

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 *Légende* arr. Vierne

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is a God of power and strength.
God has created each of us with tender care.
Our God calls each of us by name.
God calls us to unite in worship together.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #461 *God is Here!*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your son's baptism, open our hearts also that we might experience the renewing power of the presence of your holy spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*
(Hymn #244, vs.1)

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*
Scottish Psalter
(for text see hymn #70)

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:15-22 Pew Bible NT p. 60

MESSAGE "Our Baptism, Our Call" Rev. Russell Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 474 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

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 *Allemande (from "Partita in b minor")* Bach
Ruth Bergman, violin

*RESPONSE *Lord of All Good*
(Tune: Toulon #375)

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You; use them Your holy purpose to fulfill; tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to Your will.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we come today with joy for our baptism, and gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts, send your spirit upon us, that our hands and hearts may continue your work in the world. Bless us with strength, that we may be a blessing of peace in our troubled world. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Those who have announcements are asked to please move to the front pews at this time.)

*HYMN # 492 *Baptized in Water*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

You are precious in God's sight.
We go from this place, claiming our identity as children of God.
God has called you by name.
We go into the world to answer God's call. Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE for music see Hymn #322

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

POSTLUDE *Tocatta in e minor* Pachelbel

SERVICE

Greeter: Sandra Spinelli
Liturgist: TBA
Ushers: Michael Adzenyah, Joan Grant, R. Sherwood Marchant, Rusty Spears.



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

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 our visitors to feel a part of the family. *“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).”*

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.

All of our services and activities are open to non-members.

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.

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.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor. Office Hours 8:30 am – 12:00 noon Tue., Wed., Thu. E-mail: rferoe@sbcglobal.net or call: 860-904-6467 anytime.

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).

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



the Holy Spirit descended upon him...

like a dove.

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136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
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Worship 10:30 AM
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