong

Arr. Campo

Recorder Ensemble

*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

Generous God, you have given us life; a place to live in, and a people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our siblings – especially those in need of help and comfort. May your love and justice and peace come to them through these gifts and through the ministries of your church. 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 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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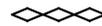
*Benediction

Postlude

Noel, # 12

Claude L. D'Aquin

*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 Joshua Narcisse to the pulpit this morning. Joshua is a proud native of Queens, NY. During his teenage years he became a member of Dunton Presbyterian Church, where he first began to explore the call to ministry. Joshua is a graduate of Howard University where he was a double major, earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Political Science. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Yale Divinity School and will be entering his final year of study this month. Joshua is active in the PCUSA, currently serving on the Committee for Congregational Ministry and Nurture and the 2020 Vision Team of the Office of the General Assembly. Joshua enjoys a reading historical fiction, listening to new-soul and jazz, and the all the joy that comes with being back in a city where you can get a proper slice.

We also Welcome our musical guests: Peter Dickinson, Pam Elliot, Judy Gedge, Julia Blue Raspe (coach), Deborah Tenney.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Paula Burkhard

Ushers: Nancy Walker, Tim McCloskey

Friendship Hour Hosts: Pat Wales, Lynn Autry

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. She will be away on vacation this week and next Sunday; if you need pastoral care during that time, please contact the church office (203) 562-5664 or admin@fpcnh.org.

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.

No Third Thursday Potluck this week: Pastor JC and Heather are on vacation this week, so this month's Third Thursday Potluck is also taking a break! See you back at the Manse on Thursday, September 20th.

The First Pres Summer Book Group: The 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 wish, plan to attend a pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. The book discussion will begin at 7 p.m. 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 as early in the week as possible 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. 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 "Rules and Consequences." Contact Kimberley (kimberley@fpcnh.org) for more information.

Next Sunday we continue our summer preaching theme of Creating Communities of Faith with Jen Herbst preaching.

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 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, August 14	6:30 p.m.	Teacher Training
Saturday, August 15	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, August 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	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 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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