

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

January 9, 2022



Whether we worship in person or online,
may the Spirit of God unite us in praise and prayer,
worship and witness to the saving love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

** indicates when to rise in body or in spirit*

(PH denotes *The Presbyterian Hymnal*,
STF denotes *Sing the Faith Hymnal*)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God who created us says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."
People: **The God of our baptism says, "I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
People: **The God of glory thunders.**

Leader: A voice from heaven speaks,
People: **"You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

Leader: Baptized into Christ Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
People: **And the promise of the Father to call us by name.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN PH #356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!***

***Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.***

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, yours is the baptism of Spirit and fire, but we confess we are not worthy of you. We have failed to bear the fruit of repentance, but have been worthless chaff, good for nothing. Forgive our sins, Lord Jesus, and call us anew. See us through every trial, whether of water or flame, that we might give you glory and tell the coming generations of the greatness of your redemption. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved, God forgives our sins! Because of Christ, we are pardoned.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

In Christ, God has broken down the dividing walls between us and has bridged whatever distance separates us from God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (Please take a moment to greet one another from a distance.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29

Leader: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: ⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: ⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Leader: ⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

People: ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: ⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

People: ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

All: ¹¹**May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people
with peace!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND BUCKET BRIGADE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

"What's in a Name?"

* HYMN PH #492

"Baptized in Water"

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.***

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.***

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Set free for service, Good News we bring.***

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Iona Community

We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*** SUNG RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING PH #591**

*“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** HYMN PH #369**

“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022

Sun. 1/9

10:30 am Worship In Person

Our service will also be on our YouTube channel sometime after 12 noon.

Go to: www.YouTube.com and search for: "fpcnewtonnj".

It will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

Bucket Brigade Second Sunday loose change collection to help fight hunger in our community.

11:30 am Fellowship Time

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Girls Scouts**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Youth Group**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Adult Study**

Mon. 1/10

10:00 am Wired Word

Here is the Log in information for Wired Word: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89333400136?pwd=TThiNCt2RFpBdWdnT1JueFovQzINZz09> Meeting ID: 893 3340 0136 Passcode: 148070

Wed. 1/12

8:00 pm Midweek Vespers via Zoom

Here is the Zoom Meeting Link: Here is the Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88438963402?pwd=ZlIMTFJyYjlpVpTeGFzUjlkNDNHZz09> Meeting ID: 884 3896 3402 Passcode: 317405

Thur. 1/13

10:00 am FPCN serves at Manna House

7:00 pm **Bells**

Fri. 1/14

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Hearts and Hands Craft Group**

Sat. 1/15

Newsletter Deadline

Sun. 1/16

10:30 am Worship In Person

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11:30 am Fellowship Time

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Youth Group**

No Adult Study