

*Welcome to this service of worship
on the 27th Sunday of 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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of our busy lives,
God calls us to community.
With those who are known and those who are strangers,
God calls us to community.
With people all around the world,
God calls us to community.
Let us worship the God who calls us together.

* HYMN #142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the earth, you have created us to live together, and yet children all over the world are hungry, families all over the world lack clean water, people all over the world are forced to live as refugees. Forgive us, O God, for turning our backs on neighbors in need. Remind us that each one is created in your image. As we are fed at this table today, lead us to care for all your children, whoever and wherever they might be. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Jesus Christ came into the world to rescue sinners.

He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good.

Friends: Affirm the good news of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal p. 576

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

ANTHEM *Living Bread* Martin

Living Bread, our souls do hunger, satisfy us by thy grace; from us who deserve thine anger, hide thou not, hide thou not thy holy face. In confession, humbly bowing, stand we to remove our sin; by thy mercy thus allowing Holiness, holiness to enter in. God of glory, we adore thee, Living Word, be thou our Bread; feast we now in joy before thee. Till our souls, til our hungry souls are fed.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 13-14 (selections) Pew Bible NT p. 59-60

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

MESSAGE "Journey to Become" Rev. Russ Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn # 520 Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face (tune: 326)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Traditional)

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Elder Edwin Carty, speaker

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

HYMN OFFERTORY #281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
(the congregation may remain seated)

*DOXOLOGY

We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O lord, from Thee. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, we thank you for setting a table before us, and for calling disciples from every nation to feast together. Accept these gifts as symbols of our thankfulness and of our commitment to reach out in your name. Renew us by your spirit that we might follow in your ways wherever our journey takes us. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE¹

¹ The lighting of the Peace Candle is done to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

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

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

BENEDICTION

May the sharing of this meal together strengthen our faith,
And weave us together as one body, one people.
Send us forth, O God, in courage and peace,
Rejoicing in the power of your holy spirit. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
#538 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE *Agnus Dei* Couperin
Dialogue sur les grands jeux

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SESSION	
<u>Class of 2010</u>	Holly Billings (Clerk of Session), Alice Evans, Samuel Hamilton, Juliana Mantey
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Susan Corrigan, Robin Herrera, Mildred McNeill, Gladys Wiafe
<u>Class of 2012</u>	Julius Aboagye, Jane Murray Yaa Okoampa-Sykes, (open)
THE BOARD OF DEACONS	
<u>Class of 2010</u>	Gretchen Fuchs, Carolyn Perkins, Keith Rhoden (Deacon Moderator)
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Michael Asare, Lloyd Brooks, Susan Labins
<u>Class of 2012</u>	Michael Adzenyah, Cynthia McPherson, Jean Nesbitt



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

Worship 10:30 am
Sunday, October 4, 2009

SERVICE

Flowers: The flowers are given to day by Juliana Mantey to celebrate the birthdays of Grace Buabeng and William Ofori.

Liturgist: TBA

Greeters: Yonette Cort-Park, Marissa Cort

Ushers: Michael Adzenyah, Joan Grant, R. Sherwood Marchant, Rusty Spears.

Communion Stewards:

Preparation: Ed Carty, Robin Hererra

Restoration: Sandra Spinelli

Serving: Bill Cooke, Enoch Darko, Amanda Eldridge, Juliana Mantey, (others TBA)



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

Assisted listening devices and large print

bulletins, 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.



Nursery Care is provided during the service in the Buchanan Room for children **up to age 4**. An usher will direct you to the location. **Shannon Hopkins** is the nursery director. **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 **Isabella Hannon**, born May 11, 1896, died January 18, 1984 by those listed.

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.

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).”

TODAY

World Communion & Peacemaking Offering
ICEJ Concert for Justice (see Announcements)

(No Sunday School)

THIS WEEK

Mon. Oct. 5: 10:00 AM– 1:00 PM Farmer’s Market

Wed. Oct. 7: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY

Deacons meet after worship

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon. Oct. 12: Columbus Day – No Farmer’s Market

Tue: Oct. 13 6:00 PM Stewardship meeting

7:00 Session meeting

Wed. Oct. 14: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sat. Oct. 24: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sun. Oct. 25: Soup & Bread Luncheon after worship with Youth Presentation.

Multicultural Team meeting

Education meeting

Mon. Oct. 26: Final Farmer’s Market for season

Sun. Nov. 1: Founder’s Day Silver Tea

Reception

Church Announcements

For other opportunities and announcements please see the bulletin board(s) in Hodge Hall and office annex.

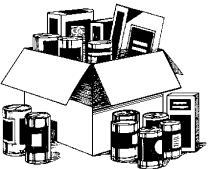
Concert for Justice

This afternoon October 4, at 4pm, United Methodist Church, 571 Farmington, Avenue, Hartford, CT. See posting in Hodge Hall.



MANNA Thanks

Shirley Dudley and Sherry Marchant want to express their gratitude for the generous and loving response of the First Presbyterian Church congregation and friends who donated 382 pounds of food to the MANNA Food Pantry in September. At a time when so many of us are feeling an economic pinch, you’ve come through yet again for neighbors in need. Please continue to give whatever you are able to give— it all helps. You may pick up a ‘grocery list’ from the Information Table in Hodge Hall to keep handy (especially for those times when you shop at a ‘buy one get one’ sale).



Embracing the “Other”

Tuesday, 6:45 pm, Oct. 6 at Hartford Seminary. Drs. Alice and Bob Evans are giving a presentation on conflict resolution and peacemaking. See posting in Hodge Hall.



Revival – Concert

Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 1-4 PM at the United Church meetinghouse (270 Temple Street, at the corner of Temple and Elm streets). FPC friend Bishop John Selders is a participant. See poster in Hodge Hall.

Climate Change

October 30 is the date people all over the world join together for Climate Change World Campaign events. Visit <http://www.350.org> to see what’s happening in your area or speak with Alice or Bob Evans to learn more. Anything you can do to reduce, reuse, recycle helps.

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 Pastor Feroe or one of the elders about membership.

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.

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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;
Rev. Feroe's home phone: 860-904-6467



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

Intercessions

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

Doris Lewis
Juliana Mantey
R. Sherwood (Sherry) & Anita Marchant
Lois Maxwell
Kristin Moir Harvey (she continues treatment for leukemia).
Shirley Garren
John Brash
Jim McNeish
Joyce Larson – recently hospitalized.
Arnie Cohen – father of Shirley Dudley's daughter- in-law as he continues chemotherapy.
Ulyne Cort- as she continues to recuperate at home after a hospitalization.
Jean Engquist and family. Jean has Alzheimer's and is in hospice. She is Bill Cooke's sister.
Helen Boldi – Corinna Tamburini's mother.
Chuck Wickham and Robert Machia, each are battling cancer (are co-workers of Sue Labins).
George Christinat– living with ALS. He is Keith Rhoden, Jr.'s neighbor.
Rev. Nancy Allen, her husband Dan and family as Nancy begins chemotherapy.
Those suffering at home and abroad, especially Tsunami struck Samoa.
Holly Billings – as she competes in the ING Hartford Marathon on Saturday, October 10.
The future of First Presbyterian Church.
Babcock Presbyterian Church of Greater Hartford, Manchester, CT (Rev. Sun Gil Kim);
Greenwich Chaplaincy Services (Rev. Heather Parkinson-Webb)