



First Presbyterian Church of Newton

Christ the King

10:30 AM NOVEMBER 20, 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: Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

People: **like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the dew on the grassy land.**

Leader: Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

People: **a power that shall not pass away and a love
that will never be destroyed.**

Leader: We belong to the reign of Christ,

People: **the Alpha and Omega, who was, and is, and is to come.**

*Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song*

*Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would like us to be. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary.
This is good news!

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

SERMON

“Truth in Silence”

Elder Joe Martinoni

Responding to God's Word

* HYMN STF #2130

"The Summons"

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) From Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

Going Into The World as Christ's Disciples

* HYMN PH #151 *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

*Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.*

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED.  
OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON
November 20, 2022**

Sun. 11/20 **9:00 am Worship & Faith Formation (Sunday School) classes**
9:00 am Adult Study

10:30 am Worship Our service will also be on our YouTube channel sometime after 3 pm. Go to: www.YouTube.com and search for: "fpcnewtonnj"

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Pie Baking

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pie Baking

Mon. 11/21 **10:00 am Wired Word**

Here is the **NEW** link for Wired Word:

<https://zoom.us/j/97212023977?pwd=WkI4UzVINIR0M2IOWHM1enlqSjdXUT09> or Dial In: (929) 205 6099

Meeting ID: 972 1202 3977 Passcode: 833710

Tues. 11/22 **6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**

7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service & Pie Fest Here
with First United Methodist Church of Newton

Wed. 11/23 **8:00 pm Midweek Vespers** link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88213294186?pwd=MmVUYzdhL2xiOEo2TUJWdHltTXpTdz09> Meeting ID: 882 1329

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Thur. 11/24 **Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!**

Fri. 11/25 **Office Closed**

Sat. 11/26 **Preparing Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas**

Sun. 11/27 **9:00 am Worship & Faith Formation (Sunday School) classes**

10:30 am Worship

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Thanksgiving Service and Piefest Here

Tuesday, November 22nd at 7 pm

