



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NEWTON**

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 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

“Thanksgiving Celebration”

Bell Choir

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,

People: **and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

People: **The whole earth is full of God’s glory.**

*** HYMN PH #142**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

verses 1,3,4

***All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!***

***Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!***

***O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ.

(Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, it cannot be contained, but must be shared. Believe this good news:

People: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“A Round of Thanks”

by Donald Moore

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 93

Leader: ¹The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

People: ²**your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

Leader: ³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

People: ⁴**More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!**

All: ⁵**Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18: 33-38

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.” ³⁸Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him..”

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

SERMON

“From a Question Mark to an Exclamation Point!”

* HYMN PH #155

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*God’s kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
To glorify the saints for their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Iona Community

We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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.”*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

* 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

November 21, 2021

- Sun. 11/21 **9:00 am Birth of Jesus Intergenerational Program in Fellowship Hall**
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
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.
11:30 am Fellowship Time and Hearts and Hands Sale
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Pie Baking
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pie Baking
- Mon. 11/22 **10:00 am Wired Word**
Here is the Log in information for Wired Word: Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89333400136?pwd=TThiNCt2RFpBdWdnT1JueFovQzINZz09> Meeting ID: 893 3340 0136 Passcode: 148070
- Tues 11/23 **7:00 pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**
- Wed. 11/24 **8:00 pm Midweek Vespers via Zoom**
Here is the **NEW** Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88438963402?pwd=ZlIMTFJyYjlpVpTeGFzUjlkNDNHZz09> Meeting ID: 884 3896 3402 Passcode: 317405
- Thur. 11/25 **Happy Thanksgiving!**
Office Closed
- Fri. 11/26 **Office Closed**
- Sat 11/27 **9:00 am Preparing the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas!**
- Sun. 11/28 **First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am Worship In Person!
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