

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Behold! I make all things new.

August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Two Intermezzi

Brahms

Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

This is the day the Lord has made,

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession

Silence is kept.

It is easy, God, for us to take the commonplace for granted even though we cannot live without it. Also with great ease we speak our convictions, with less willingness to listen to those of others. We are inclined to think we are only one and remain inactive, when we should make our oneness count in witness and service. In these and other ways we know we are wanting. God of mercy, guide us to higher ground, and greater loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

It is Christ who died for us, was raised, and who intercedes for us.

This is the good news of God's forgiveness in Christ.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Amen.

*Song of Praise

How Can I Keep From Singing?

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 pew.
Children through age 10 are welcome to participate in
the Children in Worship program, leaving during the sung invitation to prayer.

Response

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

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Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

DUNEDIN

Sermon

There Has Got to Be Another Way

Jennifer Herbst

*Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*Affirmation of Faith

from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

The Offering
Offertory Music

By and By

African-American Spiritual

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

**Not only with our lips, but with our lives and with our treasure we will proclaim
that you are in our midst, Loving God. Take these gifts, and use them so all
might know that your love, your life, your hope, and your healing is near to
them. 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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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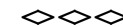
*Benediction

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual

*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.

We Welcome Jennifer Herbst to the pulpit this morning. Jen joined the First Pres community five years ago with her other half, Scott Funston. She teaches health and public health law, policy, professional responsibility, and ethics at Quinnipiac University's law school and medical school.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Ernie Bodenweber

Ushers: Rona Johnston, Tim McCloskey

Friendship Hour Hosts: Dick Hasbany, The McCloskey Family

Pastoral Transition: The Reverend John Sandel will be the church moderator until our new pastor, The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader, joins us on September 3rd. If you have any pastoral concerns during August, please call the church office (203) 562-5664.

Nursery care is provided each Sunday morning 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.

Tomorrow, 5-7 pm, Pizza and Weeds!: A combination to get a people out for a couple of hours of evening weeding around the church grounds? The Property Committee will provide the pizza but needs help sprucing things up before our new pastor arrives and fall activities begin. Come lend a hand and share a slice!

Next Sunday: The summer's preaching theme is "Behold! I make all things new," and The Reverend Diane Goudreau will be preaching.

Volunteers needed! The signup sheets for ushers, Massaro Farm, Columbus House and Friendship Hour hosts have many openings available. Consider trying one or more of these to help out at church during the summer months. Printed instructions are available and if new to the task, ask someone else already signed up for more info.

Our church donates fresh produce from **Massaro Farm** to Christian Community Action's food pantry, and we need volunteers to pick it up and drop it off on Tuesdays. Please take a moment after worship to sign up to help on a Tuesday this summer and into the fall. Instructions and directions are posted with the sign-up sheet.

Help Needed: We must add to our current team of Sunday school teachers for the 2017-2018 year. Consider helping out either as a teacher, or if you have creative skills to help once in a while with children's music, writing, and acting. FYI, the Sunday school schedule has breaks from the "classroom" for other activities, so teaching requires a frequent, but not every Sunday commitment. Speak with Kimberley Fais, Lynn Autry, or John Dinkler if interested.

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow outside between the two buildings. 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: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Mid-week Bible Study, usually held on Thursdays, is taking an August vacation and will reconvene in September.

Sermon Recordings: Did you know we are now recording sermons and adding them to the website each week? Many thanks to Ralph Jones for making this happen! To access the sermons go to our website: **fpcnh.org**. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says *About Us*. Scroll down to *Worship* and hover over the word *Worship*. The tab *Sermons* will appear – click on that, and you will find the last two months of Sunday sermons.

Inkling Deadline is Monday, August 28th: Please send all articles and notices to the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars-Rally Day on Sept 10th: Sunday worship will return to 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary on September 10th, when we will hold Rally Day activities at 9:30 a.m. and our fall potluck picnic after worship.

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.

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

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

For Stewart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

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

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.

Andrew McCloskey, serving with the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

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

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

This Week

Sunday, August 20	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday August 21	5:00 p.m.	Pizza & Weeding
Tuesday, August 22	7:15 p.m.	Session
Saturday, August 26	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, August 27	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2017

Lynn Autry

Candice Gray

Jane Hindenlang

Bruce Peabody

Class of 2018

Gary Cline

John Dinkler

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

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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

Church Moderator:

The Reverend John Sandel

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 firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com 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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