

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF NEWTON**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 AM AUGUST 7, 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: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**People: The One who calls us,**

Leader: The One who equips us,

**People: The One who loves us without end.**

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION +**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION +**

**Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we’re kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great, and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind.**

**So, we thank you, and ask your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. (our silent prayers continue...)**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Let us proclaim the Good News:

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

## **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**

### **INTRODUCTION TO A WEEK OF SERVICE**

**GO SERVE in Freedom**

**GO SERVE with Purpose**

**GO SERVE with Humility**

**GO SERVE with Gratitude**

**GO SERVE & A slide Show of Our Week of Service**

## Responding to God's Word

\* HYMN STF #2237     *“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”*

*As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.*

*We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.*

*As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
So may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
May our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)     The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\* HYMN PH #507**

*“I Come with Joy”*

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
Forgiven, loved, and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me,  
His life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread,  
In Christ's communion bread.*

*Together met, together bound,  
We'll go our different ways,  
And as His people in the world,  
We'll live and speak His praise,  
We'll live and speak His praise.*

## 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.**

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent in these last times as savior and redeemer, and messenger of your will...(our prayer continues...)

Through him all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, 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

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

**Going Into The World as Christ’s Disciples**

\* HYMN STF#2184            *“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”*            (sung 2x through)

*Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now to  
make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.  
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.  
O help us to obey and carry out your will.*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED.  
OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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*The youth mission team members participating in this morning’s service are:  
Maddie Crowell, Abbie Hoffman, Patrick Hoffman, Evan Parker,  
Paige Vandergoot, Shea Parker, Billy Woodrow, Lauren Armstrong,  
Kristy Woodrow and Colleen Duffy.*

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+ *The Call to Worship, Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession were written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’. Used with permission.*



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