



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

April 25, 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 Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People:: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

HYMN PH #417

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving kindness hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction shed with in its walls always.*

*Here bestow on all Your servants what they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain,
And here after in Your glory evermore with You to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

Leader: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: ²**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Leader: ³He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: ⁴**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Leader: ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

All: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT

HYMN PH #171

“The King of Love my shepherd is”

***The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.***

***In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When you hear “merciful God” 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

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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E-Giving - It makes giving easy!

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. 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!

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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. 4/25 **WORSHIP! (anytime after 7:00 a.m.)**

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.

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=b3VNL0RGNOh2QWVBLzVrTkQ4Ynd3Zz09> 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:

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

Meeting ID: 860 4290 4750 Passcode: 805881

Mon. 4/26 **10:00 am Wired Word**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085103384?pwd=dThQblpyM2VqdnNZVTdkRjdreUFlodz09> Meeting ID: 880 8510 3384 Passcode: 842293

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Wed. 4/28 **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=a1FhM1R5eVA4U2xFdFgwQ1YrdrnNSdz09>

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We are celebrating communion! If you wish to participate, plan on having some bread and some "fruit of the vine" on hand. This could be grape juice, wine (if you prefer), or another juice that comes from a vine.

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