



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NEWTON**

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: **In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: **God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!**

*** HYMN PH #150**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

***Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!***

***Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!***

***Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We know the commandments: You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.

We are sure we follow them, but we do not follow you or love you, O God, with all our hearts and minds and strength. We hold back from giving our whole selves to you.

Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the book of Hebrews we hear these words: "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace with boldness, and know we will receive mercy and find grace in our time of need. Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness we seek.**

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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your word, O God, is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. May your Word be for us today life and action, beacon and gavel. In the name of the Living Word we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 22: 1-11, 19-23

Leader: ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

People: ²**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: ⁴**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

Leader: ⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

People: ⁶**But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

Leader: ⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

People: ⁸**“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

Leader: ⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

People: ¹⁰**On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

Leader: ¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

People: ¹⁹**But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!**

Leader: ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

People: ²¹**Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.**

Leader: ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

All: ²³**You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

SERMON

"You Lack One Thing"

* HYMN PH #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above*

*** 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**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

*** HYMN PH #298 *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”***

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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**Virtual Congregational Life at
First Presbyterian Church
October 10, 2021**

Sun. 10/10 **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.

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

Mon. 10/11 **10:00 am No Wired Word**

Wed. 10/13 **6:30 pm Session**

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. 10/14 **10:00 am FPCN serves at Manna House**

7:00 pm Bells

Fri. 10/15 **Newsletter Deadline**

1:00 pm Hearts and Hands Craft Group

Sun. 10/17 **9:00 am -10:00 am Mr. Rogers Program in Fellowship Hall**

10:30 am Worship In Person!

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Third Grade Bibles distributed during Worship

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Youth Group

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