

*Welcome to this service of worship.*

As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. [\*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.

**Bold type** signifies congregational response.

**WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME**

PRELUDE                      *Sonata in C Major*                      Scarlatti

WELCOME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord with all your heart!

**May all the people praise you, O God!**

Worship the Lord alone, for great is the Lord!

**We worship you, O God, for your love is faithful.**

Let us worship God with our songs and prayers.

\* HYMN # 138                      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty and mysterious God, how can we stand in your presence? We have strayed from your ways, ignored your guidance in our lives. Our thoughts are not your thoughts. Open our eyes that we might see ourselves as we really are, and then help us to know your forgiveness as it really is. Remove our past sins, and grant us the courage to follow your ways. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard me cry. He drew me up from the pit and made my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

*Psalm 40*

\*PRAYER RESPONSE #577                      *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

ANTHEM                      *Teach Me Lord*                      McGlohon

Teach me to love, and teach me to live, And teach me to see and yield and forgive. Father, we need you at work and play; So, teach me to follow you day by day. Teach me to know your voice and your will, help me to climb my own special hill. You have the plan, so help me to see The plan you have for me, Lord; Teach me today, I pray...Teach me to love and give and live today.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE                      Luke 5:1-11                      Pew Bible NT p.62

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      "Called into the World"                      Rev. Russ Feroe

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN # 345 (vs. 1-4)                      *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God has not taken us out of the world but has sent us into the world to worship God there and serve humankind. We worship God in the world by**

**standing before God in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We all serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work, each of us doing our own part. We affirm that God is at work in and among us all, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION TRIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debts" and "debtors."*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*                      Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully, we will serve thee faithfully.

\*RESPONSE #593 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, take these offerings, the gifts of our hands, bless and multiply them by your grace, for the sake of your kingdom in our world. Amen.**

**WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All who put their trust in Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament, no one is excluded.*

Today we will receive Communion by intinction. You may receive a piece of bread from one of those serving and dip it in the cup (the cup holds grape juice) and eat. As you pass the bread or cup to your neighbor, please say, "This is the bread/cup of healing." The response is, "Thanks be to God."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN #420 (vs. 1-4) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #432 *Song of Hope*

**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

POSTLUDE *Joy Eternal* Parker



**First Presbyterian Church**

136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor

Worship 10:30 am  
Sunday, February 7, 2010

## SERVICE

**Flowers:** The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of William J. Wilson, Jr. by Jane & Alan Murray.  
**Liturgist:** Corinna Tamburini.  
**Greeters:** Anita & R. Sherwood Marchant.  
**Ushers:** Michael Asare, Felecia Fleeting, Ernest & Grace Brodeur.

### Communion Stewards:

**Preparation:** Alice Evans, Rachel Butler.

**Restoration:** Lloyd Brooks, Felecia Fleeting.

**Serving:** Francisca Amoah, Bill Cooke, Amanda Eldridge, Cynthia McPherson, David Owusu, Pauline Robertson.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for refreshments and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Shirley Dudley** and **Jane Murray** are hosting today.

## PASTOR'S HOURS

Monday: In the church office all day; please call, leave a message, and he will return your call.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: in the church office from 8:30-12:00; call or stop in.  
Friday: Working at home; call, leave a message, and he will return your call.  
Saturday: Day off.  
Church office phone: 860-246-2224;  
Pastor Feroe's home phone: 860-904-6467

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## SESSION

Class of 2010 Holly Billings (Clerk of Session), Alice Evans, Samuel Hamilton, Juliana Mantey

Class of 2011 Susan Corrigan, Robin Herrera, Mildred McNeill, Gladys Wiafe

Class of 2012 Julius Aboagye, Jane Murray  
Yaa Okoampa-Sykes,  
(open)

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2010 Gretchen Fuchs, Carolyn Perkins, Keith Rhoden (Deacon Moderator)

Class of 2011 Michael Asare, Lloyd Brooks, Susan Labins

Class of 2012 Michael Adzenyah, Cynthia McPherson, Jean Nesbitt

### Assisted listening devices and large print

bibles and hymnals are available near the entry to the sanctuary. The wireless listening system, similar to those used at the Bushnell and Hartford Stage, allows users to sit anywhere in the sanctuary.

