

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 *How Beautiful* arr. McDonald /Shackley
Dianne Ney, organ Tonya Spears, piano

WELCOME

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.
Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,
Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. (from Psalm 66)

* HYMN # 464 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PRAYER RESPONSE #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 5:1-14 Pew Bible OT p. 336

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

ANTHEM *Little Rhapsody on "America the Beautiful"*
D. Agay

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Pew Bible NT p.69

This is the good news of the gospel.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE "Taking Liberties?" Rev. Martha Highsmith

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN (insert) *For the Healing of Nations*

(Cantor sings the first verse; congregation stands
and joins to sing the remaining verses)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GATHERING PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *You Raise Me Up* arr. Coates

*DOXOLOGY Tune- Hymnal p. 592

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all peoples and God of all places,
we present these offerings,
that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.
With them we offer our varied ministries,
that each of us may be a part of your answer
to the cries of the world. Amen.**

WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God 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 minister leads the people in prayer, praising God
and giving thanks for God's goodness, grace, and
mercy; telling the story of our salvation in the life,
death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; invoking the
power of the Holy Spirit, and offering intercessions for
the world on behalf of the Church.*

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."*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*This morning, we gather around the Table to share
communion. All who put their trust in Christ are
invited to receive the Sacrament; everyone is welcome.
Please hold the bread for the person next to you to*

*take piece, saying "This is the body of Christ for you."
Please hold your bread to dip in the cup when it is
offered to you. We use non-alcoholic grape juice.*

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*HYMN #564 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

*INVITATION TO CONTINUED FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #540 (vs.1)
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels
guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd's care enfold
you: God be with you till we meet again.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "Duke Street"* Hatton/Paxton

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Deacons Minute for
Mission will be July 11.

The Loose Offering has
been designated to benefit
Presbyterian Promise.



First Presbyterian Church
136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor

Worship 10:30 am
Sunday, July 4, 2010

SERVICE

Flowers: The flowers are given today by Cynthia McPherson in celebration of her granddaughter Diana's July 4th birthday.

Liturgist: TBA

Greeters: Felecia Fleeting, Tamara Fleeting.

Ushers: June O'Neil, Clifford Riley, Keith Rhoden, Jr., Pauline Robertson.

Communion Steward: June O'Neil



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

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.

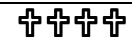
Friday: Working at home; call, leave a message, and he will return your call.

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.



SESSION

Class of 2011 Holly Billings (Clerk of Session), Susan Corrigan, Robin Herrera, Mildred McNeill, Gladys Wiafe

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

Class of 2013 Shirley Dudley, Lois Maxwell, Rusty Spears

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2011 Michael Asare, Lloyd Brooks,
Susan Labins

Class of 2012 Michael Adzenyah, Cynthia McPherson,
Jean Nesbitt (Moderator)

Class of 2013 Lianne Doherty, Amanda Eldridge,
Akosua Ware

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. During hot summer months the nursery is air-conditioned.

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

Keith Rhoden, Jr.
Brittany & Nick Rice, Natalie, Nathan
Clifford & Valrica Riley
Robin Roberts
Doris Lewis who is hospitalized for tests in CPU of Manchester Hospital.
George & Carolyn Blick and family – George's mother died suddenly in Florida on June 13.
Katherine Taylor and family – her father Cyril Harper of New Haven died. Pastor Katherine leads a Monday Prayer Group at FPC.
The family and friends of Robert King. He died suddenly. His children are classmates of Spears children, and one a student of Tonya's.
Kristin Moir Harvey
Catherine Highsmith
Jane Highsmith
Jackie, Tim and Cady
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
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the accompaniment program of the PC(U.S.A.) (rev. Christine Caton);
Christian Educators.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Eva Priscilla (Doughty) Vining**, born April 20, 1991, died May 4, 1953, perpetuated in Guest Register, given by her sister, Doris (Doughty) Bruce, and dedicated on October 17, 1954.

TODAY

Tonya Spears, guest musician

Outreach Committee meeting after worship.



THIS WEEK

Mon. July 5 Office closed in observance of July 4

NEXT SUNDAY

Celebration of Presbyterian Promise and Youth Delegates to Triennium BBQ- see announcements.



LOOKING AHEAD

Mon. July 12 10:00 AM Farmers Market begins
12:30 Prayer Group meets at FPC

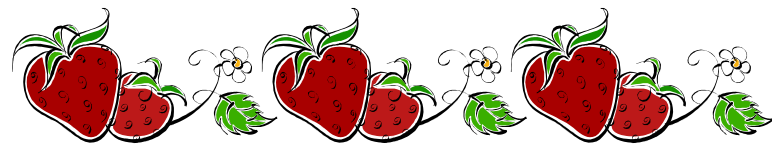
Tue. July 13 7:00 PM Session meets

Sat. July 31 5:00 PM Potluck Meal and a Movie
(see signup sheet in Hodge Hall)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Outreach Chair Shirley Dudley thanks everyone for making the 20th Annual Strawberry Festival possible!

Please look for more details in future bulletin announcements and the newsletter.



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.

Mission Trip Benefit BBQ

Sunday, July 11, after worship.
Come celebrate our youth attendance at the Triennium at Purdue University July 20-24 and help underwrite the costs of Mission Trips. The meal will feature various grilled meats, salads, beverages and ice cream sundaes. Come one, come all! Cost is \$6 individual/ \$20 family. Please sign up in Hodge Hall so we know how much food to prepare.

Updates

Be sure to check the table and bulletin board in Hodge Hall for new information and opportunities. Also, the office hallway bulletin board has recent photos posted of the Pride Festival and a recent Community Meal. Other up-to-date resources include the church website www.firstpreshartford.org (which currently includes a video about the Triennium, photos, schedules and a church calendar) and the weekly church e-newsletter. If you don't have online access at home you are encouraged to use the computer in the church library, which is turned on for members' use on Sundays and also available during the week when the office is open.

Reminder

Rev. Feroe is away from June 30 to July 6.

Congregation To do List

- Provide suggestions for a church vision statement: "The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church is to ...". Drop off or email your suggestions to Pastor Russ, Lois or any session member.
- Volunteer to serve on a committee.
- Sign up for Presbyterians Got Talent Night (signup sheet is on table in Hodge Hall).

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.