



First Presbyterian Church of Newton

World Communion Sunday
October 3, 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

Presbyterian Church of Columbia

Leader: We gather from the west to the east,
People: **from the south to the north,**
Leader: to celebrate the God of peace
People: **who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**
Leader: This God of peace accompanies us
People: **in each and every circumstance around us.**
All: **We praise God's name! Amen!**

* HYMN PH #457

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Swiss Song

*I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.*

CALL TO CONFESSION **Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in The Near East**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Holy Land**

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

(Our silent prayers continue...)

HYMN STF #2013

“Bless the Lord”

**French (Taizé) Song
Sung 2x**

***Bless the Lord my soul and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East**

Leader: God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ, through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to preach peace to those who are near and far.

People: **Amen!**

*** HYMN STF #2026**

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Caribbean Song

***Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluia!
Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluja! Halleluja!***

*** 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.)

*** HYMN**

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

***Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father, we’re one family,
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.***

***Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every breath I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8

Leader: ¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: ²**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: ⁴**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: ⁶**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

Leader: ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: ⁸**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

All: ⁹**O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

SERMON

“The Centerpiece”

*** HYMN PH #367**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Ghanian Song

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.*

*Kneels at the feet of His friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]*

*Neighbors are rich and poor,
Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]*

*These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love:
All are neighbors to us and You. [Refrain]*

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit and the light of God's love in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the church is called to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR REFRESHMENT

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 OF THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN STF #2265

“Time Now to Gather”

*Time now to gather, time now to feel
Christ’s holy presence gracing this meal.
Grain from the harvest, fruit of the vine;
Simple the supper, sacred the sign.*

*Time to remember Christ who was sent.
Time to say, “Thank you” for all he meant.
Come to this table. Come, without fear.
God will forgive you, welcome you here.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 give thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

(our prayer continues...)

Living with you, Christ prays for us. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)

Argentine Song



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My
¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi



heart knows how to say to you: You are ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: ¡San - to e - res, Dios!

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.**

* HYMN STF # 2081

"Thank You, Jesus"

African Song

***Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!***

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE STF #2163

*He who began a good work in you,
He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it,
Will be faithful to complete it.
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.*

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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***Stop in the Fellowship Hall following worship for
Coffee, Light Refreshments and a Time of Fellowship!***

E-Giving - *It makes giving easy!*



E-Giving is a convenient way to support our ministries. Here's how:

Scan the QR Code to make a donation through your smart phone. **OR**

Go to the church website, 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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**Virtual Congregational Life at
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October 3, 2021**

Sun. 10/3 **9:00 am -10:00 am Mr. Rogers Program in Fellowship Hall**

10:30 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.

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering Dedicated

World Communion Sunday! We are celebrating communion. If you are unable to be here for in-person worship, plan on having some bread and some "fruit of the vine" on hand when you see the service on YouTube. This could be grape juice, wine (if you prefer), or another juice that comes from a vine.

If you plan to be here and would be willing to help by serving communion, please let the office know by Thursday.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Youth Group (Pizza)

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Adult Study on Peace Making in Isaiah

Mon. 10/4 **10:00 am Wired Word**

Here is the Log in information for Wired Word: Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81715997058?pwd=R1IBRE9LN3FTZEc0Mi9LbWVBTfZzQT09> Meeting ID: 817 1599 7058 Passcode: 341305.

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: 817 1599 7058 Passcode: 341305

7:00 pm Finance and Facility Meeting

Wed. 10/6 **8:00 pm Midweek Vespers via Zoom**

Here is the Zoom Meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84672944718?pwd=OHBsZkpYT1cyYIMyQ3NtdEpUM1RPQT09> Meeting ID: 846 7294 4718 Passcode: 390245
or Join by phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Thur. 10/7 **7:00 pm Bells**

Fri. 10/8 **1:00 pm Hearts and Hands Craft Group**

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Sun. 10/10 **9:00 am -10:00 am Mr. Rogers Program in Fellowship Hall**

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Bucket Brigade Second Sunday of the month loose coin collection to help fight hunger in our local community

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall

No Youth Group

No Adult Study