

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

9:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Three Spirituals

Introit

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Traditional Gospel Song

Call to Worship

Beloved, we gather here in this place to worship the living God.

For it is God who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall.

God sustains the living and gives life to the dead.

God supports the falling, releases the captive, looses those who are bound.

God keeps faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like God—God of such mighty acts?

Praise be to God!

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions.

We wound rather than heal, tear down rather than build up, remain silent and stagnant rather than humble and loving. Open our eyes that we may see you in the ones we say we love. Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak. Open our mouths, to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors. Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists. Guide us, O God, in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... so great is God's steadfast and gracious love. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise

God Welcomes All
(sing twice)

THEMBA AMEN

*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

If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

O WALY WALY

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 29: 13-21

Second Lesson

James 1: 17-27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Doers of the Word

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Like as the Hart (Psalm 42)
Alisa Dunovant, solo

Liddle

*Doxology

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Generous God, we marvel at your lavish gifts: life and breath, food and shelter,
opportunities for work and play, and, most especially, hope and peace in Christ.
We now pledge ourselves to mirror and reflect the glory of your self-giving love,
to continue the pattern of generosity we see perfectly revealed in Christ, through
whom we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

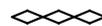
*Benediction

Postlude

*I Just Come from the Fountain
(His Name So Sweet)*

Spiritual

*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.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Michael Tenney

Communion Servers: Jen Herbst, Scott Funston, Rona Johnston

Ushers: Jane Hindenlang, Joel LaChance

Friendship Hour Hosts: Pat Wales, Kathy Milligan

Flowers: From the Worship Committee; welcoming all to the fall season at First Pres.

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 day off.

Welcome to Graham Bridgeman, our Yale Divinity School intern this academic year. Graham grew up in the PCUSA, and is currently under care at Middle Collegiate Church in New York, seeking ordination in the UCC. A West-Coast transplant, Graham spent a decade in New York City working in fundraising before coming to New Haven to pursue a theological education. He is particularly interested in addressing disenfranchised grief and spiritual trauma in LGBTQ communities, and in the spiritual and ethical implications of churches adopting non-profit fundraising models.

Outside of his academic pursuits, Graham enjoys musical theater, good project management software, Dr. Who, baking bread, and historical fiction. In addition, he is the happy husband of an amazing architect who still lives in New York, and a proud parent of their three cats. He holds a BFA in Musical Theater and a BA in English Literature from NYU.

Volunteers needed to Usher and Host Friendship Hour! These are easy tasks that 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 Fall Inkling deadline is this Tuesday, September 4th. Please send your notices and announcements for September, October, and November events to the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com. Note that we are switching from issuing monthly Inklings to *seasonal* Inklings, and the Advent Inkling deadline will be November 6th.

Tuesday, September 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Boundaries Training & General Classroom Policies, mandatory for all adults in ministry with children or youth. If you can't make it to this session, another one may be scheduled. Please write to kimberley@fpcnh.org. Free and open to the public for use in other contexts. Dinner will be provided.

For Students: Montreat College Conference, Jan 2-5, 2019: As you head off to college this fall, consider spending some time over your holiday break with college students of faith from across the country at the Montreat College Conference. If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor JC at pastorjc@fpcnh.org

Next Sunday, Sept 9th, Sunday Worship will return to 10:45 a.m. The fall season kicks off with intergenerational activities at 9:30 a.m. and worship back in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. The choir will sing and Pastor JC will preach on James 2: 1-18.

Potluck Picnic next Sunday, Sept 9th: Plan on staying after worship for our Welcome Home Picnic. Reconnect with friends after the summer, welcome newcomers and enjoy a potluck picnic on our front lawn. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and drinks will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert (to serve 12-15 people) to share. Additionally, we ask that you bring your dish ready to serve! It is always a great time to gather to share a meal and look forward to the new season!

The FPCNH Choir will begin its rehearsals for the fall season this Wednesday, September 5, and will sing in worship for the first time on Sunday, September 9. We sing music of a wide range of styles, from spirituals and gospel music to Renaissance motets, and from Bach and Handel to contemporary works of all sorts. We welcome all singers. If you haven't sung in the choir before and would like to, please get in touch with Pat McCreless after church. We rehearse at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 (the service begins at 10:45). The Sunday rehearsals are especially for those who cannot come on Wednesday, but still want to sing and contribute to our music in the Sunday services.

Multi-Church Youth Ministry Kickoff on Sept 9th: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, will lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. We kick off with a block party at Spring Glen United Church of Christ from 5-7 p.m. We'll have an inflatable obstacle course along with summer games and activities. Come and meet our neighbors!

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 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.

Flowers: The Worship Committee is looking for a few people who will be willing to contribute flowers for our worship on the first Sunday of each month. If you wish to provide flowers for worship, please sign up at the corner table, or you can contact the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com. Tell us who or what they honor, and put a check for \$50 in the offering plate with a memo that it is for flowers.

Sunday Church Parking: Please remember that our small church lot is reserved on Sunday morning for those with limited mobility. For everyone else, there is plenty of parking on Whitney Avenue, Huntington Street, the front lawn (weather permitting) or the Worthington Hooker School lot across the street.

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, September 3rd, at 6 p.m.

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

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, who is in Hartford Hospital.

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.

The community of Church of the Redeemer as they hold their final worship service today.

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

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| Sunday, September 2 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship and Communion |
| | 10:35 a.m. | Friendship Hour |
| Monday, September 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Memorial Cairn |
| | 7:00 p.m. | AA meeting |
| Tuesday, September 4 | 5:45 p.m. | Communications Committee |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Boundaries Training |
| | 11:00 p.m. | Fall Inkling Deadline |
| Wednesday, September 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, September 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| Saturday, September 8 | 9:30 a.m. | Women's AA |
| Sunday, September 9 | 9:30 a.m. | Intergenerational Christian Ed |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Potluck Picnic |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group@Spring Glen UCC |

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

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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

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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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