

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Smith

WELCOME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord from the heavens!
Praise the Lord from the earth!
Kings and princes and rulers,
Women and men, old and young,
Let them all praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

* HYMN # 455 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

All Creatures of Our God and King

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, our hearts are hard, and our perspectives narrow. We look with suspicion on people not like us, and reject ideas not our own. We forget that all are your beloved children. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to extend your love. Show us how to be more patient, more tolerant, more caring. Show us again how to love one another. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

*PRAYER RESPONSE #576

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

ANTHEM

Jubilate, Alleluia!

Lightfoot

Jubilate Alleluia! Sing and rejoice all the earth! Jubilate Deo! Jubilate, alleluia... Let us sing praise and let us give thanks. Jubilate, alleluia! Let us sing praise... sing hosanna in excelsis! Jubilate Deo... sing and rejoice, alleluia! Jubilate alleluia...

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35 Pew Bible NT p.108

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Eleventh Commandment" Rev. Russ Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third

day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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 *Quartet No. 2 (3rd Movement)* Ramsøe
The Briosio Quartet

*RESPONSE

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
for music see hymn 244

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have called us to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring your love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. 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. As we pass the bread to one another say “(name) This is the body of Christ for you.” It is our custom to eat the Bread when it is received. As we pass the cup to one another say “(name) This is the blood of Christ for you.” We hold the cup and drink together when all have been served (we use non-alcoholic grape juice).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you provide the true bread from heaven,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that we who have received the Sacrament
of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us,
that we may be filled with the power of his endless
life, now and forever. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #438

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* Virginia Harmony 1831

The Briosso Brass Quartet is made up of four Hartt School of Music students:

Joseph Hahn majors in trumpet performance and music history. He has been playing for eight years and toured Europe with the Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble. Joseph currently studies with Kevin Cobb of the American Brass Quintet and Jay Lichtmann of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Joseph lives in Farmington, CT. **Kelby Weilnau** is an acoustics and music student. He has been awarded honors and is a winner of the Churchville-Chili Music Department Concerto Competition. Kelby currently studies with Kevin Cobb of the American Brass Quintet and Jay Lichtmann of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Kelby lives in Rochester, NY. **Luke Perry** is studying trombone performance and music education. Luke has served as principal in the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in the New York State Conference Wind Ensemble. In addition to his classical background, he has a strong background in jazz, as well as modern and alternative music. Luke lives in Rochester, NY. **John DelVento** is studying euphonium performance and music education. John has won many state, national, and international solo competitions won a performing arts award and the coveted Co-Op Press Commission Assistance Grant in 2008. As an ensemble player John has toured Europe, and will perform in Carnegie Hall in the summer of 2010. John has been studying euphonium for eleven years and currently studies with James E. Jackson III, principal euphoniumist in the United States Coast Guard Band. John lives in Torrington, CT.

COMMUNION



First Presbyterian Church

136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor

Worship 10:30 am
Sunday, May 2, 2010

SERVICE

Liturgist: Sue Labins
Greeters: Gretchen Fuchs, Keith Rhoden, Jr.
Ushers: Rusty Spears, Michael Adzenyah, Sherry Marchant, Joan Grant

Communion Stewards:

Preparation: Rusty & Tonya Spears

Restoration: Ernie Brodeur

Serving: Shirley Dudley, Alice Evans, Doris Lewis, Yaa Okoampa-Sykes, David Owusu, Keith Rhoden, Jr.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for refreshments and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. Jasen and Christine Lambright 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

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.

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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

During the service We provide Nursery Care in the Buchanan Room for children up to age 4. An usher will direct you to the location. Shannon Hopkins is the nursery director and Augusta Jara is the assistant. For safety's sake, please have a responsible adult drop off and pick up your child.

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.

Intercessions

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

Tamara Fleeting & Muhammed Giwa, Aurianna Gretchen Fuchs
Antonio & Deborah Gadson, Keenan Betty & James Gadson, Solana
Grace Brodeur
Bob & Jean Hager
Gladys Wiafe
Kristin Moir Harvey – who continues treatment for leukemia
Catherine Highsmith
Jane Highsmith
Rachel Butler and family.
Jean Engquist and family. Jean has Alzheimer's and is in hospice. She's Bill Cooke's sister.
George Christinat– living with ALS. He is Keith Rhoden, Jr.'s neighbor.
The future of First Presbyterian Church
Presbytery meeting on May 1, 2010, Stamford, CT.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in honor of **All Who Served Our Country in World War II**, perpetuated in the Honor Roll in the Church Narthex, given by the Philotia Club, November 7, 1943.



TODAY

Walk Against Hunger – Walkers meet for lunch in Johnstone Hall after worship.



THIS WEEK

- Mon. May 3 12:30-1:30 PM Prayer Group meets in sanctuary (see announcements).
- Wed. May 5 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:30 AM Session meets with new elders.
- 10:30 AM Installation/Ordination of new officers.
- Mother's Day

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mon. May 10 12:30-1:30 PM Prayer Group meets
- Tues. May 11 6:00 PM Stewardship meets
7:00 PM Session meets (classes of 2011, 2012, and 2013)
- Wed. May 12 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. May 16 Rev. Highsmith is guest preacher
- Wed. May 19 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. May 22 10:00 AM Presbyterian Promise meets at FPC
- Sun. May 23 Pentecost (wear red to church)
Youth Sunday

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 or speak with one of the session members or other elder.

Church Announcements

For other opportunities and announcements Be sure to check the bulletin board(s) in Hodge Hall.

Special Thanks

To Sam Hamilton for a landscaping crew to assist John Du Pont with cleaning up the church property.



Prayer Group

Rev. Katherine Taylor will lead a Monday Prayer Group beginning Monday, May 3, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm at FPC. Anyone interested in taking a “time out” for scripture-based prayer during the lunch hour is encouraged to attend. Rev. Taylor is a 2006 graduate of Hartford Seminary.



Food Pantry

Food always in need includes peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna fish, mac and cheese, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans (dried, canned pinto, kidney), breakfast cereal, juice (apple, orange, cranberry), toothpaste, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, as well as toiletries. Volunteers are also needed to help stock shelves, especially on Tuesdays (or any weekday) between 11am and 2pm. See Sherry Marchant for more info or contact Rosa at 249-7543, ext. 2301.



Scholarship Applications

Monroe Scholarship applications are available on the table in Hodge Hall. June 13, 2010 is the application deadline for the Norma E. Monroe scholarship. The scholarship is offered every year to FPC members who plan to or are continuing their education. Applications are also available from the church office.

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.