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The News of First Presbyterian Church

September 2017

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!

In July, we as a congregation, voted to welcome Rev. J.C. Cadwallader and her wife Heather to our FPCNH Church Family. This is an amazing and exciting time in our church.



We have felt God guiding us and we believe J.C.:

- will grow with us as a congregation, infusing us with hope while asking hard questions about our road ahead
- will be a leader, a listener, a good communicator, and someone to love and shepherd us as a congregation
- will be a compassionate, welcoming and exceptional preacher and teacher
- will reach across generations and make connections
- will provide nourishment for our souls both young and young at heart
- will share her passion for social justice and hope for a transformational future built on the bedrock of our unique community here in New Haven and in the greater world

Rev. J.C. Cadwallader will be beginning her ministry with us on September 3rd as we share our final Sunday in the Miller Gathering Hall at 9:30.

On September 10th we will resume our regular Sunday morning service in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m..

This year our CE Rally Day Picnic will also be a wonderful opportunity to formally welcome JC and Heather. Come share in the joy as we grow together a church family!

For additional information about JC and Heather, please see our website - <http://fpcnh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/17FPCNHPCRevJCCadwalladerInfoPacket06-20-17.pdf>

Hello from Pastor JC

September 1, 2017

Dear Church,

On this gorgeous, sunny day, on the cusp of a new season, I give thanks to God that my wife Heather and I, along with our puppy Charlie, have arrived safely here in New Haven. I think I can speak for her also in saying that we are thrilled to begin this next leg of the journey with you here at First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome we have received so far and we look forward to getting to know many more of you as the days and months and years unfold before us.

See you Sunday!

Peace, Pastor JC

SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Below are the lectionary texts for the month of September.

| Date | Scripture Texts |
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| Sept 3 | Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12: 9-12 |
| Sept 10 | Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149; Matthew 18:15-26 |
| Sept 17 | Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114; Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Sept 24 | Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Matthew 20:1-16 |

Report from Session Meeting held on August 22nd

The Session Meeting in August was moderated by John Sandel, who again has stepped in to serve the congregation as we await the arrive of a new pastor. The meeting concluded with warm thanks to John for his leadership, support, and prayers. Thanks were also expressed to Bruce Peabody, who has unstintingly turned up early to set up for worship in the Miller Gathering Hall throughout the summer.

In addition to the regular work of the Session, the bulk of the efforts of the August meeting fell into two interrelated categories: preparing for post-summer activities and preparing for the arrival of JC. The former category included plans by Christian Education and CLOC for the launch of the new Sunday School year and the September cook out on September 10th ; a church workday was also noted for the October calendar. The latter category included practical plans for the Manse, where additional work will be done after JC moves in, and social plans for how we might ensure JC is introduced not just to First Pres, but also to the wider New Haven experience.

Session also began to consider the issue, raised by a congregation member, of whether First Pres might display a 'No Guns in This Church' type poster in the Copeland Room, in a poster initiative sponsored from within the PC(USA). After some discussion (implications? necessity? priorities?) the matter was referred to the Mission Committee for a recommendation, which will be made to the Session when JC is moderating and will therefore be able to participate in the discussion.

The worship theme this summer has been 'Behold, I make all things new'. Session was enfolded in that theme at its August meeting as it looked forward, practically and eagerly, to the months ahead.

--Elder Rona Johnston

Memorial Cairn Prayer Service on Monday, September 4th

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, September 4th at 6 p.m.

Rally Day Picnic– September 10th

Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 10th for our Rally Day church picnic pot luck immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service. Hot dogs, burgers and veggie burgers, along with condiments, chips, water, soda and coffee, will be provided. Please bring a family size salad /side dish or desert to share.

Sing in the Choir!

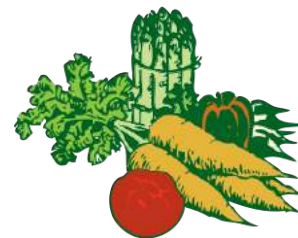
As summer winds down and the fall approaches, we begin to think of moving back into our larger worship space, and to having our choir sing regularly again. And of course, this year, we look forward to our first services with our new pastor, J. C. Cadwallader. Our first choir rehearsal this season will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 6, and we will sing at the opening service in the sanctuary on September 10. Our regular rehearsal times are Wednesdays at 7:00 and Sundays at 9:30; members can come to either rehearsal, or both. Some music to look forward to this fall: one piece from the Lutheran Reformed tradition, and one from the Calvinist, on Reformation Sunday (this year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation); a Mendelssohn chorus or two; some fun introits; a couple of spirituals and gospel songs; new music for Advent and Christmas.

