



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

10:00 AM February 14, 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: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

People: **We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

People: **Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

HYMN PH #75

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

*O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!*

*From age to age the tale declare, how with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elijah meet,
The Lord holds converse high and sweet.*

*With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God comes to us and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 50:1-6

Leader: ¹The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: ²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: ³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

People: ⁴**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:**

Leader: ⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: ⁶**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT

HYMN STF #2173

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

*Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)*

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND SUNDAY BUCKET BRIGADE AND THE 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 AND DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When you hear the words, "Lord, by your Spirit" please respond with "**Hear our prayer.**"

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 STF #2088

*Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

POSTLUDE

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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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Scan the QR Code to make a donation through your smart phone. You may be able to get to the secure website simply by taking a picture of the QR code with your smartphone. Or you may need to download a secure QR code scanner App.

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!

Our Staff

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Virtual Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church

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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. 2/14 **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. It will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

Second Sunday Bucket Brigade Collection to help feed local families

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>

11:30 am Congregational Check In Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86810439616?pwd=b3VNL0RGN0h2QWVBLzVrTkQ4Ynd3Zz09> Meeting ID: 868 1043 9616 Passcode: 745160

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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Mon. 2/15 **10:00 am Wired Word**

Here is the Log in information for Wired Word:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085103384?pwd=dThQblpyM2VqdnNZVTdkRjdreUFlZz09> Meeting ID: 880 8510 3384 Passcode: 842293

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Wed. 2/17 **Ash Wednesday**

Lenten Devotionals This year for the season of Lent, *Presbyterians Today* invites us to reflect upon the gift of *shalom*, the Hebrew word for peace, what it can mean in our lives and bring into our world. You can download a copy of this devotional at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>

7:00 pm Online Ash Wednesday Service

We will join with our brothers and sisters from the First United Methodist Church here in Newton. They will be the "host church" so the service will appear on their YouTube channel which is:

<https://www.youtube.com/NewtonUMChurch>. The service will include communion and all are invited to participate by having some bread and some juice or wine on hand for the celebration. The imposition of ashes will also occur, but it will be handled differently for obvious reasons.

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The meeting will go "live" at 10:30 so that you will have time to check in with one another and confirm a good connection prior to the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81239979692?pwd=dINPSGQ2VzJtMctqZzd3MGVrQjJPUT09> Meeting ID: 812 3997 9692 Passcode: 704955

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

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