



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 6, 2019

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

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| Prelude | <i>How Brightly Shines the Morning Star</i> | Buxtehude |
| Introit | <i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow</i> | Spiritual |

Call to Worship

The voice of God spoke over the waters

And the voice of God said, "Let there be."

All of creation came into being and it was good. The voice of God spoke over the waters

And the voice of God said, "You are my child, the beloved.

With you I am well pleased."

In the washing of the baptismal waters, we became light - light to the world.

And God saw the light and the light was good.

As we gather in this place, giving thanks for the living water,

Come, let us worship God!

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| *Hymn 156 | <i>Sing of God Made Manifest</i> | SALTZBURG |
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Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that the blank slate of a new year seems so promising – We haven't done anything too awful, not yet. And we know that the blank slate of a new year is also an illusion: Time continues, and our lives flow from one day to the next, from one year to the next. In this time, we know we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows, and we know we are sometimes full of despair and selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves. We invite you on our journeys, O God. We seek your presence with us in the darkness and the light. We seek your presence, and bask in your love, through Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

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| *Song of Praise | <i>Behold, I Make All Things New</i> | Bell |
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*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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has come to us as a little child,
making our weakness a strength,
securing our salvation by becoming one of us,
blessing us with a steadfast savior,
filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.**

**We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,
giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,
making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,
declaring an everlasting reign of peace,
defeating the power of pain and suffering.**

**We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,
inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,
transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,
sending us forth to announce Christ' kingdom of peace and comfort,
challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.**

This we believe.

This we preach.

This we seek to embody in word and deed.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 49: 1-7 (p. 679)

Hymn 671

I Waited Patiently for God
(remain seated)

Psalm 40

Second Lesson

John 1: 29-42 (p. 92)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

He Said to Them

The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful... With grateful hearts, we gladly join our voices with those of the church through all the ages:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo ry, Ho-san-na in - the - high-est! Bless ed is the one who-comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high-est!

The prayer continues ...

Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

In serving one another, hold the tray for the person sitting beside you.
Hold the bread until all are served and drink from your cup when you receive it.
Please do not return the empty cup to the tray.
(Gluten free bread is in the cup found on the plate with the bread.)

Prayer after Communion

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Some Children See Him

Bruce Peabody, solo

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*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

God of New Life, you are faithful to your promises to every generation. Receive these gifts as an act of service, for the sake of the world you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn 177

I Will Come To You

YOU ARE MINE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In Peace and Joy We Now Depart

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: Alethea Dinkler

Greeters: Joel LaChance

Ushers: Candice and Brian Gray

Flowers: Given in Celebration of Lily and Levi Mecca, by Marcia and Adam Mecca

Friendship Hour Hosts: Lucy Ambach and Adele Crawford

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 outside the Sanctuary 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.

Columbus House: We are seeking a few people to cook/serve a meal the first Saturday of February (2/2/19) at the homeless shelter. It only takes a couple hours and the clients will appreciate it greatly. Please sign up via the iPad at church using the signup genius program. Any questions, please contact Pat Wales. THANK YOU!

Memorial Cairn Tomorrow: Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will mark the cost of the continuing violence in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Mid-East with a 15 minute prayer service at the intersection of Broadway, Elm and Park streets in New Haven on Monday evening, January 7th, at 6 p.m.

Sunday School for Adults and Children will meet next week at 9:30 a.m. For the Adult Ed class, Art and Mary Hunt will lead a discussion of the Central American caravan to the southwest border, immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Abraham's Tent will be with us in two weeks! From Monday, January 21 to Monday, January 28, our Owens Building will be home for 12 men from Columbus House. We are all their hosts. Help set up the Gathering Hall, greet and host our guests, provide a dinner dish, and/or stay overnight. Families are encouraged to participate. Sign-up sheets and information are posted on a white board in the Miller Gathering Hall. For more information or questions, contact Tim McConnell or Mary Webber.

Books for Babies: We are collecting new or gently used books to be given to the recently born babies in the congregation. There is a box in the Copeland Room to collect your contribution. If you have any questions, please contact Jean McCloskey.

Do You Enjoy Friendship Hour? In order to make this time of fellowship happen, your help with hosting is needed. Finger food and beverage supplies are in the church pantry (although additions are most welcome). Simple directions are provided. Enlist family, friends or new acquaintances to host with you! Sign up on the iPad in the Copeland Room. This activity is kid friendly.

Cozy Potlucks: People enjoyed the food and fellowship of the first round of small and informal Cozy Potlucks. If you missed those, plan to join others for one of the two upcoming ones, Saturday, January 19 or Saturday February 23. We need hosts for each date, so please consider welcoming 6 to 8 friends in your home for good food and conversation. If you have questions, please call Dick Hasbany. Sign up begins next Sunday.

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. Baby diapers, size 5 or 6 are also needed. 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.

 **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

Youth Group: Cooperating progressive churches, including FPCNH, lead and host youth (grades 7-12) throughout the year. Next Sunday, January 13th, we will have a special Chill Night in the sanctuary of United on the Green to get your body and soul ready for your upcoming exams. Come join us from 5-6:30 p.m. for our "Study Break," where you can choose to bring your books along or leave them at home!

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.

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.

This Week

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| Sunday, January 6 | 10:45 a.m. | Worship and Communion |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Friendship Hour |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Youth Group@United Church on the Green |
| Monday, January 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Memorial Cairn |
| | 7:00 p.m. | ULA@1st & Summerfield Church |
| | 7:00 p.m. | AA meeting |
| Tuesday, January 8 | 5:45 p.m. | Communications Committee |
| Wednesday, January 9 | 5:00 p.m. | Property Committee |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, January 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| Saturday, January 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Women's AA |
| Sunday, January 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School 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@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.

Thanksgiving for the life of John Barclay and comfort for his family; John, a former First Pres member, passed away in Massachusetts in December.

Steve Butler, a friend of Sadako Ohki, who is undergoing radiation treatment.

Sarah McPharlin, Jenn Ballew's cousin, who is waiting for organ donations.

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.

Those who are lonely.

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

Jennifer Ballew

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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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