



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Creating Communities of Faith

August 19, 2018

9:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Traumerei* Schumann

Call to Worship

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

You formed us, love us, and give us all we need.

You give us new life and hope of healing to the world.

You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.

For your gracious love for us, and for your imponderable cords which draw us near to one another, we give you thanks. Amen.

As a gathered community, come! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you showed humility by becoming one of us, yet too often we practice pride.

You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem, yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out, yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.

You freely forgave and healed, yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.

Forgive us, O God, so that we might show your love. Through Christ we pray.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... God's understanding is beyond measure. Therefore, friends, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise

A Place Called Home

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*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 Zechariah 8: 3-8

Second Lesson Matthew 10: 5-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Grappling with 'Worthy'* Jennifer Herbst

*Hymn 728 *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING

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 *Le fille aux cheveux de lin* Debussy

*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
Loving God, use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. 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 295 *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

Postlude *Prelude Op. 45* Chopin

*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 Jennifer Herbst to the pulpit this morning. Jen joined the First Pres community six years ago with her other half, Scott Funston, and is currently serving on Session. She teaches law, policy, and ethics at Quinnipiac University's law school and medical school.

We also welcome Margret Erlendsdottir to the piano this morning while Patrick McCreless is away. Margaret, who graduated from Yale College in 2015, is currently studying in a joint MD and PhD program at the Yale Medical School. She also is an accomplished pianist, winner of the 2014 William Waite Concerto Competition and occasionally plays at First Presbyterian Church.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Bonnie Sherman

Ushers: Martha Smith, Ernie Bodenweber

Friendship Hour Hosts: Pat Wales, Sue Balakrishnan

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 is away on vacation today, but will be back and in the office on Tuesday; if you need pastoral care before Tuesday, please contact the church office (203) 562-5664 or admin@fpcnh.org.

Volunteers needed to Usher and Host Friendship Hour! These are easy tasks which make our church a welcoming place. New sign up sheets are out on the corner table and **we need volunteers** for upcoming Sundays. 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 this 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. The group that met in July talked about continuing the book group into the fall. Feel free to come on Wednesday 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 "Bad Days and Tough Classes." Contact Kimberley (kimberley@fpcnh.org) for more information.

Next Sunday will be the final Sunday for our summer preaching theme of "Creating Communities of Faith". Pastor J.C. Cadwallader will preach.

Sad News: On August 9, 2018, To Hear, who originally came to New Haven in 1984 as a refugee from Cambodia, died at Yale New Haven Hospital. Our church sponsored him and his family, and many of our members assisted in their resettlement. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to To Hear's son, Sokhoun Hear, at 999 James St., New Haven, CT 06511.

Save the Date – Committee Night – Tuesday, August 28: All who are interested in helping to shape the life of this church for the upcoming fall season, come to Committee Night! Whether you're a long-time member of the CLOC, Stewardship, Worship, Mission, or Christian Education Committees or just have some fresh ideas for the season ahead - come and plan with us! Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided for the youngest among us - though young people are encouraged to help plan too!

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 struggle with addiction.

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 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, August 21	6:30 p.m.	Teacher Training
	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Book Group Potluck
	7:00 p.m.	Book Group Discussion
Saturday, August 25	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, August 26	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

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Class of 2019

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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

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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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