

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 *Sonata VI (Allegro Moderato)* Matielli

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

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Grace, who leads us into the new day,
Refresh us with your mercy.
God of love, who calls us from war to peace,
Refresh us with your mercy.
God of mystery, who guides us into the unknown,
Refresh us with your mercy.
Let us worship God.

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

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of majesty and mystery, blow through our lives like a mighty wind. Inspire us with your presence. Encourage us with your promises. Surround us with your love, that we might be your people in this time and place. 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 *There is a God* Lantz

There is a God who made the heavens, who formed the planets with his hand. He framed the sky and all creation; he fashioned all the seas and land. There is a God, one holy God. There is a God who loves compassion, who pardons freely by his grace. The wounded heart he can refashion; he brings his pardon to each race. There is a God, one holy God. There is a God, a mighty God. There is a God who left his glory and came to earth to die for all. His sacrifice, our greatest story; he redeemed us from the fall. There is a God, one holy God, there is a God, a mighty God.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 16 (selections) Pew Bible NT p. 62-64

MESSAGE "Gifts Along the Way" Rev. Russ Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 388 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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 #357
O Master Let Me Walk with Thee Handel

*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

God of glory, we thank you for this season of abundance, when the colors of your world overwhelm our senses. Give us grateful hearts, that as we return these gifts to you, we might also rededicate our lives to your service. Let all that we say and do reflect your glory, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN # 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*BENEDICTION

* 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 *Processional* Handel

SERVICE

- Flowers:** The flowers are given today in loving memory of Kate Laird, by her family.
- Acolyte:** TBA
- Greeters:** Beverly Cort-Lyte & Carlos Lyte, Marissa
- Liturgist:** Lianne Doherty
- 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. **Cynthia McPherson** and **Rachel Butler** 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 **Harriett Bassett**, born October 6, 1907, died December 6, 1983, by those listed, perpetuated in the Presbyterian Foundation, dedicated March 1, 1984.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

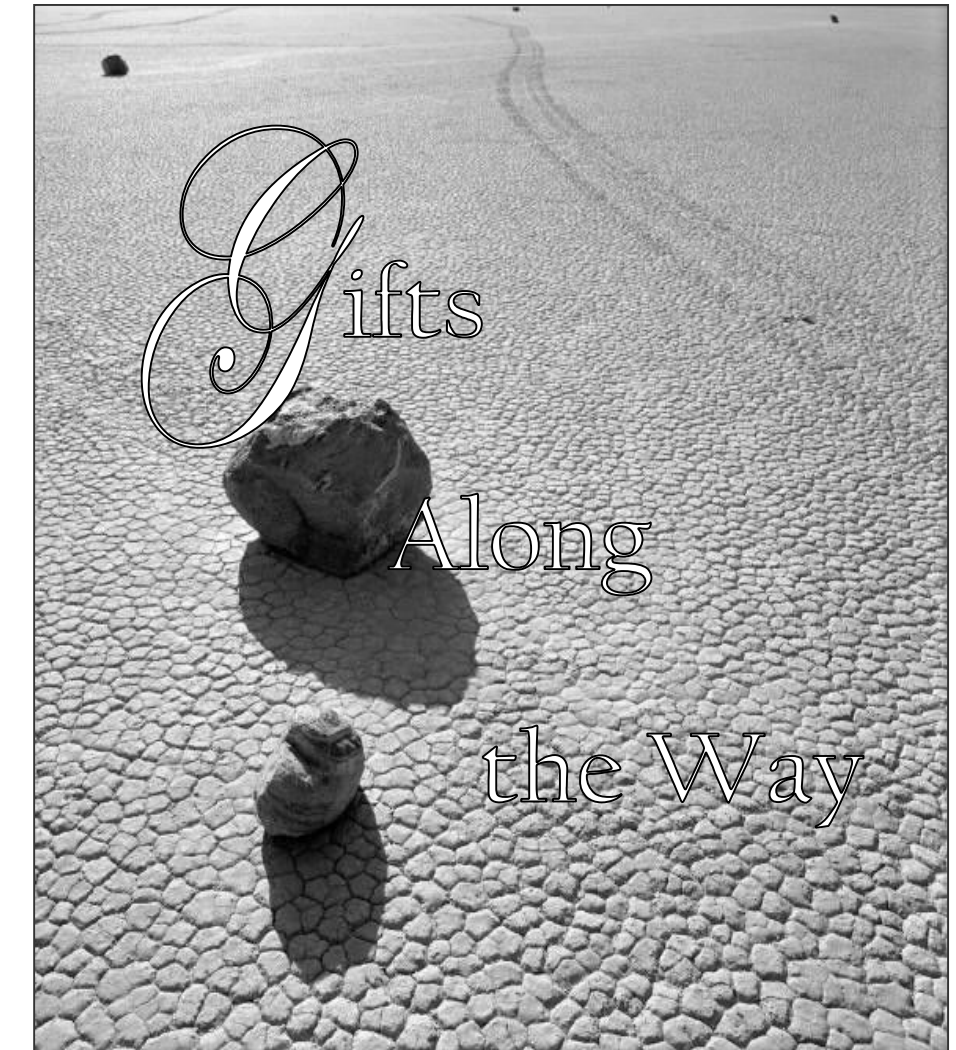
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Worship 10:30 am
Sunday, October 18, 2009