

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Prelude in B minor from WTC, Book II* J.S. Bach

Introit *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord* Israeli melody

Call to Worship

Let us pray: Creating God, because you make all that draws forth our praise, and the forms in which to express it,

We praise you.

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being,

We praise you.

Because you for your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,

We praise you. Yours is the glory, O God. Amen.

We gather in this place, to praise God for courage and strength.

Come, let us worship God!

* Hymn 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will

Find courage in unlikely place,

See the world with new and gracious eyes,

Move to those places where love is needed,

Have faith that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

*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 Scott Funston

Response *God of Mercy, God of Grace* IMPACT

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (p. 604)

Hymn 806 *I'll Praise My Maker* Psalm 146
(remain seated)

Second Lesson Mark 7:24-30 (p. 42)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Changing Course* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS

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 *Jesus, Son of Life, My Splendor* Handel

*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
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are our own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing. 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 769 *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in D 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: Na-Rae Kim

Ushers: Charles McEnally, Tala Jarjour

Yale Divinity School Intern: Graham Bridgeman

Friendship Hour Hosts: Children and Youth of our church

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 or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Stewardship Blooming at First Pres.: Last Saturday, a few volunteers planted 2,000 crocus bulbs in our church lawn, to invite joy and the praise of God when they bloom next year. Your pledge made today will bloom next year in supporting our mission, our fellowship, and our worship. Pledge cards are available on tables in the Copeland Room. Fill one out and either drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. You can also email your pledge in confidence to stewardship@fpcnh.org (be sure to include your name, address, phone, total 2019 amount, and planned payment amount and interval).

Offering of Letters--GOOD NEWS: Our Bread for the World Offering of Letters held during Friendship Hour on October 7th (courtesy of the Mission Committee) garnered 68 letters. The letters have been sent to the Washington, DC offices of our representatives and senators, asking them to continue federal funding for people who need assistance with hunger and poverty. Thanks to everyone who wrote!

Next Sunday, October 28th, Organ Recital at 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.

Youth Group: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This Sunday, 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 for more info.

All Saints' Sunday, November 4th: All Saints Sunday invites us to remember those from our congregation as well as others we have loved who have died in the year past. It is a time to celebrate their homecoming with God. During worship on Sunday, November 4th, we will take time to read the names of those who have died since last year. If you would like to submit a name to be included in the litany of remembrance, please write their name on the bulletin insert and place in the offering plate. Or you may call or email the name of your loved one to the church office (office@fpcnh.org).

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 *by October 28th*.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday, October 28th, the topic will be The Church and Pastoral Care. The class will be led by Joyce Mercer, who worships with us, and teaches at the Yale Divinity School.

Sunday School For Children and Youth: Starting at 9:30 a.m., we begin in the green classroom for a time of greeting and opening prayer. Then children will be guided to their own age group classes. 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.


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.

Cozy Potlucks on Nov 3rd and Dec 1st: Have you signed up for a Cozy Potluck, on November 3rd or December 1st? If you think that an evening of interesting food and conversation with FPCNH friends sounds inviting, it is time to sign up to insure that there will be a place. Join 6-8 others at someone's home for a potluck the first Saturday of November or December. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com (find FPCNH signups using the email, office@fpcnh.org.) You'll be contacted the week before the potluck with details about location etc. Hope you can make one of these friendly dinners. If you just have questions, contact Dick Hasbany.

Save the Date – Committee Night – Tuesday, October 30: All who are interested in helping to shape the life of this church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, come to Committee Night! Whether you're a long-time member of the CLOC, Stewardship, Worship, Mission, Christian Education or Property Committees or just have some fresh ideas for the season ahead - come and plan with us! Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Committees will meet at 6:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided for the youngest among us - though young people are encouraged to help plan too!


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; search for signups originating from office@fpcnh.org.

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.

 **Sanctuary Update:** This week brought great news for Malik Naveed Rehman and his wife Zahida Altaf, who have been in Sanctuary in our friend Rev. Steve Jungkeit's Old Lyme church for nearly 7 months. They received a stay of deportation and can return to their New Britain home with their daughter to continue with their pizza business while waiting for their appeal.

For Nelson Pinos - his case is taking a new approach. Nelson has been in Sanctuary for almost a year now at First and Summerfield Church in New Haven. On Wednesday, Oct. 24, his lawyer will be filling a stay of removal to ICE asking that Nelson be allowed to fight his case from outside Sanctuary.

One of the ways our community can help is to write letters on his behalf. After worship today, you are invited to write a letter to the Hartford Director of ICE supporting Nelson's good character. A basic format of a letter will be available. We will deliver these letters to his lawyer on Monday.

 **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. Another 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; search for signups originating from office@fpcnh.org

This Week

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
	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Letter Writing
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@United Church on the Green
Monday, October 22	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
Wednesday, October 24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 25	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 27	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, October 28	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@United Church on the Green
	7:00 p.m.	Organ Recital

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.
Bonnie Sherman, whose brother recently passed away.
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
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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

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 office@fpcnh.org 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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