

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

HYMN SING Rusty Spears, Leader

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

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

When our busy-ness overwhelms our joy,
Jesus says to put first things first.
When the needs around us overtake our resources,
Jesus says to put first things first.
When we no longer have time to pray or sing,
Jesus says to put first things first.
Let us take this time, joyfully, to praise God!

* HYMN #476 (verses 1-4)
Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Mighty God, we long to rest in your arms. We need your presence as we face the challenges of life. When our hearts become hard, and we think only of ourselves, turn us back to you. Remind us of your love, fill us with your spirit, that we may be strengthened as your disciples. Amen.

*RESPONSE #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Awaken Me to Pray* Lantz

Awaken me to pray, O my Father, when the night is long, O my Lord. Hear my earnest plea, God, remember me. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray, O my Father, when I leave Your side, O my Lord. When my footsteps roam, bring me safely home. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray, O my Father. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray O my Father, when the trial's come, O my Lord. Give me strength to stand, and hold me by the hand. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord. Awaken me to pray, O my Father. Awaken me to pray, O my Lord.

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:17-27 Pew Bible NT p. 46

MESSAGE "The Season of Lint" Rev. Russ Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 421 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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 *Make Me a Servant* Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart

always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make a servant today.

*RESPONSE #428 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer what is already yours, O Lord. Everything we have is a gift from you. Take what we offer here today, and use it to touch the hearts and lives of people around us, that all might enjoy your peace and give thanks. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN # 274 *O God of Earth and Space*

*BENEDICTION

In God's mercy, we are rich.
In Jesus' love, we are welcomed.
In the Spirit's peace, we are satisfied.
Let us go out and give thanks in all we say and do! Amen!

* RESPONSE #538 *Lord, Dismiss Us*

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 *Postlude on a Pedal Theme* James

SERVICE

Acolyte: TBA
Greeters: Julius & Shirley Aboagye
Liturgist: Akosua Adzenyah
Ushers: Michael Asare, Ernest & Grace Brodeur,
Felecia Fleeting.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for coffee and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Jean Nesbitt** and her daughter Pam are 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.

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.



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.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Pearl Peters**, born July 18, 1919, died February 15, 1984, by those listed, perpetuated in the Presbyterian Foundation.

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