

**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. We light the Peace Candle to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

[\*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.

**Bold type** signifies congregational response.

### WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

PRELUDE *Two Hymns of Faith and Commitment*  
compiled by Eliot:

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
Indian Folk Song/Howell

*Meditation on "O How I Love Jesus"*  
American Folk Hymn/Rasley

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving and joy!  
**We come seeking new life and fresh hope.**  
Then come and worship, for you are God's greatest delight!

\* HYMN # 473 (vs. 1, 2, 4,5) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, fill us with your compassion for the world around us. Forgive us when our own needs distract us from your loving presence. Gather us together when we pull away from you. Renew our enthusiasm to listen to your voice and follow your way. Remake us into disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
So that we might die to sin and might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.  
**For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.** (based on 1 Peter 2:24-25)

\*PRAYER RESPONSE #579

*Gloria Patri*

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

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Lead Me Lord* Wesley

Ruth Bergman, soprano Carolyn Blick, alto  
Ben Klein, tenor Bill Cooke, bass

Lead me Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:13-21 Pew Bible NT p. 76

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

MESSAGE "Dare to Be Different" Rev. Russ Feroe

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN # 510 (vs. 1-4) *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In the midst of hunger and war  
**We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.**  
in the midst of oppression and tyranny  
**We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**  
In the midst of doubt and despair  
**We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.**  
In the midst of fear and betrayal  
**We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.**  
In the midst of hatred and death  
**We celebrate the promise of love and life.**  
In the midst of sin and decay  
**We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**  
In the midst of death on every side  
**We celebrate the promise of the living Christ.**

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 *Sing to the Lord* Tye

Sing to the Lord in joyful strain, Let earth His praise resound, Ye who amidst the ocean dwell, And fill the isles around. Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song, Let all combined with one accord, the cheerful notes prolong.

\*RESPONSE #592

#592 DOXOLOGY Traditional

**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**

**We thank you, O Lord, for your generous compassion, and for all the gifts that enrich our lives. As we share these gifts through your church, may we and they be used to extend your justice and peace. 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**

*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 AFTER COMMUNION**

**Loving God,  
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,  
And given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #281**                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**#540**      *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.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Prelude and Fugue in a minor*      Buxtehude



**First Presbyterian Church**

**136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT**

**Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor**

**Worship 10:30 am  
Sunday, August 1, 2010**

## SERVICE

**Flowers:** The flowers are given today by the Labins family in loving memory of Joyce T. Arnold.

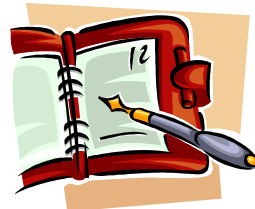
**Greeters:** Gladys Wiafe, Akosua Ware

**Ushers:** Julius Aboagye, Tom McNeill, Maude Morrison, Akosua Ware.

**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. **Carolyn Perkins** and **Jane Murray** are our hosts today.



### Pastor's Hours

Rev. Feroe can be reached in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings, between 8:30 and 12:00 noon. All other times you may leave a message or call his home.

**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.

**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.

## SESSION

CLASS OF 2011 Holly Billings (Clerk of Session), Susan Corrigan, Robin Herrera, Mildred McNeill

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

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor.  
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Dianne Ney, Music Director; Ruth Van Anden, Office Mgr.; John Du Pont, Sexton.

Office Hours: M – F 9:00 AM  
– 3:00 PM  
(Closed 12:00 – 1:00 PM).  
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www.firstpreshartford.org



We are a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA), Synod of the Northeast, Presbytery of Southern New England.

## Intercessions

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

Ālani Willett

Shirley & Julius Aboagye

Jessica Aboagye, Nya

Kwasi & Rebecca Adjei, Ashley, Earvin, Leslie Doris Lewis who is at Crestfield Rehab.

Grace Buabeng and family— father John Buabeng passed away in Ghana on Friday, July 16.

Juliana Mantey and family— Juliana's step-father John Buabeng passed away.

The Sintim family — Yaa Okoampa-Sykes' cousin passed away in Ghana leaving a wife and young children.

Kristin Moir Harvey

Catherine Highsmith

Louise Carlson — has end-stage cancer. She is a friend of June O'Neil.

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.


Jackie, Tim and Cady

The future of First Presbyterian Church

Valley Presbyterian Church, Brookfield, CT (Rev. Ann Beams; Rev. Johanna Johns Jung, parish associate).

*The Abiding Memorials Book* is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **David Kinghorn**, born January 1, 1847, died December 4, 1893 and **Mary (Allan) Kinghorn**, born March 26, 1848, died August 13, 1893, perpetuated in 2 of 7 windows in the south gable of sanctuary, dedicated May 18, 1958 and given by their daughter, Julia K. McGovern.

**TODAY**  
Mixed Quartet: Ruth Bergman, Carolyn Blick,  
Bill Cooke, and Ben Klein



**THIS WEEK**  
Mon. Aug. 2 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers Market  
12:30 – 1:30 PM Prayer Group at FPC  
Pastor away Aug. 2 and Aug. 3

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
Guest Preacher  
Ben Klein, tuba



**LOOKING AHEAD**  
Sun. Aug. 15 Bill Cooke and Carolyn Blick, duet  
Mon. Aug. 16 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers Market  
12:30 – 1:30 PM Prayer Group at FPC  
Sun. Aug. 22 Ralph Harris, organist and pianist  
Mon. Aug. 23 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers Market  
12:30 – 1:30 PM Prayer Group at FPC  
Tue. Aug. 24 5:00 PM Community Meal  
Sun. Aug. 29 Holly Billings, Organist  
Recorder Ensemble: Ālani Willett  
Susan Lowenkron, Maxine Spitzler

**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.

### July Session/ Planning Highlights

At its regular meeting on July 13, 2010, the session appointed three task forces to investigate three different alternative futures for the church. These are not proposals or recommendations, but areas for further study. The task forces are charged with gathering objective information on each of these alternatives (how it furthers our mission and purpose, how it affects our membership, and what are the financial implications) and report back to the session in September. The alternatives, with the convener of each, are:

A. Sell the building and move to a smaller space; Mildred McNeill, convener.

B. Collaborate with The Bushnell (or a state agency); Tom McNeill, convener.

C. Partner with the United Methodist Church and Immanuel Congregational Church (both on Farmington Ave. in the West End of Hartford); Ben Klein, convener.

### More Notes

As the Session begins consideration of several possible alternative futures for our congregation, it is also trying to formulate a Statement of Purpose that will help focus our ministries and assist in evaluating the alternatives. Below are two proposed statements that have emerged from our work.

The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church of Hartford is:

A. To study, serve, and worship the Lord with the Holy Spirit as our guide.

B. To educate, encourage, and empower those who seek to be followers of Jesus Christ.

We would appreciate your comments, suggestions, and amendments.

**If you would like more information or would like to help, please contact the convener of the group; Holly Billings, session clerk; or Russ, interim pastor.**

*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.