

**Welcome to this service of worship on the
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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 *Adagio (from the 3rd Symphonie)* Vierne

WELCOME

LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR PEACE

We light a candle in our midst to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord sits enthroned forever!

The Lord is a stronghold in times of trouble.

Sing praises to the Lord; declare God's deeds to all!

Our God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Let us worship our God together.

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

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Center us, O God, to worship you this day. Remove our fears and preoccupations; calm our worried and anxious hearts. Be our stronghold, our solid foundation, that with joyful and ready hearts, we may be open to your grace. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal p. 579

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Offertorium

Young

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

DUET

There's A Song

Hanson

Carolyn Blick, alto - Bill Cooke, Bass

There's a song of *love in my heart;

*love is a gift from Jesus.

There's a song of *love in my heart;

*love is a gift from God!

Alleluia! *Love in my heart is singing praises.

Alleluia! *Love is a gift from God.

(*verse 2 substitute "peace" verse 3 "faith")

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

Pew Bible NT p.39

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"When God Sleeps"

Rev. Russell Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Note: Those who plan to make announcements are asked to be seated in the front of the church during the last verse of the hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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

*DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, we thank you for the many ways that gifts are offered in your service. We thank you for these gifts presented here, and for the many prayers and talents that will accompany their use. Bless this offering, and us who gave it, that we might continue in your will. Amen.

*HYMN #275

God of Our Life

*BENEDICTION

Precious Lord, take my hand.

I am tired, I am weak.

Through the storm, through the night,

Lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord,

Lead me home, lead me home.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn of Benediction

Jones

Go with God. Go with God, as you leave this place go with God. God will direct your way. God will light every day. As you leave this place go with God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in d minor

Bach

SERVICE

Liturgist: Susan Corrigan
Greeters: TBA
Ushers: Joan Grant, Tom McNeill, George Rawitscher, Pauline Robertson.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for coffee and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Susan Labins** is hosting today.

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.

Membership: All of our services and activities are open to non-members. We invite people to commit themselves to membership as a witness to their 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. You may speak with the pastor or one of the elders about membership.

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.



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.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Edward A. Bassett**, born February 5, 1899, died November 9, 1982 by those listed.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

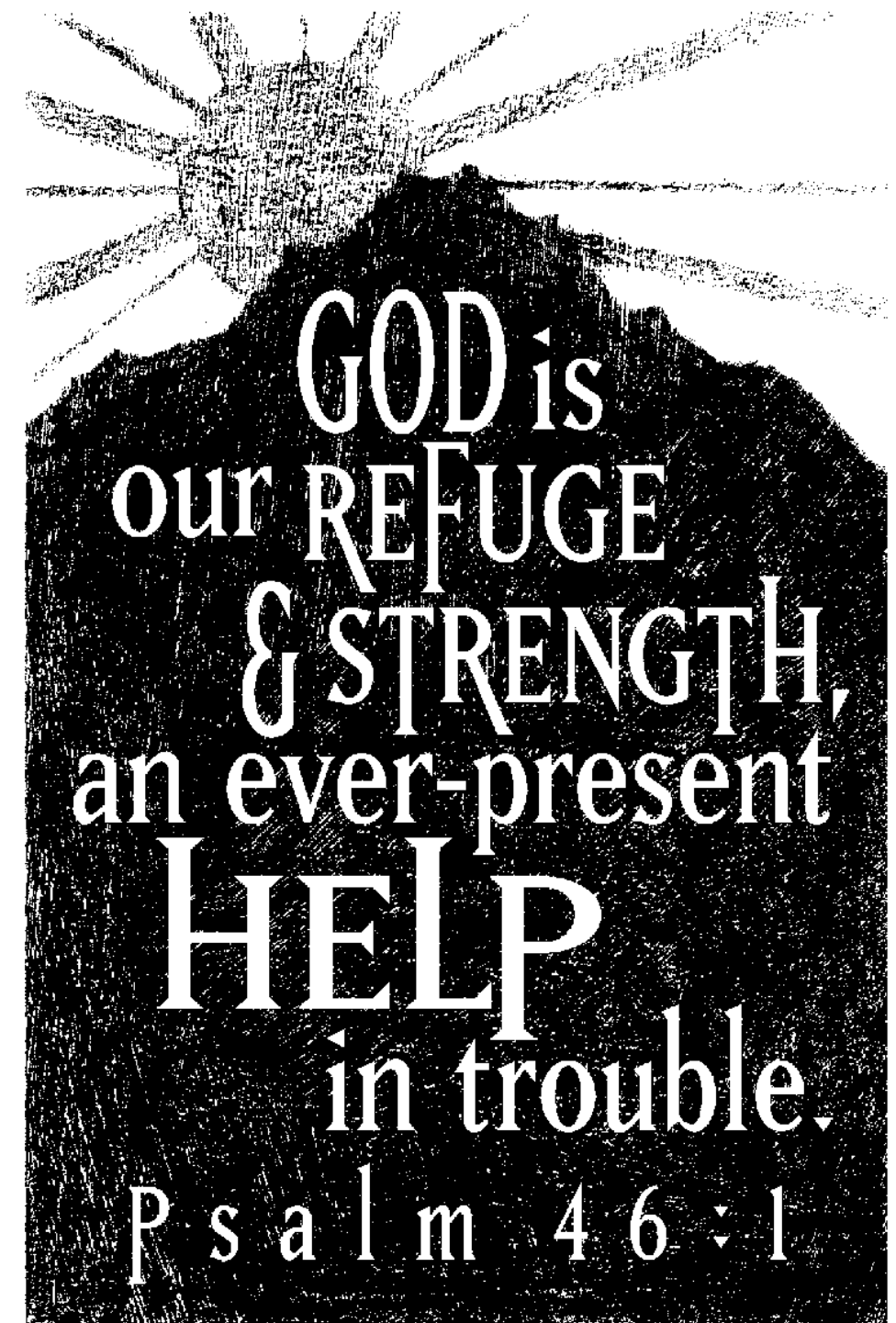
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136 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
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Worship 10:30 am
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