

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Buxtehude

Introit *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Luther
(original metric setting)

Call to Worship
 The first shall be last.
We come to worship as we are.
 The last shall be first.
We come with confidence.
 The first shall be last.
We come with questions.
 The last shall be first.
We come burdened by failure.
 The first shall be last.
We come celebrating success.
 The last shall be first.
We come fearful of the future.
 The first shall be last
 and the last shall be first
 and a little child shall lead them.
Come, let us worship God!

* Hymn 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance and grace:

You know us well, better than we know ourselves.

You hear us cry "Gloria!" and "Praise!"

And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds.

You hear us say "Thy will be done" and "use me, O God"

And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help.

You know us, and you love us, and you forgive.

Hear us now say, "Help us to change; turn us around,

Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful."

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Beth Aura Miller

Response

God of Mercy, God of Grace

IMPACT

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 7-9 (p. 734)

Psalm

Psalm 126

Second Lesson

Mark 9:33-37 (p. 45)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

United by Welcome

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

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.

Invitation to Offering

In the offering of our gifts,

as well as the living of our days,

may we not grow weary of doing what is right,

but commit to speaking up for the voiceless,

healing the broken,

feeding the hungry,

and all those mercies

which are such a part of God's heart

and hopes for all God's children.

Our morning offering will now be received.

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

Angela Daniels, solo

Spiritual (arr. Hairston)

*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

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

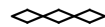
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

*Hymn 733 *We All Are One in Mission* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* Pachelbel

*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: Candice Gray

Ushers: Jane Hindenlang, Tala Jarjour

Yale Divinity School Intern: Graham Bridgeman

Friendship Hour Hosts:

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 at First Pres.: Pledging is now in progress, moving swiftly toward the final Sunday of pledging and the not-to-be-missed Stewardship Luncheon on November 11th, hosted by the Stewardship Committee. As you know, the work, worship, and fellowship at First Presbyterian Church are profoundly important to us and to the world around us. Please pray and reflect on what we can accomplish together, and then pledge generously. You can submit your pledge either by the traditional pledge cards or via email at stewardship@fpcnh.org. In the email, be sure to include your name, address, phone, total 2019 amount, and planned payment amount and interval. If you prefer, pledge cards are available on tables in the Copeland room.

TONIGHT, 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.

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend! Don't forget to "fall back" and set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening as we return to Standard Time on Sunday.

Youth Group: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. This Sunday, there is no Youth Group since their activity was on Friday night. Next Sunday, November 4th, Youth Group will meet at First Pres for chill night and dinner from 5-7 p.m. 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 paper slips in the pews and place in the offering plate. Or you may call or email the name of your loved one to the church (office@fpcnh.org), including their relationship to you.

Looking Ahead to Advent: 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 **today**.

All Committee Night – This 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 kids/families are invited to work together on the Advent service.

CT Folk Concert, Friday, November 2nd @7:30 p.m. will feature the Lara Herscovitch and the Highway Philosophers. A former CT State Troubadour, her songwriting addresses social justice issues and celebrates each individual's uniqueness. First Pres receives 10 complimentary tickets; email office@fpcnh.org if you'd like to claim one!

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday, November 4th, the topic will be "The Church and Preaching". The class will be led by Graham Bridgeman, who is our Yale Divinity School Intern this year.


Sunday School Classes For Children And Youth meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (ages 5+) and from 10-10:30 a.m. (infants through age 4). Next Sunday we will continue our series on The Living Church and prepare for the child-led Advent service. Please be sure to tell us whether or not you intend to participate on December 9th as this affects our preparations and methods in class. Meet our teachers in the education wing. All ages are welcome!

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.

The Deadline for the Advent Inkling will be Tuesday, November 6th. Please send your articles and notices to the church at office@fpcnh.org.

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.

 **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

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.

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.

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.

	This Week	
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
	7:00 p.m.	Organ Recital
Monday, October 29	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
Tuesday, October 30	5:30 p.m.,	Committee Night
Wednesday, October 31	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 1	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Friday, November 2	7:30 p.m.	Folk Concert
Saturday, November 3	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	5:30 p.m.	Columbus House
	6:30 p.m.	Cozy Potluck Dinner
Sunday, November 4	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@FPCNH

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	Sue Balakrishnan	Jennifer Ballew
	Jennifer Herbst	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 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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