



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM January 10, 2021

*As we worship together while physically apart,
may we celebrate the unity and the connections
that are ours through the gift of God's Holy Spirit!*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are gathered to worship our God.

People: Send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: We come from many places, with many burdens.

People: Send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: We turn our hearts to you, O God.

People: Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family.

Leader: Let us worship God.

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,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus’ name. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: “You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.” In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God— tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And 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.**

Thoughts on the Text

HYMN PH #443

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

***O Christ, the great foundation on which Your people stand
To preach Your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.***

***Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited, by grace we make You known.***

***Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
There let Your church awaking attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking, with You the victory win.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD SERVICE

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 AND DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When you hear the words: "Give strength, O Lord," please respond with: "and bless us with peace." Let us pray to the Lord:

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE PH# 68 vs 4

*To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.*

POSTLUDE

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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E-Giving is a convenient way to support our ministries. Here's how:

Scan the QR Code to make a donation through your smart phone. **OR**

Go to the church website, fpcnewtonnj.org and click on the

E-donate button and sign up using your email and a password. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for automatic recurring donations.

More comfortable using a check? No problem, we are checking the mail on a regular basis during the office closure.

As Always, we thank you for your generosity and support!

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**Virtual Congregational Life at
First Presbyterian Church
January 10, 2021**

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New to Zoom? There is a brief Zoom tutorial video called "Using Zoom" on our church YouTube channel. Click on web address above, (subscribe!) then, click on "Using Zoom" to view the video. Chromebooks and other "Tablets" may require you to download a Zoom app that is specific to them. Others should not have to add this step in the process.

Sun. 1/10 **9:00 am-9:30 am Children's Ministry Zoom gathering**

for children preschool to grade 5. The Zoom link is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82205534608>.

10:00 am Worship Livestreamed. Also available on YouTube any time after 10:00 am

Our service will be on our YouTube channel. Go to: www.YouTube.com and search for: "fpcnewtonnj".

If we have your email address you will also receive a link to the service.
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11:30 am Congregational Check In Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86810439616?pwd=b3VNLRGN0h2QWVBLzVrTkQ4Ynd3Zz09> Meeting ID: 868 1043 9616 Passcode: 745160

6:30 pm Sunday Evening Adult Study Zoom Meeting

Log in information: Topic - Sunday Evening Adult Study

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042904750?pwd=N2VzdGtKOEZBV1NjUXJFbGR0SUFkQT09> Meeting ID: 860 4290 4750 Passcode: 805881

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Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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- Mon. 1/11 **10:00 am Wired Word via Zoom only**
Here is the Log in information for Wired Word:
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085103384?pwd=dThQblpyM2VqdnNZVTdkRjdreUFldz09> Meeting ID: 880 8510 3384 Passcode: 842293

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- Wed. 1/13 **8:00 pm Midweek Service Of Scripture And Prayer**
The Advent Vespers that Pastor David led on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 is continuing into the new year. This short service (15 min. max) requires no preparation and is offered as a lift in the week to help carry our spirits along in this continuing COVID crisis. Here is the login:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81421096398?pwd=aIFhM1R5eVA4U2xFdFgwQ1YrdnNSdz09>
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