

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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

“Silence of the Morning”

Jerry Chandler

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

People: **God calls us to quiet and rest,**

Leader: even as we continue to minister to those in need.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN PH #478

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.*

*Angels, help us to adore Him: Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and Brothers,
let us remember that we have been restored to the grace of God.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

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

**People: ²He 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: ⁴Yea, 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: ⁶Surely 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

2 Samuel 7:1-6, 11-14

⁷Now when the king David was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ¹¹I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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SERMON

"Our Good Ideas"

* HYMN STF #2171

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

***Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.***

***Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(insert)

Zachary James Oswin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 PH #442 *“The Church’s One Foundation”***

*The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her ongoing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

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

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Virtual Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church

July 18, 2021

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

Our service will also be on our YouTube channel sometime after 12 noon.

Go to: www.YouTube.com and search for: "fpcnewtonnj".

It will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

10:30 am Punch on the Patio!

Mon. 7/19 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

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: 880 8510 3384 Passcode: 842293

Tues. 7/20 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Youth Group Mission Day

7:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting

Wed. 7/21 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=SnV0U3ZnVWVkdHhFad0ZEb3NHZFJsUT09> Meeting ID: 856 6094 9390 Passcode: 332566

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

Meeting ID: 856 6094 9390 Passcode: 332566

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=a1FhM1R5eVA4U2xFdFgwQ1YrdnNSdz09>

Thur. 7/22 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Youth Group Mission Day

Fri. 7/23 1:00 pm Hearts and Hands Craft Group

Sun. 7/25 9:30 am Worship In Person!

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