



# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 9, 2018

10:45 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Prière</i> for Organ	Saint-Saens
Introit	<i>Sing to God with Joy</i>	arr. Bell

Call to Worship

Who are we, gathering in this place?

**We are disciples of Christ.**

Why are we here?

**To journey together on the way.**

Where does this way take us?

**To the knowledge - in our heads and in our hearts - that we are God's beloved, called as partners in Christ's service.**

And how do we follow this way?

**By loving God. By loving our neighbor. By loving ourselves.**

This is our purpose.

**This is our way.**

**As fellow travelers on the way, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn

*Draw the Welcome Circle Wider*

BEACH SPRING

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you and to love our neighbor, we confess that our love is diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. Forgive us. In deep mercy spare us. In grace, rekindle our love for you and our neighbor. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... may we receive the healing that comes with God's unending grace. Friends, believe the good news:

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

\*Song of Praise

*God Welcomes All*

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

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Joshua 2: 1-7 (pp. 194-195)

Hymn 848 *Trust in God* Psalm 125  
(remain seated)

Second Lesson James 2:1-18 (pp. 229-230)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Faith and Works* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 317 *In Christ There is No East or West* MCKEE CM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*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 Offering  
Offertory

*Make Strong for Service*

Cherubini

\*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

**We are not our own; we belong to you, O God. You have created us and given us new life. Receive these gifts from us and through them bring life and hope to many. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**God's love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to God with Thanksgiving.**

For the good world,

for things great and small, beautiful and awesome,  
for seen and unseen splendors,

**Thank you, God.**

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together,

for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying,

**Thank you, God.**

For work to do, and strength to work;

for the comradeship of labor,

for exchanges of good humor and encouragement,

**Thank you, God.**

for your help in times of doubt and sorrow,

for healing our diseases,

for preserving us in temptation and danger,

**Thank you, God.**

For the church into which we have been called,  
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament,  
for our life together with you,

**Thank you, God.**

For the first year of the ministry of Pastor JC Cadwallader  
For her calling to bring your Word to our church and world,  
For her leadership in worship and community life,

**Thank you, God.**

To welcome our friends from Church of the Redeemer,  
For the opportunity to grow with them,  
To sing, praise and listen with them,

**Thank you, God**

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord,  
and to all people give dignity, food and shelter.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach,  
and all who learn.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us true repentance,  
forgive our sins,  
and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit,  
to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

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

*Psalm 32*

Marcello

\*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: Ralph Jones

Ushers: Paula Burkhard, Charles McEnally

**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](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

**Potluck Picnic TODAY:** Plan on staying after worship for our Welcome Home Picnic. Reconnect with friends after the summer, welcome newcomers and enjoy a picnic on our front lawn. Come even if you forgot your dish—it is always a great time to gather to share a meal and look forward to the new season!

**Multi-Church Youth Ministry Kickoff This Afternoon:** 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!

**Special Music Next Sunday:** The Elm City Girls' Choir will join us in the morning service. They were unable to come last year, so it will be a joy to welcome them back again and hear their extraordinary singing.

**First Pres has a new website!** A task force from within the Communications Committee (Pastor JC, Rona Johnston, and the indispensable and superb skills of Mary Hunt) worked on the design and text through the summer. The address remains the same – check out [www.fpcnh.org](http://www.fpcnh.org). The new website is designed to function as a gateway to the church for existing members of the community and especially for potential visitors. Now less of a storage place for information and more of a snapshot of who we currently are, the website should be easier to navigate across devices and more engaging to the eye.

**New Option to Give to First Pres:** Don't carry cash anymore but still feel called to give? Just text (203) 689-7515 and type in the amount you'd like to give. Then follow the instructions that are sent to you henceforth. Christ calls us to give with a joyful heart - let us rejoice that we might give freely for the ministry of Christ in the world.

**Adult Sunday School** will begin next week at 9:30 a.m., meeting in the Miller Gathering Hall: Bruce Gordon will lead a class on the theme of "The Church in Scripture"

**Sunday School for Children and Youth** will also begin next Sunday: Contact Kimberley Fais for details at [kimberley@fpcnh.org](mailto:kimberley@fpcnh.org).

**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](mailto:pastorjc@fpcnh.org)

**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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/fpc-cca).

**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.

**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.

**Volunteer Signup Sheets** are available for Ushers, Friendship Hour Hosts, First Sunday Flowers, and Columbus House Monthly Dinner Prep in the Miller Hall. We especially need volunteers to prepare dinner in October at the Columbus House shelter.

## This Week

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
	4:30 p.m.	Play & Pray
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@Spring Glen UCC
Monday, September 10	12:00 p.m.	Presbytery Committee Mtg
	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Cairn
	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
Wednesday, September 12	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 13	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, September 15	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, September 16	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@Spring Glen UCC

### **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.

Walt Schenck, who has entered into hospice care.

Stewart Fritts, who is recovering in Newington's Jefferson House.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is continuing rehab after 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.

## 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](mailto: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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