If you haven't sung with us before, and enjoy singing, get in touch with Pat McCreless. We always welcome new singers! Also, looking ahead, the Elm City Girls Choir, which in recent years has always sung on the second Sunday of September, will be with us this year on the fourth Sunday, September 24.

-Patrick McCreless, Music Director

Volunteers Needed on Tuesday afternoons to Deliver to Food Pantry

Would you like to help the hungry by visiting a local farm? Are you free for an hour on one Tuesday afternoon in the next few weeks? We need drivers to pick up food at Massaro Farm in Woodbridge and bring it to the Christian Community Action emergency food pantry in New Haven between 2:30 and 5pm each Tuesday till October 10th. It's a simple and easy task and delivers fresh food to the hungry in our community. Driving directions and a sign up sheet are on the table in the Owens Building.



FPCNH is on the Social Media app, Meetup



Check out our new meetup page! Please use it if you find it helpful to you or if you would like to help us encourage new people in the area to visit the church.

<http://meetu.ps/c/3sfjR/BV8Jl/f>

You are also welcome to let us know of any church events (open to non-committees) that we could share on the page. Otherwise we will do our best to use the Inking calendar and general knowledge as our guide. Contact us if you would like to be able to add events to the page yourself.

We hope that Meetup will help us reach people who would like to join us, including those who do not already have access to our website or newsletter but might be interested in what we do when we gather. We will try this out at least until February, when our membership on the site is up for renewal, and then gauge how it compares to the other platforms we've used in allowing us to reach out to the local community.

Thank you! -Kimberley Fais

List of Upcoming Events for Christian Education

Check out our upcoming events at [meetup.com/FPCNewHaven](https://www.meetup.com/FPCNewHaven) or download the Meetup app.

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| Sun., Sept. 10 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Rally Day Breakfast |
| Sun., Sept. 10 | During 10:45 worship | Commissioning of Youth & Children's Ministries |
| Sun., Sept. 10 | During 12 noon potluck picnic | Youth Group Games |
| Sat., Sept. 16 | 10 a.m.-12 noon | Teachers' Retreat |
| Sun., Sept. 24 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Confirmation Dinner Church |
| Sat., Oct. 7 | 3:30-7 p.m. | Youth Serve Columbus House |
| Sun., Oct. 22 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Confirmation Dinner Church |
| Sat., Oct. 7, | 3:30-7 p.m. | Youth Serve Columbus House |

Rally Day & Commissioning

Join us on Sunday, September 10th for our Rally Day Celebration to kick off the new season of Christian Education. We'll begin with breakfast and activities for all ages in the Gathering Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Then, during the 10:45 a.m. worship in the sanctuary, Pastor JC will commission those involved in our youth and children's ministries for the upcoming year. Children are encouraged to remain in worship for the occasion, but optional nursery care is available as usual.

Youth Group Games (Ages 10-18)

Fill a plate at the all-church potluck lunch and join us in the Community Building for board games of all kinds. Youth Group Advisors Kimberley Fais and Sam Carrillo will host. Bring some of your favorite games, bring some of your favorite friends, and get ready for an afternoon of silly fun.

We'll meet from about 12 noon to 3 p.m., because if we don't set an ending time we know we could play forever.

Teachers' Retreat, for Educators of All Contexts

Whether you're new to teaching or a seasoned professor, you are welcome to our Teachers' Retreat on Saturday, September 16th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Building. Come for prayer and preparation for the year; stay for the camaraderie among educators in our various contexts.

Our goals will be building a theological foundation for our respective educational ministries – in and beyond the church – and encouraging one another in this craft.

Bring your own lunch to eat at 11:30. We'll have cake to share in honor of Theo Gill's birthday that day.



Confirmation Dinner Church (Ages 14-18)

You're invited to begin a process of discernment – a confirmation class designed to help you understand what it means, historically and contemporarily, personally and communally, to be a Christian, a part of the global Church, and a Presbyterian in the PCUSA. Completion is optional and in no way a graduation. Confirmands who complete their confirmation will be acknowledged as full, self-identifying members of the church in June.

If you were baptized, maybe even before you were old enough to remember it, that was your church and family's opportunity to commit to your care in God's name. Confirmation is *your* opportunity to commit to God's call and the care of your community, and all else that it will mean to you in particular.

