



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Sonata per Organo* Bassani

Introit *Selection Sung by Elm City Girls Choir*

Call to Worship
We gather as God's beloved children.

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community.

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, when we cloud the air with senseless words; when we bend your ear for our own greed, ignoring the needs of others; when we silence the cries for justice of those around us; when we ignore the voice of Christ in our midst; when we fail to praise you with our words and actions, have mercy on us. Forgive us, we pray, in the name of your Beloved Child. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... and ignites our hearts to respond in love. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN
(sing twice)

*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 Isaiah 50: 4-9a (p. 681)

Psalm Psalm 19

Second Lesson James 3: 1-12 (pp. 229-230)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Taming The Tongue* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 693 *Though I May Speak* GIFT OF LOVE

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

Selection Sung by Elm City Girls Choir

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**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

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you and you fill us with good things. With these gifts, we pray, may the word of your love be spread far and wide through the ministries of this 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 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

*Benediction

Postlude

Selection Sung by Elm City Girls Choir

*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: Martha Smith

Ushers: Debbie Tenney, Tala Jarjour, Bruce Peabody

Friendship Hour Hosts: Candice Gray, Bonnie Sherman

We welcome the Elm City Girls' Choir to worship today. For at least 17 years, we have welcomed this group into our church hall for a choir retreat on Saturday, followed by their singing in worship on Sunday morning. Led by their director Rebecca Rosenbaum, the Elm City Girls' Choir is just one of the many choirs that now make up the United Choir School, in which over 600 girls from all across Connecticut's southern region come together to sing.

Nursery care is provided each morning from 10:30-noon 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.

Youth Group News: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, will lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This afternoon from 5-7 p.m., the Multi-Church Youth Group meets for Chill Night at Spring Glen UCC. We'll share dinner prearranged by parent volunteers and enjoy a photo scavenger hunt. Next Sunday, Sept 23rd, Pastor JC will join the youth for an adventure on a high ropes course from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Third Thursday Potluck, Sept 20 @ 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come to the Manse for dinner and fellowship next week. Pastor JC and Heather will be grilling burgers (meat and veggie) and hot dogs - you bring a side, dessert, or beverage (adult or child friendly). The Manse is the yellow brick house beside the Owens Building on Whitney Ave.

Sunday School For Children and Youth: Starting at 9:30 a.m., we begin on the playground (weather permitting, or if necessary in the Copeland Room) for a time of greeting and opening prayer. Then children will be guided to classrooms in the Education Wing of the church building. Keith and Sophie (teachers for ages 5-8) and Graham and Theo (teachers for ages 9+) look forward to seeing you! At 10 a.m., infants through age 4 and their guardians may join Kimberley in the light blue (first) classroom for an inter-generational time of prayer, music, and mindful breathing.

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

Interested in Joining the Church? Mark Friday, Sept 28 @ 6:30pm on your calendar. If you are new or *newish* to First Presbyterian Church, and are interested in growing in faith and community with us, come to the Manse (724 Whitney Ave) for a special dinner and time of fellowship. If interested, please send a message to PastorJC@fpcnh.org. We're looking forward to getting to know you!

Stewart Fritts' Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 6th, 10:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 600 Shepard Ave, Hamden, CT. A reception will follow the service.

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.

Volunteer Signup Sheets are available for Ushers, Friendship Hour Hosts, First Sunday Flowers, Columbus House Monthly Dinner Prep, and attending Monday ULA meetings (see below) in the Copeland Room. Note that you now can signup remotely at www.signupgenius.com; search for signups originating from fpcnhadm@gmail.com.

 **ULA Meetings** - Being a sanctuary church means we are called to work as hard as we can to ensure no one needs to take sanctuary with us. Families need our support ensuring they remain together and in their own homes. One way that we can build relationships with families in need is by attending the ULA (Unidad Latina en Accion) meetings held at First & Summerfield United Methodist Church in downtown New Haven on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Each meeting, we need 2 representatives from First Pres to attend. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com; search for signups originating from fpcnhadm@gmail.com

Columbus House Homeless Shelter: Seeking a few good people to cook and/or serve and/or provide donations for dinner the first Saturday of the month in October, November or December. It only takes a couple hours of your time early in the evening but it's wonderful way to do your bit for mission. New to the church or haven't participated before? Speak to Pat Wales after service or e-mail her (patwales@att.net). Thanks for helping out...the guests will be very grateful.

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. 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.

For Students: Montreat College Conference, Jan 2-5, 2019: As you start 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

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.

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.

Mental Illness talk on Monday, Sept 17 @ 6 pm Meet with one of our members, Bruce Gordon, president of the local National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), at Niebuhr Hall at Yale Divinity School, who will speak on a panel with other local folks talking about resources and skills needed to overcome the challenges of depression. Dinner will be provided.

Save the Dates: Cozy Potlucks on Nov 4th and Dec 8th: How does an evening of interesting food and even more interesting conversation with new friends sound? Join 6-8 others at someone's home for a cozy potluck on Saturday evening November 4th and/or Saturday December 8th. If you could host one of these informal cozies or if you just have questions, contact Dick Hasbany. Think low key, tasty, and cozy! Sign ups start next week.

This Week

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
Monday, September 17	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
Tuesday, September 18	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, September 19	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 20	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Third Thursday Potluck
Saturday, September 22	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, September 23	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	2:30 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.

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

Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.

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.

Message from Joan Wells:

Words do not adequately express the love, care and support I have received from JC and the church family following the recent death of my loving husband, Stewart Fritts. During the many months of Stewart's declining health many of you were most caring and supportive of him and me. I know he appreciated it as do I. I am most grateful to God for all of you, my special church family, my caring angels.

God Bless,
Joan Wells.

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

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Timothy McConnell

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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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