



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NEWTON**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM JUNE 19, 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)*

Gathering in God's Name

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When forces in the world threaten us,

People: When our bodies or spirits turn against us,

Leader: There is one who seeks us,

People: One who meets us,

Leader: One who heals us,

People: Whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.

Leader: This One is the Lord. Come, let us worship God.

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to you. We have not taken the hand you offer to lead us out of godforsakenness, and into your holy ways.

God our Savior, forgive us. Quench our thirst for you from the Rock of our salvation, and let your love well up in us unto eternal life. Speak tenderly to us of your presence. Feed us with your word. Deliver us from evil. Let us enter into your kingdom; then send us out to serve you by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

(our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ Jesus is the bread of life, manna come down from heaven. Christ covers us with baptismal waters, so that our lives are hidden in him. This Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, is sovereign even over the powers of evil, so that his reign brings freedom and joy. Therefore, I declare to us by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

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.)

Listening For God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy One, your words feed us, the Word frees us, and the Spirit gives us life. Grant our ears an appetite for hearing and our spirits strength for loving you. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 42

Leader: ¹As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you,
O God.

People: ²**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

Leader: ³My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

People: ⁴**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the
house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

Leader: ⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall
again praise him, my help

People: ⁶and my God. My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of
Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Leader: ⁷Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

People: ⁸By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Leader: ⁹I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses
me?”

People: ¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

All: ¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God;
for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-19a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said,

“Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

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

SERMON **“Anyone can be scared.”**

Responding to God's Word

* HYMN STF #2212

"My Life Flows On"

verses 1,2

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

From the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged. We believe that God calls us to bear one another's burdens, to live in peace and to trust in God's unfailing love.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S SERVICE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

*** 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**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*** HYMN STF #2057** *“Be Still and Know That I Am God”*

Sung 3x

Be still and know that I am God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
(our prayer continues...)

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord...(our prayer continues...)

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God we pray as our Savior taught us, saying:

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.

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.**

(You will be served in your pew. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Going Into The World as Christ's Disciples

* HYMN PH #345 *"Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind"* verses 1, 3, 4

*Dear Lord, Creator good and kind,
forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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

Our 2022 Graduates

High School Graduates

Amanda Celentano: Amanda attended High Point Regional High School. She was in Chamber Singers, Foreign Language National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music National Honor Society, among other activities. She also danced at D'marge Dance Studio for thirteen years. In the Fall, Amanda plans to attend Kutztown University and will be majoring in Secondary Education: English.

Trevor Christ: Trevor has recently graduated from Newton High School. He was a member of the Boys' Basketball and Lacrosse teams. He was also a member of the Wind Ensemble. Trevor plans to attend Sussex County Community College in the Fall. He intends to study mathematics and play lacrosse for the Sussex Skylanders.

Arin Goriscak: Arin is a graduate of Kittatinny Regional High School. Next year, she will be attending Georgia College and State University as an Exercise Science major with hopes to become a Physical Therapist. Arin will also be playing Division II Women's Soccer.

Connor McQuillan: Connor is a graduate from Sussex County Technical School where his focus was Cinematography. At Sussex Tech, he was involved in the drama club and played Lurch in this year's production of The Addams Family. Outside of school, he was involved in Scouts BSA. He earned his Eagle Award and was named the 2021 Scout of the Year for the Sussex District. He also participated in the Music Career Mastermind Program (based in NYC), as well as the Walden Young Musicians Summer Program in Dublin, NH. Connor leaves June 17th for his summer job at the BSA Sea Base in the Florida Keys, so he won't be able to attend Dad & Grad Sunday on the 19th. From Sea Base, he'll head to Loyola University - New Orleans where he's planning to double major in Music Composition and Digital Film.

Samantha Wechtler: Samantha is a graduate of Newton High School. At Newton she was involved in field hockey and winter track. Samantha is on the Newton Fire Department and is currently attending fire school at the Sussex County Fire Academy. In addition, she is an active member of the youth group, participating in many service projects and attending two mission trips. Future plans include attending Sussex County Community College for an Associate's Degree and transferring to Bloomsburg College where she will major in physical therapy.

College Graduates

Caitlin Bailey Centenary College

Luke Phlegar Universal Technology Institute

Amanda Whitworth Moravian College

Kristy Woodrow Princeton Seminary



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