

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 *O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea* Dykes-Peeters
O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, to Thee all praise and glory be; how shall we show our love to Thee, who givest all?

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

What does our God ask of us in this place and time?
To worship with our whole hearts.
What blessing does God seek for the whole world?
That we share what we have with the poor and lonely.
Let us worship God with our songs of praise.

* HYMN #462 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Lord, we come into your presence as people on a journey in the wilderness. We seek refuge and direction for our lives. We praise you for your provision for our needs; it is all we need. Transform us into your people, those who live to glorify your name and serve the neighbors around us. Refresh our faith that we might show your love. Amen.

*RESPONSE

I Love You Lord

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you.
O my soul rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Expectans Expectavi* C. Wood

(With expectation I have waited for the Lord)
This sanctuary of my soul, Unwitting I keep white and whole, Unlatched and lit, Thou should'st care To enter or to tarry there. With parted lips and outstretch'd hands, and list'ning ears Thy servant stands. Call Thou early, call thou late, To Thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole.

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 34:1-10 Pew Bible OT p. 191-192

MESSAGE "End or Beginning?" Rev. Russ Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 414 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

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 *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* Thiman

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky, the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout

with their shout of praise; see how the giant sun soars up, lord of years and days! So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze. To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee; to spend thy self nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

HYMN #375 *Lord of All Good*
(please remain seated)

LITANY OF DEDICATION

We thank you, O God, for all your gifts to us:
For life and health, for family and friends,
For your love and forgiveness,
And for relationships in which we learn to care and be cared for.
We thank you for Jesus Christ,
Who showed us how to live in grace,
And for your spirit,
Who guides, comforts, and challenges us.
We thank you for your church,
And for this congregation,
Which nurtures our faith,
And provides opportunities to worship and share.
In grateful response to your goodness and mercy,
In faithful response to your call and care,
We present our pledges before you,
And dedicate them for your use.
Guide the Elders and Deacons of this congregation,
Strengthen and encourage the members,
That together we might raise up a faithful witness,
A beacon of hope,
For the community around us,
And for our Lord, Jesus Christ,
In whose name we pray,
And in whose service we offer these gifts, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN # 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

*BENEDICTION

My soul thirsts for you, O God.

Lord, be my provision.

At times we wander like we are lost.

Lord, be our guide.

We long to know your hope.

Lord, be the song in our hearts! Amen!

* RESPONSE #438

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Smith-Peeters

SERVICE

Flowers: The flowers are given by Sam & Sandy Hamilton in loving memory of Samuel C. (Charlie) Hamilton, Jr.

Acolyte: Isaac Riley

Greeters: Sam & Sandy Hamilton

Liturgist: David Labins

Ushers: June O'Neil, Keith Rhoden, Jr., Clifford Riley, Pauline Robertson.

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

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 Minister. 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.



Stewardship

Sunday



First Presbyterian Church

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

Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday, November 8, 2009