

# First Presbyterian Church of Newton

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM SEPTEMBER 18, 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: You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say,  
"My God, in whom I trust."

**People: No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge,  
the Most High their dwelling place.**

Leader: God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God's name.

**People: When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble,  
and show them salvation.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.*

*Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
[Refrain]*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love. (our silent prayers continue...)**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. In Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored. Friends, believe the Good News:

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## 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)

Nurturing God, you give life to all things and long to satisfy the needs of your children in their desire for healing and wholeness. Send your Spirit upon us this day, that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus, the one in whom all our hungers are fed. Amen.

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Leader: <sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

People: <sup>2</sup>**will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God,  
in whom I trust."**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and  
from the deadly pestilence;

People: <sup>4</sup>**he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

People: <sup>6</sup>**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Leader: <sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

People: <sup>15</sup>**When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.**

All: <sup>16</sup>**With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Macie Hoffman      Jayden Sherrer

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S SERVICE**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT A RULING ELDER**

**\* 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**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

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

\* HYMN STF #2284

*“Joy in the Morning”*

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,  
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,  
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,  
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

*There'll be peace and contentment evermore,  
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,  
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,  
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.*

*There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,  
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,  
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,  
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

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**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON  
September 18, 2022**

Sun. 9/18 **9:00 am Worship and Faith Formation classes**

**10:30 am Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles**

Our service will also be on our YouTube channel sometime after 3 pm. Go to: [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for: “fpcnewtonnj”

It will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

**Rally Day! Ministry Groups & Committee Displays and Food!**

Mon. 9/19 **10:00 am Wired Word**

Here is the link for Wired Word: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89333400136?pwd=TThiNCt2RFpBdWdnT1JueFovQzINZz09> Meeting ID: 893 3340 0136 Passcode: 148070

**4:00 pm Stewardship Meeting**

Tues. 9/20 **7:00 pm Deacons**

Wed. 9/21 **No Midweek Vespers**

**7:15 pm Session – in person**

Thur. 9/22 **7:00 pm Bells**

Fri. 9/23 **1:00 pm Hearts and Hands Craft Group**

Sun. 9/25 **9:00 am Worship and Faith Formation classes**

**10:30 am Worship - Installation Sunday**

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