



# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

## *Baptism of the Lord*

January 13, 2019

10:45 a.m.

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came* Bach

Introit *Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering* Bourgeois

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.

**Come, all who are weary;**

Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

**The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,**  
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

**Drink deeply of these living waters.**

Glory to you, O God, glory to you.

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Silence is kept.

**God of Living Water, sometimes our lives are so parched. We thirst for prestige and possessions; the profits and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. Drawing from wells of this temporal world, we have insulated ourselves from those around us and have hardened ourselves to the needs of our neighbors. Yet you provide streams of living mercy; you invite us again and again to live renewed lives. Pour out your forgiveness upon us, O God, and fill us with your grace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

This we can trust: God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, and God's mercy springs forth like an overflowing spring.

**Thanks be to God.**

God quenches our thirst with Living Water, with water from the well that will never dry up.

**Thanks be to God.**

Friends, believe the Good News:

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

\*Song of Praise *Take Me to the Water* Spiritual  
(sing twice)

\*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.

Response *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* White

### HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading from a poem of God by Thom Shuman

Psalm (sing refrain below with choir) Psalm 29

Second Lesson Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (p. 60)

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

Sermon *Beloved* The Rev. J.C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 164 *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* WEST MAIN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith ~ excerpted from Song of Faith of  
The United Church of Canada (2006)

**Grateful for God's loving action,  
We cannot keep from singing.**

**We sing of the Creator,  
who made humans to live  
and move and have their being in God.**

**We sing of Jesus,  
a Jew,  
born to a woman in poverty  
in a time of social upheaval and political oppression.**

**He knew human joy and sorrow.  
So filled with the Holy Spirit was he  
that in him people experienced the presence of God among them.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,  
faithful and untamable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate  
the holy not only in what is familiar,  
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**Grateful for God's loving action,  
we cannot keep from singing.  
Creating and seeking relationship,  
in awe and trust,  
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering  
Offertory *Peaceful as a Dove, Urgent as a Flame* Moore

\*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 grace and glory, you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous.  
As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us to  
join in your transforming work with these gifts you have bestowed upon us. In  
the name of the Beloved One we pray. Amen.**

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 297 *In Christ Called to Baptize* ST. DENIO

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came* 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: Jane Hindenlang

Greeters: Sadako Ohki

Ushers: Charles McEnally

Friendship Hour Hosts: Martha Smith, Tala Jarjour

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](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

**Play and Pray TODAY at 1:00 p.m.:** A group for parents and young children (infant to ~12 yrs). Today they will gather after Friendship Hour in the Miller Hall for lunch and games. See Robert Williams if you want to join the fun.

**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!

**Sunday School for Adults and Children** will meet next week at 9:30 a.m. For the Adult Ed class, the topic will be Mental Health and Christian Faith.

**In one week Abraham's Tent will be with us!!** 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. A few spots greeting our guests and/ or staying overnight are waiting to be filled. 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.

**Third Thursday this Week: Jan. 17 @ 6:30 p.m.** All are invited to come to the Church's Manse for dinner and fellowship. Pastor JC and Heather will prepare a main dish - you bring a side, dessert, or beverage (adult or child friendly). The Manse is the yellow brick house beside the Owens Building on Whitney Ave.

**Ushers Urgently Needed.** Help welcome everyone into our Sunday morning worship. Instructions are provided but if you know how to welcome people and pass a plate, you can usher. Please sign-up on the iPad in the Copeland Room.

**Digital 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.

**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.

**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.


**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 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.

<b>This Week</b>		
Sunday, January 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	1:00 p.m.	Play & Pray
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group@United Church on the Green
Monday, January 14	7:00 p.m.	ULA@1st & Summerfield Church
	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting
Tuesday, January 15	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, January 16	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, January 17	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Third Thursday potluck
Saturday, January 19	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	6:30 p.m.	Cozy Potluck
Sunday, January 20	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School 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

**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.

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

Jack, the newborn son of Betsy Mussmann's friends, Jordan and Sara, who was born with health issues.

Bill and Rhonda Weber, brother and sister in law of Jonathan Weber, who are coping with Bill's illness.

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 homeless.

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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Patrick McCreless

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Martha Smith

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