

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 23, 2018

10:45 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Fantasy on "Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	Post
Introit	<i>Here to the House of God We Come</i>	Gibson

### Call to Worship

Let us pray: Loving God, we come to you for truth, that we might discern clearly and that we might understand.

**We come to you for comfort, that we might be sustained and that we might be understood.**

We come to you for the challenge that we might be reminded, that our ways are not your ways and that we can change.

**We come to you, Holy One. We come to you in hope. Amen.**

We gather to sing praises to God, to pray for ourselves and for the world, and to bear witness to God's Word among us.

**Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn 1	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	NICAEA
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### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, our reconciler, we come before you as a people of folly, who have sought the wisdom of the world. We have built arms and prepared for war, thinking that will bring us peace and security. Yet we find ourselves an anxious people, isolated from one another and from you. We have sought to make ourselves great by pointing out the evil in others. Yet we confess that we, too, are stained with evil. Help us, O God, to know not the folly of the world but the wisdom of Christ, who is our hope. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

..... It is not we who hope but God who hopes in us. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise	<i>God Welcomes All</i> (sing twice)	THEMBA AMEN
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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 *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers* O WALY WALY

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Proverbs 2: 1-11 (p. 585)

Hymn 457 *How Happy Are the Saints of God* Psalm 1  
(remain seated)

Second Lesson James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 11-12 (pp. 230-231)

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

Sermon *Where Do The Conflicts Come From?* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 282 *Come Down, O Love Divine* DOWN AMPNEY

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 *Sanctus and Benedictus* Hassler  
from *Missa secunda*

\*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  
**Through your goodness, O God, we have this offering to bring, the result of our human efforts in your holy world. May you bless its use for the mission of your church. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

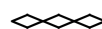
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 702 *Christ Be Beside Me* BUNESSAN

\*Benediction

Postlude *God's Angels of Light* Post

\*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: Graham Bridgeman

Ushers: Candice and Brian Gray

Friendship Hour Host: Rona Johnston

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

**Interested in Joining the Church?** Mark this 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](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org). We're looking forward to getting to know you!

**Youth Group News:** Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, will lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This evening from 5-6:30 p.m. is our Fall Festival. We'll enjoy cider and fall-themed games. Next Sunday, Sept. 30th, Pastor JC will join the youth for an adventure on a high ropes course from 2:30-5:30 p.m.


**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** meet will meet next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall.

**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](http://www.signupgenius.com); search for signups originating from [office@fpcnh.org](mailto:office@fpcnh.org).

 **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](http://www.signupgenius.com); search for signups originating from [office@fpcnh.org](mailto:office@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.

**Save the Dates: Cozy Potlucks on Nov 3rd and Dec 1st:** 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 in November and/or December. Sign up to attend at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) (find FPCNH signups using the email, [office@fpcnh.org](mailto:office@fpcnh.org)). If you just have questions, contact Dick Hasbany at (475) 227-2198. Think low key, tasty, and cozy!

### The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler Robert Williams	Phillip Phiri James Duncan
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach Fiona Scott Morton	Rona Johnston Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan Jennifer Herbst	Jennifer Ballew 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

**Please remember that parking is available** at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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**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 suffered losses from hurricanes in North Carolina and the Philippines.

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, September 23

9:30 a.m.

Christian Ed for all ages

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m.

Worship

12:00 p.m.

Friendship Hour

5:00 p.m.

Youth Group@Spring Glen UCC

Monday, September 24

7:00 p.m.

AA meeting

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 27

9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting

Friday, September 28

6:30 p.m.

New Members Dinner

Saturday, September 29

9:30 a.m.

Women's AA

Sunday, September 30

9:30 a.m.

Christian Ed for all ages

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m.

Worship

12:00 p.m.

Friendship Hour

2:30 p.m.

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**The church office welcomes your announcements** and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to [office@fpcnh.org](mailto:office@fpcnh.org) by Wednesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.