

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 30, 2018

10:45 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Prelude on "St. Columba"* Willan

Introit *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Thomerson

### Call to Worship

We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name and gathers us together in the unity of the Spirit.

**From the many challenges and joys of our lives, we are called into God's presence.**

Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, people of color and white, queer and straight, transgender and cis-gender, people with disabilities and able-bodied people.

**This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:**

Liberation and unity, justice and faith, expressed through different gifts.

**So, come! Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 285 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* BRIDEGROOM

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. We make idols out of the winning record of a team, the next promotion at work, the perfect family, or the latest technology. We indulge hateful thoughts against those we feel have offended us, and we are indifferent toward the suffering in our own neighborhoods. We are so busy with our lives that we forget every breath depends on you, and we forget that every person bears your image. Forgive us, O God. Have mercy upon us, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... God enables us to live in peace. 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

Mark 9: 38-50 (p. 45)

Hymn 330

*Our Help Is in the Name of God*

Psalm 124

Second Lesson

James 5: 13-20 (pp. 231-232)

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Prayer of Faith*

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 794

*O Savior, in this Quiet Place*

ST. STEPHEN

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

*What Does the Lord Require*

Nelson

\*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

**Accept our gifts, O God, because we need to give. Use our gifts to the greatest good they can accomplish here in our midst and far beyond our individual reach. We present them in thanksgiving for all you have given us and in gratitude for the privilege to share in your work. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

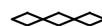
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

\*Hymn 792                      *There Is a Balm in Gilead*                      BALM IN GILEAD

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *Prelude on "Richmond"*                      Willan

\*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:  
Ushers: Tala Jarjour, Dick Hasbany  
Friendship Hour Hosts:  
Yale Divinity School Intern: Graham Bridgeman

**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.

**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.

**Youth Group:** Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, will lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This evening Pastor JC will join the youth for an adventure on a high ropes course from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Meet at Spring Glen UCC at 2:30 p.m. to car pool together.

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday Nancy Rupp and members of the Mission Committee will present a program on Bread for the World's work fighting hunger.

**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, October 1st, at 6 p.m.

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

**Next Sunday, October 7th**, World Communion Sunday, will be a special Sunday at First Pres in several ways:

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., will focus on Bread for the World's work and how we, as members of a partner church, can help fight hunger. Nancy Rupp and members of the Mission Committee will lead the class.

Worship at the 10:45 a.m. our friend and Executive Director of the Overseas Mission Study Center, the Rev. Tom Hastings, will preach on "Communion, Peace, and Witness." We'll also celebrate communion together, sing world music and collect the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering.

At Friendship Hour after worship, you're invited to contribute to our "offering of letters" by writing to your elected representatives asking them to support legislation to alleviate hunger.

**Save the Date: Saturday, Oct 13th:** Join the Property Committee for our next all-hands Property Workday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. We will join together in fellowship to plant spring bulbs, pull weeds, spread mulch, clean rooms, and take care of various other tasks to sustain the grounds and buildings that allow us to carry out our calling to be the Living Church. Contact Arthur Shippee for more info.

**Save the Date: Sunday, October 14th - Living Church Potluck:** At this season's Sunday potluck lunch, we will take some time to learn some new things about our denomination and church. Bring your favorite potluck dish and your questions about what it means to be a Presbyterian!

**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 Food Insecure Neighbors:** 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 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. Think low key, tasty, and cozy!

**This Week**

Sunday, September 30

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

Monday, October 1

6:00 p.m. Memorial Cairn  
7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Wednesday, October 3

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 4

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Saturday, October 6

9:30 a.m. Women's AA

Sunday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Christian Ed for all ages  
10:45 a.m. Worship & Communion  
12:00 p.m. Friendship Hour  
12:00 p.m. Offering of Letters  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group@United Church on the Green

**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.

Joanne Wood, Becky Cline's mother, who is recovering from surgery.

The family of Linda Yonika, Diane Goudreau's cousin, who died unexpectedly.

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.

### **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

**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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