

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

## *Reign of Christ Sunday*

November 25, 2018

10:45 a.m.

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Choral dorien* Alain

Introit *Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus* German Hymn

### Call to Worship

The Psalmist declares: Robed in majesty, the Lord reigns;

**the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.**

Indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

**Christ's throne was established long ago; for God is from all eternity.**

God's statutes stand firm;

**Holiness adorns God's house for endless days.**

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, this day that we celebrate the power of Christ at work in the world,

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**Righteous and Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we are slow to acknowledge his leading. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and we fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to acclaim Christ as ruler of all, and to live according to the law of love. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

... To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, hear these words:

**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.

### Introduction of New Members

Response

*When We are Living*

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.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 (p. 828)

Hymn 271

*The Lord Almighty Reigns*  
(Remain seated)

Psalm 93

Second Lesson

John 18: 33-37 (p. 113)

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Listen*

Graham Bridgeman

\*Hymn 274

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

*O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort*

J. Franck

\*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

**Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed. Take and use these gifts to make manifest your reign of justice and compassion on earth as it is in heaven. 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 369

*Blessing and Honor*

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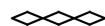
\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Op. 135a/5)*

Reger

\*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: Michal Beth Dinkler

Greeters: Lynn Autry Daniel McCloskey, Cressida Lui

Ushers: Paula Burkhard, Rona Johnston Gordon

Friendship Hour Hosts: Dick Hasbany, Carol Bartlett

Yale Divinity School Intern: Graham Bridgeman

**We welcome Henry Parkes as our guest music director today,** while Pat McCreless is away. Henry is Assistant Professor of Music History in the Department of Music, the Institute of Sacred Music, and the Divinity School at Yale. A native of the UK, he came from Cambridge University to accept the position at Yale a few years ago. As a scholar he works on the plainchant of the medieval church, especially the earlier decades thereof.

**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.

**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.

**Youth Group:** Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. Today, November 25th from 5:00-6:30 p.m., is Board Game Bonanza here at First Pres. Next Sunday, December 2nd, gather at 5:00 p.m. at your choice of North Haven Congregational Church or Spring Glen Church for their respective Advent Festivals. Then for the rest of December we'll have our events in North Haven.

**All Committee Night – this Tuesday, November 27th:** All who are interested in helping to shape the life of this church for the upcoming Epiphany season, 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!

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

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Next Sunday, December 2nd, the topic will be “Church and Leadership”. The class will be led by Rona Johnston,

**Cozy Potluck on December 1st:** Miss the first cozy potluck? Still time to sign up for the second one this 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.

**IRIS craft fair this Saturday, December 1st**, in the Miller Gathering Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. The women in the sewing class are sewing, crafting, jewelry making, and, if we're lucky, cooking up some wonderful surprises for our holiday gift giving. Please come out and support these brave refugees. And as always, remember that purchases are cash only.

**Goody Bags/Boxes next Sunday, December 2nd:** It's that time again! Our college students will soon be heading into their final exams. It is our tradition to support those students both near and far by providing goody bags and boxes. We will be collecting treats for the students who are here worshipping with us, and also for our own church family students who are away at school. Jean McCloskey and her crew will be assembling 15 bags and 5 boxes, for a total of 20 students. Please bring your donation to her in the Copeland Room on the morning of December 2nd. Homemade goodies are always appreciated, but offerings of any kind are welcome!

**Elm City Consort this Saturday, December 1st:** The Elm City Consort is a New Haven early music chamber group that performs both vocal and instrumental works from the medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras, using period instruments. They will play a concert at First Presbyterian New Haven in the early evening of Saturday, December 1st at 5:00 in the sanctuary. The concert will feature French Baroque music played by three young early music virtuosi—two players of the viola da gamba and a harpsichordist. There is a suggested \$20 donation, but church members will be admitted free of charge.

**Abraham's Tent is coming!** At an informational meeting during Friendship Hour on December 2nd, we will begin pitching this winter's Abraham's Tent. Once again, for a week starting on January 21, twelve men from the Columbus House interfaith program will make their home with us. Come to the meeting and learn how you can join in welcoming them. For more information please contact Mary Webber.

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

**Christmas Gifts for our Neighbors:** The Mission Committee invites you to participate in Christmas gift giving for students at a local school, and for our friends from EMERGE. There is a small Christmas tree set up in the Miller Hall with tags, noting the recipient. Take a tag, making sure to write your name so we know who is purchasing the gift. Note that gifts for the King-Robinson school must be brought in by December 9th, and gifts for EMERGE students are due the following Sunday on December 16th. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Cramer or Pat Wales.

**This Week**

Sunday, November 25	9:30 a.m.	Advent Play Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group @ First Pres
Monday, November 26	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
Tuesday, November 27	5:30 p.m.	All Committee Night
Wednesday, November 28	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 29	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, December 1	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	1:00 p.m.	IRIS Craft Fair
	5:00 p.m.	Early Music Concert
	5:30 p.m.	Columbus House Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Cozy Potluck
Sunday, December 2	9:30 a.m.	Advent Play Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	12:10 p.m.	Abraham's Tent Meeting
	5:00 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 Hunt, Mary and Art Hunt's son, who was injured while traveling abroad.  
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.



## Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to give flowers for the Christmas display of poinsettias and greens for the sanctuary, clip this order form and drop it in the offering plate by December 9th, with your check, noting it is for poinsettias. The cost is \$12.

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Given by  
(as you would like printed in the bulletin) \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like to take a plant home on December 24th \_\_\_\_\_

### 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](mailto: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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