Pastor JC will meet with confirmands on the fourth Sunday of each month from September to May (excluding December for Christmas Eve). The atmosphere of the class will be relaxed and warm, in the format of Dinner Church, which JC is experienced in leading.

Meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Hall for food, friendship, and intentional space for sacred conversation. Our first meeting is September 24th.

Youth Group Serves Columbus House (Ages 10-18)

On Saturday, October 1st, the Youth Group will cook and serve dinner at Columbus House! All youth ages 10 and up are invited to help out. Friends and guardians are welcome as always. Our Outreach Coordinator Brian Gray will organize and supervise.

Cooks should wear appropriate clothing that you don't mind possibly getting dirty. Brian will pick up the ingredients earlier in the afternoon and then around 3:30 p.m. we will begin cooking as a group in the Columbus House kitchen. We plan to begin serving at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

We ask that cooks arrive to the Columbus House (586 Ella T Grasso Blvd, New Haven, CT 06519) around 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. The entrance to the kitchen is around the back. If anyone needs a ride, please let us know so we can arrange one for you. We'll finish up at Columbus House by 7 p.m.

The more we have involved in the cooking and serving, the better! Please RSVP to brian_gry@yahoo.com so we can plan accordingly.

Youth Escape New Haven (Ages 10-18)

Located at 103 Whitney Ave in New Haven, Connecticut, Escape New Haven is a cooperative, real-life "escape room" – an adventure space where nothing is as it seems. You and your team are trapped; you have 60 minutes to escape the room by solving a series of puzzles that will challenge your mind and confound your senses. Explore, adapt, work together, think creatively... and you just might succeed.

The Youth Group will try our hand at this challenge on Sunday, October 29th sometime between 12:30-3:30 p.m., depending on our choice of puzzle.

Cost is \$20 per youth/student with ID (\$2 off per ticket for coming with our group). RSVP to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Sunday, October 15th. Lunch will also be provided for participants.

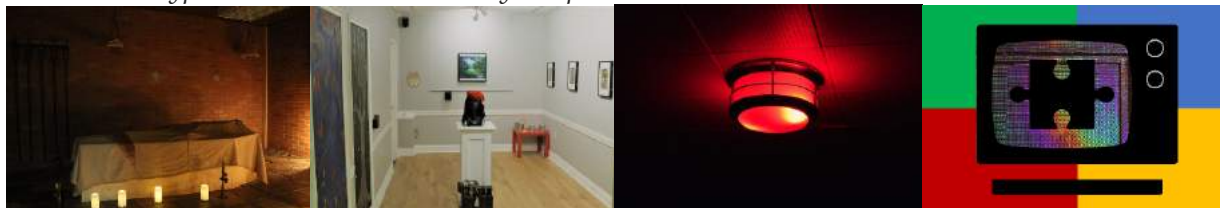
In your RSVP, place these four options in order of your preference so we can best decide which room(s) to reserve for our group. Be sure to tell us whether you've already tried any of them!

The Crypt

The Art Gallery

Space Station: Andromeda

The Game Show



Sunday School & Children in Worship (Ages 3-18)

Sunday School meets weekly from 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning on Rally Day, September 10th.



Bible Stories Class with **Cassy Gulden, Sandra Malan-Bowles**

Would you like to learn Bible stories through crafts and song? Are you still a little new to Sunday school, the Presbyterian Church, or the Bible? Our Bible Stories class has you covered!

We'll follow the Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum.

Recommended Ages: 3+

The Children in Worship program takes place during the 10:45 a.m. worship services, beginning September 17th. Participants are invited to leave (or remain in) the sanctuary shortly after the morning's announcements to share in a time of music and prayer wherever they feel most affirmed that day.

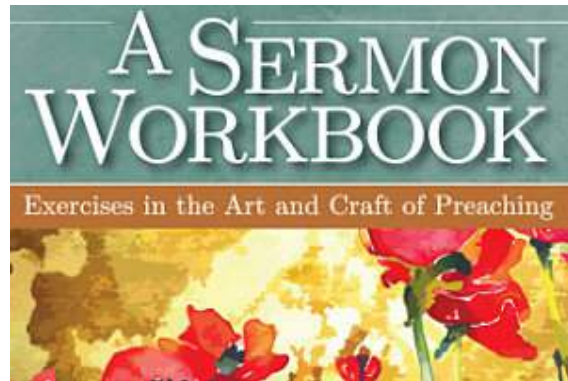
Youth ages 14-18 must sign up to join Children in Worship in advance. You can attend as many weeks as you like, but a maximum of two people from this age group will join us each Sunday in order to ensure this space remains accessible to younger worshipers. We will look to you as mentors and confidants as we gather with our church's young children. We encourage you to attend worship in the sanctuary at least once per month – to stretch yourself and develop a connection to the wisdom and spirit of that portion of our worshipping community.