**Offering Envelopes** are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

## Intercessions

*In our First Presbyterian Church cycle of prayers, we pray this week for:*

Gertrude Cort  
Gregory & Marilyn Cort, Asa  
Ulyne Cort  
Beverly & Carlos Lyte, Marissa  
Catherine Highsmith – Martha Highsmith's mother diagnosed with cancer.  
Kristin Moir Harvey – who continues treatment for leukemia.  
Jerry Butler – who needs a kidney. He is the husband of Rachel Butler.  
Jean Engquist and family. Jean has Alzheimer's and is in hospice. She is Bill Cooke's sister.  
George Christinat– living with ALS. He is Keith Rhoden, Jr.'s neighbor.  
Mission Trip Participants: FPC members Akosua Adzenyah, Carolyn & George Blick, Marissa Cort, Shirley Dudley, Solana Gadson, David Labins, Sue Labins, Juliana Mantey, Grant Spears, Karen Spears, Sandra Spinelli, and FPC friends Shannon Hopkins, Renee Aligata, Carol Pajor, KT Squire.  
The future of First Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, CT (Rev. Bill Goettler and Rev. Maria LaSala): ST. Peter's Lutheran Church, Harwich, MA (Rev. Tiffany Nicely Holleck).

*The Abiding Memorials Book* is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **All Those Who Served in WWI 1914-1918**, perpetuated in the Organ Chimes, dedicated November 12, 1922, by those listed.

## TODAY

### Worship in Hodge Hall.

Coffee Hour refreshments in Library for “take out” back to Hodge Hall.

### Souper Bowl of Caring

**Parish Life + Multicultural Team meeting in Buchanan Room after worship.**

2:30 Ruth Bergman, Violin Recital.



## THIS WEEK

Tue. Feb. 9 6:00 PM Stewardship meeting and  
7:00 PM Session meets.

Wed. Feb. 10 7:30 PM Choir rehearsal.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Black History Month Celebrated

Key Question Conversation, Johnstone Hall, noon.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday (no choir rehearsal).

6:00 PM Lenten meal and guest speaker—  
a signup sheet is in Hodge Hall.

Sun. Feb. 21 Key Questions conversation after worship.

Tue. Feb. 23 5:00 PM Community Meal

## Church Announcements

For other opportunities and announcements please see the bulletin board(s) in Hodge Hall and office annex.

**“What Are We to Do? What is Our Purpose As God’s People in Hartford?” Conversation today in Johnstone Hall at noon. A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up in Hodge Hall so we know how much food we need.**

Your last chance to weigh in on this 2<sup>nd</sup> question will be Feb. 21 at 12:00 noon in Johnstone Hall. Pick the Sunday that fits your schedule best—but be sure to come to one of them! The final question to the congregation regarding the 3 Key Questions conversation series will be posed in March.

**Nursery Care** is provided during the service in the Buchanan

Room for children up to age 4. An usher

will direct you to the location. **Shannon**

**Hopkins** is the nursery director. **Augusta Jara**

is the assistant. For safety’s sake, please have a responsible adult drop off and pick up your child.



## Flu Reminder

To help stop the spread of the flu be sure to wash your hands often, cough into a Kleenex or your elbow, and stay at home if you are sick.

**Membership and Baptism—** First Presbyterian Church, Hartford invites you to commit to membership as witness to your faith in Christ, and the mission of Christ as lived out in the life of this congregation. We receive members by affirmation of faith, or by reaffirmation or transfer of membership. Also, if you have an interest in baptism please see or e-mail Pastor Feroe at [rferoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rferoe@sbcglobal.net) or speak with one of the session members or other elder.

*This is a welcoming Church,* embracing sisters and

brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want you to feel a part of the family. There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. ***We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.***

*“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).”*



## First Presbyterian...Who Are We?

The downtown First Presbyterian Church, founded in 1851, is a richly diverse group of people from both city and suburbs, committed to ministry to and with the people of the City of Hartford.

We are building a warm and caring community that spiritually nurtures people in worship, education, fellowship and active involvement in mission.

We believe that the Church is called to reflect the kingdom of God which embraces all believers. We invite, accept and welcome into our membership and leadership people who differ by age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation and theological viewpoint. This diverse group energetically and cooperatively participates in the life of this congregation, its mission and its leadership. We are committed to our Presbyterian traditions of representative government and reformed theology, while open to working collaboratively in mission and ministry with other faith traditions.

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