



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

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*)

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ,

People: **so that we might live as God's own children.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God,

People: **and live for the praise of God's glory.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### \* HYMN PH #487

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. (Our silent prayers continue...)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God forgives us and strengthens us for love.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Brothers and Sisters, God has broken down the dividing walls between us and has bridged whatever distance separates us from God and one another. Peace be with you.

**And also with you.** (Please take a moment to greet one another from a distance.)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us that we might praise Christ's glory. Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24

Leader: <sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

People: <sup>2</sup>**for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: <sup>4</sup>**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

People: <sup>6</sup>**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,  
O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People: <sup>8</sup>**Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

Leader: <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up,  
O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

All: <sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 15-17

<sup>6</sup>David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals...

<sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. <sup>16</sup>As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. <sup>17</sup>They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

## Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

## SERMON

## "This is Really Living!"

\* HYMN PH # 341

*"Blessed assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. Refrain*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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 AND 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.

\* HYMN STF#2088

*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

*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.*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE STF #2281

*May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.*

POSTLUDE

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

Go to the church website, [fpcnewtonnj.org](http://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, just mail a check to the church office.

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

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## **Our Staff**

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***(See Next Page for Congregational Life Schedule)***



**Virtual Congregational Life at  
First Presbyterian Church  
July 11, 2021**

**Sun. 7/11 9:30 am Worship In Person!**

Our service will also be on our YouTube channel sometime after 12 noon.  
Go to: [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for: "fpcnewtonnj".  
It will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

**Bucket Brigade** Second Sunday loose change collection to help fight hunger in our community.

**10:30 am Punch on the Patio!**

**Mon. 7/12 10:00 am Wired Word**

Here is the Log in information for Wired Word: Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085103384?pwd=dThQblpyM2VqdnNZVTdkRjdreUFIodz09> 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. 7/13 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Youth Group Mission Day**

**Wed. 7/14 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adult Study**

Here is the Log in information for Bible Study: Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85660949390?pwd=SnV0U3ZnVWVkdThFad0ZEb3NHZFJsUT09> Meeting ID: 856 6094 9390 Passcode: 332566

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**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=alFhM1R5eVA4U2xFdFgwQ1YrdrnNSdz09>

**Thur. 7/15 Newsletter Deadline**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm Youth Group Mission Day**

**Fri. 7/16 1:00 pm Hearts and Hands Craft Group**

**Sun. 7/18 9:30 am Worship In Person!**

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