

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

October 14, 2018

10:45 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Prelude in F-sharp minor from WTC, Book II* J.S. Bach

Introit *Listen, Lord* Bell

### Call to Worship

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

**We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

**We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.**

**Come, let us worship God.**

\* Hymn 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**God of Clarity, we are so confused. We say, "I believe" and act with unbelief.**

**We confuse having security with faith. We confuse sharing our excess with**

**generosity. We confuse having with deserving. Restore to us our rightful minds.**

**Help us to know what riches we have and where we are poor indeed. Help us to**

**know true penitence and genuine gratitude. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

..... Such forgiveness untangles our confusion and clarifies with wisdom. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

\*Song of Praise *My Life Flows On* Lowry

### \*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.

Minute for Giving Paula Burkhard

Response *God of Mercy, God of Grace* IMPACT

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Proverbs 1: 20-33 (pp. 584-585)

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**  
What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!**

Second Lesson Mark 9: 14-29 (pp. 44-45)

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Only Through Prayer* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 789 *Jesus, Lord, Now to You I Come* SARANAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith adapted from Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi

**I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.**

**I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family. There are no exceptions to God's love.**

**I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, and sacred; therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.**

**I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples - people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.**

**I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, and the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.**

**Glory is to God, the One in Three: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Power of love.  
Amen.**

The Offering  
Offertory *Kyrie from Mass No. 2 in G Major* Shubert  
Angela Daniels, solo

\*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  
**We present before You, O God, these gifts: letters asking our lawmakers to help move people out of hunger and poverty and our monies, that we might participate in the ministry of Jesus Christ. With these gifts, may your justice, peace and love be made known throughout all the world. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

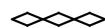
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

\*Hymn 265                      *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun*                      DUKE STREET

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude                      *Prelude in E major from WTC, Book I*                      J.S. Bach

\*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: Cressida Lui  
Ushers: Ernie Bodenweber, Jean Murray  
Yale Divinity School Intern: Graham Bridgeman

**We Welcome Knar Abrahamyan as our guest music director** while Pat McCreless is on vacation. She is a third-year music theory PhD student at Yale's Department of Music. Originally from Armenia, Knar moved to Tennessee 11 years ago. Her research interests include Russian music, sound studies, and intersections of music and philosophy.

**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.

**Stewardship Campaign Starts:** Today is the first Sunday of our five week program, ending on Sunday November 11 with a celebratory luncheon hosted by your Stewardship Committee. You can now pledge via email, or using the traditional pledge cards, which are available in the Copeland Room. Both our joys and our responsibilities are great this year. Please think and pray about all that First Presbyterian Church does and means for you and be generous in your pledge. –Elder Mary Porterfield, Stewardship Campaign Committee Chair.

**Offering of Letters:** Today during morning offering we include our “offering of letters” -- letters our church family and friends wrote last Sunday to our legislators in Washington, D.C. as part of Bread for the World's efforts against cutting programs which aid people in poverty. If you have letters written at home, place them today in the offering plate as it is passed. Mission Committee members will ensure that your letters are sent to your legislator(s) in Congress.

**TODAY after worship – Potluck Lunch:** At the Living Church Sunday Potluck lunch, we will learn some new things through an all-church-'pub trivia'-type game! Come share potluck dishes but leave your cell phones behind - tables will have to work together to come up with the answers to interesting questions about our Church!

**Play & Pray**, a group for parents with young children, will meet at 4:30 p.m. today at the Mecca's home. The main course will be provided, but if possible bring a salad, side or dessert or share. Contact Marcia Mecca for more information.

**Youth Group:** Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This Sunday, October 14th, 5-6:30 p.m., join us at United Church on the Green for an info session about next summer's mission trip to Mexico, where we'll be volunteering with Simply Smiles Home for Children. Next week, October 21st, 5-7 p.m., we'll share a dinner prearranged by volunteers and enjoy chill night at United Church on the Green. Email [youth@fpcnh.org](mailto:youth@fpcnh.org) for more info.

**Third Thursday Potluck, October 18 @ 6:30 p.m.** All are invited to come to the church's Manse for dinner and fellowship this Thursday. Pastor JC and Heather will prepare a main dish - 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.

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday, October 21st, the topic will be food insecurity in the New Haven area and how we can respond collaboratively. Come hear perspectives from leaders of local groups; FISH – Food in Service to the Homebound, New Haven Farms, and Massaro Community Farm.

**Sunday School For Children and Youth:** On Sunday, October 21st, infants and toddlers and their guardians will meet as usual with Kimberley at 10 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., ages 5-8 and 9+ will combine their classes and meet with Keith, John Dinkler, and Graham. We'll learn about the Living Church as a people of Courage and continue our preparations for our child-led Advent service.

**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, 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!

**Save the Date, Organ Recital Oct 28, 7 p.m.:** On the evening of Reformation Sunday we will have a special event for the season—an organ recital on our tracker organ by Gavin Black. Gavin grew up in the East Rock neighborhood of New Haven, and even practiced on our organ as a teenager! He is currently is the Director of the Princeton Early Keyboard Center.

**Looking Ahead :** Children of all ages in the church will lead the congregation in worship from start to finish on December 9th for their annual advent service. This year our story is the life of John the Baptist. If you are a child who's interested in participating in the play or co-leading worship in any other way, write to [kimberley@fpcnh.org](mailto:kimberley@fpcnh.org) by October 28th.

**Volunteer Signup Sheets** are now digital! An iPad is available in the Copeland Room to signup for Ushers, Friendship Hour Hosts, First Sunday Flowers, Columbus House Monthly Dinner Prep, Potlucks and attending Monday ULA meetings. A member of the Welcome Team will assist you if you've never used signup genius. Note that you can also signup from your smart phone or computer at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com); search for signups originating from [fpcnhadm@gmail.com](mailto:fpcnhadm@gmail.com).

**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. 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.

 **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 Press to attend. Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com); search for signups originating from [office@fpcnh.org](mailto:office@fpcnh.org)

**This Week**

Sunday, October 14	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck Lunch
	4:30 p.m.	Play & Pray
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@United Church on the Green
Monday, October 15	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
Tuesday, October 16	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, October 17	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, October 18	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Third Thursday Potluck
Saturday, October 20	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, October 21	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	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.  
Jim and Betty Whitney, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday.  
Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is continuing rehab after surgery.  
Joanne Wood, Becky Cline's mother, who is recovering from surgery.  
Kevin Morrison, Fiona Scott Morton's brother in law and his family, as his mother enters hospice.  
Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.  
Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.  
James Smit, who is serving in the armed forces.  
Those suffering losses from hurricanes and other natural disasters.  
Those who are hungry and food insecure.  
For our immigrant friends in local sanctuary churches, and for their families.  
Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.  
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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