Prayer & Preaching Class with **Rev. Theo Gill, Kimberley Fais**

Designed for students who have had several years of experience reading the Bible, this class aims to apply what you've learned so far to praying, preaching, and knowing what kinds of things to listen for when other people pray and preach. If you wish, you'll have some opportunities to preach what you have practiced!

We'll draw from *A Sermon Workbook: Exercises in the Art and Craft of Preaching* written by our friends, Leonora Tubbs Tisdale and Thomas H. Troeger.

Recommended Ages: 9+



June Youth Trip to Heifer International Farm

On Saturday, June 24th a group from First Presbyterian Church travelled up to Rutland, Massachusetts for a visit to Heifer International Farm. While there, they learned about the work Heifer International does by visiting the Global Village, where they prepared a Kenyan lunch, learned about sustainability, and of course got to see the farm animals. (Thanks to Leah Miller for the photos.)



Grounds Maintenance-Summer and Fall

Many thanks to the hearty souls who came on Monday evening, August 21st for our “weed and feed”:

Scott Funston
Dick Hasbany
Jane Hindenlang
Art Hunt
Rona Johnston
Ralph Jones
Arthur Shippee

Martha Smith
Pat Wales
Robert Williams
Elizabeth Williams
Davis Williams
Jackson Williams

In just a couple of hours, weeds were pulled, bushes trimmed, and couple of chores to prepare the manse for our new pastor were accomplished—along with polishing off several pizza pies afterwards.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming fall Property Work Day on Saturday, October 28!

A Big Thanks from IRIS to First Presbyterian Church

The Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services’ (IRIS) Craft Fair on Saturday July 29th was a resounding success, Amanda Bisset, the IRIS social worker who works with the refugee women’s sewing group sent grateful thanks on everyone’s behalf to First Presbyterian Church for their assistance and use of the Owens Building:

Thank you all so very much for hosting such a wonderful event. Everything went perfectly and we couldn't have asked for anything better! All of your volunteers and church supporters were such an amazing help.

On behalf of IRIS and the women's sewing group, thank you for your hearts and kindness. There is a new sense of pride and determination since the sale, and hearts are happy.

Forever thankful to you,
Amanda Bisset



Sad News

Long-time member, Jeanette Murphy, passed away on Sunday, August 6th at Yale New Haven Hospital. Her memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 9th at 2:00 p.m., led by The Reverend Stephen Davis. A reception will follow in the Miller Gathering Hall. We extend our condolences to her daughter, Patricia, and to all the Murphy family and friends.



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.

For Jeff Miller, brother of David, who will be continuing cancer treatments.

For Stewart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Debbie Tenney, for healing and strength.

Prayers for those who live in the midst of conflict.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for the people of Texas, suffering losses from flood and storm.

Andrew McCloskey, serving with the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA 5:30 pm Columbus House Dinner |
| 3 9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion, JC Cadwallader preaching 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour | 4 Labor Day 6:00 p.m. Memorial Cairn | 5 7:30 p.m. CLOC Committee | 6 6:00 p.m. Property Committee 7:00 p.m. Choir | 7 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm GNHCC | 8 | 9 9:30 am Women's AA 2:00 pm Jeanette Murphy Memorial Service |
| 10 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 10:45 a.m. Worship, JC Cadwallader preaching Noon. Potluck Picnic | 11 | 12 9:30 am Musical Folk 4:30 pm Musical Folk 7:15 p.m. Mission Committee | 13 9:00 am Presbytery Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Musical Folk 7:00 p.m. Choir | 14 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm GNHCC | 15 9:30 am Musical Folk 5:00 pm Trinity Boys Choir | 16 9:30 am Women's AA 10:00 a.m. CE Teachers Retreat |
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Christian Education

9:30 a.m., starting September 10th

Worship

Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m.

Starting September 10th,

Worship is at 10:45 a.m.

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