



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Voluntary in D Major* Travers

Introit *We Are an Offering* Liles

Call to Worship

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of Wisdom, sometimes still and quiet, always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

*Hymn 401 *Here in This Place, Gather Us In* GATHER US IN

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, that we have done so little with the gift of life. Made for the mighty deep, we have frittered away our energy splashing in the shells near the shore. Endowed with minds capable of vast imaginings, we have become dull and predictable. Capable of love, we find ourselves with few acquaintances and still fewer friends. Blest with soul enough to commune with you, we have been content to lavish our affections on the passing fancies of the world. Increase our gratitude for life itself and help us to live it more nearly to the full. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

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

*Song of Praise *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Moment of Silence

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end following the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany that called for a ceasefire effective at 11 a.m.— it was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Today marks the 100th anniversary. May we continue to pray for peace and labor as peacemakers, seeking the safety and well-being of all of God's children.

*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 John Dinkler

Response *When We are Living*

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 49: 1-7 (p. 679)

Psalm Psalm 71

Second Lesson Mark 12:18-27 (p. 49)

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

Sermon *The Living Church* The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 3 *Womb of Life and Source of Being* RAQUEL

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
Offertory Anthem

Give Alms of Thy Goods

Tye

*Doxology

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST THOMAS

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Bennett

*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: Brian Gray

Greeters: Sadako Ohki, Elizabeth Gill

Ushers: Sandra Malan-Bowles,

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

Stewardship Lunch TODAY: After worship today we will celebrate completion of this year's Stewardship Campaign year, and thank you for your stewardship with a lunch hosted by the Stewardship Committee. If you haven't already submitted your pledge, you can still fill out a pledge card (available in the Copeland Room) and drop it in the pledge basket at lunch, or you can email your pledge information to stewardship@fpcnh.org. Don't forget to come to the lunch. All are welcome!

TODAY, Play and Pray@4:00 p.m.: If you're a family with young children and you want to get connected with other families in the church, come to Play and Pray this Sunday! The Dinkler family will host this month. They'll be making pizza, crab cakes, meatballs, and other goodies. They'll also have wine, juice, and other drinks. Feel free to bring a fruit salad, green salad, or another favorite food of your choice. For details, contact John Dinkler.

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.

Choral Concert at 4:00 p.m. TODAY at Church of the Redeemer: "*Bless the Living, Bless the Dead*"; Yale Camerata Concert. Free admission. More details online at: ism.yale.edu/event/yale-camerata-bless-living-bless-dead

Christian Community Action (CCA) Thanksgiving: For CCA to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner to 1,300 families, they have to pack a lot of grocery bags. Young people (old enough to walk through the line and put canned and boxed food into a paper bag ~8+) are welcome and essential. First Pres will be volunteering this coming Saturday, 11/17, 1:00 p.m. 'till about 3 at Casa de Oración y Adoración, 555 Columbus Ave. Many churches send teams and it's a festive community atmosphere! Use Sign-up Genius and see Ralph Jones for details.

FISH Thanksgiving: This year, for the first time, we will be helping FISH (Food In Service to the Homebound) deliver Thanksgiving dinner to the community of New Haven shut-ins that they serve. Join Lynn Autry in this new effort at 9:00 a.m. this coming Saturday, 11/17. Use Sign-up Genius by Tuesday, November 13th to let us know you're interested. See Lynn for details.

Next Sunday, November 18, we will receive our Thanksgiving Special Offering which goes to three organizations dedicated to ending hunger in New Haven and in Connecticut; Christian Community Action, the Connecticut Food Bank and FISH all serve the needs of our neighbors throughout the year as well as at this holiday time. Your generosity matters.

Youth Group: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. Next Sunday, 11/18, is our trip to the Urban Air Adventure Park! Cost is \$25; scholarships are available. Meet here at FPCNH at 4 p.m. Pickup from FPCNH is 6:45 p.m. RSVP to youth@fpcnh.org by today!

 **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

The Reverend Susan Reisinger is retiring. Susan, our Interim Pastor before Pastor JC arrived, retires this week. There is a card out in the Copeland Room to send your greetings to her. You may also attend a service of worship on her retirement next Saturday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Hamilton Square, New Jersey. Contact Martha at office@fpcnh.org for more details.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday, November 18th, the topic will be “The Church and Baptism”. The class will be led by Steve Davis, who teaches in Yale’s Religious Studies Department.

Sunday School Classes For Children and Youth: Advent Rehearsals & Children's Sunday School; children of all ages will lead the congregation in worship from start to finish on December 9th for their annual advent service. We will rehearse our music and major group components from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Traditional Sunday school classes will resume in January.

Cozy Potluck on December 1st: Miss the first cozy potluck? Still time to sign up for the second one on Saturday, Dec. 1. What is a cozy? It's an evening with interesting food and six or seven interesting friends. Sign up online in the weekly Connecting Community email or at the welcome table where there will be someone to help. If you have any questions, please call Dick Hasbany. There's a place for you at the table.

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. We especially need ushers and friendship hour hosts.

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.

This Week

Sunday, November 11	9:30 a.m.	Christian Ed for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Stewardship Lunch
	4:00 p.m.	Play and Pray
Monday, November 12	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
Wednesday, November 14	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 17	9:00 a.m.	FISH Thanksgiving deliveries
	9:30 a.m.	Women’s AA
	1:00 p.m.	Pack Thanksgiving food at CCA
Sunday, November 18	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
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group

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.

Charlie Gutridge and his family for strength and love.

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.

James Smit, who is serving in the armed forces.

Those suffering losses from gun violence.

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

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

James Duncan

Class of 2019

Lucy Ambach

Rona Johnston

Fiona Scott Morton

Mary Porterfield

Class of 2020

Sue Balakrishnan

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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

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The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader

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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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