



First Presbyterian Church of Newton

10:00 AM FEBRUARY 7, 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: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

People: **Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

People: **they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

People: **they shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN PH #466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

(Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Leader: ¹Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: ²**The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

Leader: ³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

People: ⁴**He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

Leader: ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: ⁶**The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

People: ⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.**

Leader: ⁹He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

People: ¹⁰**His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

Leader: ¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

All: ²⁰**He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT

HYMN PH #358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

***Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.***

***Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.***

***Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit and the light of God's love in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the church is called to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S 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 DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

We give you our thanks and praise, O God, from wherever we are. (our prayers continue...)

Holy one, accept these prayers of our hearts, both spoken and unspoken, as we lift before you those who are on our hearts and minds this day...(our prayers continue...)

Confident that you are able to do far more than all we can ask or think, we lift up our prayers this day in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the bread of Heaven.

People: **We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

People: **We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic and physical separation from one another. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. 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.*

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation will be held via Zoom on **Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** (not 10 a.m. as indicated in *The Beacon*). The meeting will include the presentation of the budget for 2021, a vote to approve the terms of the pastor’s call, a vote to elect ruling elders, deacons, and members-at-large to the nominating committee, and other business as may be required. By order of the Session, Terry VanAuken, Clerk

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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

February 7, 2021

Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel! Invite your friends to do so as well. It doesn't lock you into anything! But, a subscription makes it easier to use our YouTube channel. Here is the web address: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCifje87megV4T0c-tJ0hSjA>

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. 2/7 **7:00 am Worship! (Or at whatever time works best for you & your family)**

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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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/6063804664>

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Souper Bowl of Caring – Take out soup

Enter through the back door into Fellowship Hall and we will fill your order. Masks are required!

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 NO Adult Study

Mon. 2/8 **10:00 am Wired Word**

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

Or: If you have trouble getting online you may also dial into the meeting:

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

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Tues. 2/9 **7:00 pm COVID-19 Questions Covered**

One of our members, Bridget Jones, is a healthcare professional. She is offering an informational meeting on Tuesday night at 7pm to make a presentation on COVID and some of the concerns that have been expressed about the vaccines, and such. It will be on Zoom. There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Here's the login information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81137940612?pwd=VWhnc0cvMmVDRzV3Zi8rS2lnZ3ViQT09> Meeting ID: 811 3794 0612 Passcode: 678523

Or: If you have trouble getting online you may also dial into the meeting:

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Wed. 2/10 **8:00 pm Midweek Vespers**

Pastor David leads a 15 minute service on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. It includes psalms, scripture and prayer. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81421096398?pwd=alFhM1R5eVA4U2xFdFgwQ1YrdnNSdz09>

Sat. 2/13 **4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sweetheart Dinner Meal Pickup**

Enter through the back door into Fellowship Hall to pickup your order. Masks are required!

Sun. 2/14 **7:00 am Worship! (Or at whatever time works best for you & your family)**

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6:30 pm Sunday Evening Adult Study Zoom Meeting

Log in information: Topic - Sunday Evening Adult Study

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Or: If you have trouble getting online you may also dial into the meeting:

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