



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

Christ the King Sunday

10:00 AM November 22, 2020

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*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd

People: **We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

People: **But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN PH #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own the temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. (Our silent prayers continue...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100

Leader: ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: ²**Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: ³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: ⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

All: ⁵**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did

not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT

* HYMN PH #153

“He Is King of Kings”

Refrain:

*He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, No one works like Him.
O He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, No one works like Him.*

*He built His throne up in the air, no one works like Him,
And called His saints from everywhere, no one works like Him. [Refrain]*

*He pitched His tents on Canaan ground, No one works like Him,
And broke oppressive kingdoms down, no one works like Him. [Refrain]*

*I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like Him;
and by His love sweet blessing gives; no one works like Him. [Refrain]*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING 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

When you hear : “Lord, in your mercy”, please respond with **“hear our prayer.”**

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE PH# 555**

vs 3

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.*

***POSTLUDE**

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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A BIG THANK YOU to all who sent or handed in a pledge card - last Sunday we consecrated 36 pledges, totaling \$94,288. As each of us adds our "fish" to others, we find, just like the disciples on the beach, that there is an abundance, enough to carry on the abundant ministry that we engage in here in Newton. If you have not yet sent in or brought in a pledge card, fear not. There is still time, and we will even take your pledge electronically - just send an e-mail to our Treasurer at treas@fpcnewtonnj.org and indicate your support. Loaves and fishes indicate abundance and we discover in our lives as we follow Jesus, the one who blesses us abundantly.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

This year's combined Thanksgiving service will be virtual ONLY. It will be available on our YouTube channel (or use this link: <https://youtu.be/J1ixBI9GabQ>) starting at **5pm on Tuesday, November 24th**. We hope you and your family will have a chance to view it as part of your Thanksgiving celebrations. Like all of our services, this one will remain on our YouTube and may be viewed at any time after the 24th. Our thanks go to those who participated in it: Ann Socha, Sarah Cohea, Jerry Chandler, Colleen Duffy, Kathleen Meredith, Shirley Spooner, Todd Lattig and David Young.

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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, we are checking the mail on a regular basis during the office closure.

As Always, we thank you for your generosity and support!

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Virtual Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2020

Please subscribe to our YouTube Channel! Invite your friends to do so as well. It doesn't lock you into anything! But, with at least 100 subscribers our options increase for how we can use our YouTube channel. Here is the web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCifje87megV4T0c-tJ0hSjA>

New to Zoom? There is a brief Zoom tutorial video called "Using Zoom" on our church YouTube channel. Click on web address above, (subscribe!) then, click on "Using Zoom" to view the video. Chromebooks and other "Tablets" may require you to download a Zoom app that is specific to them. Others should not have to add this step in the process.

Sun. 11/22 **9:00 am-9:30 am Children's Ministry Zoom gathering**

for children preschool to grade 5. The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82205534608>.

10:00 am Worship! In person at 10 and available via YouTube after noon.

Our service will be on our YouTube channel. Go to: www.YouTube.com and search for: "fpcnewtonnj".

If we have your email address you will also receive a link to the service.

It will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

11:30 am Coffee Hour. Do you miss seeing one another?

Come to "Coffee Hour" via Zoom. Pastor David will host the event at 11:30 am. New to Zoom? Give David a call and he can walk you through.

Log in information: Topic – **Coffee Hour**. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86810439616?pwd=b3VNL0RGNOh2QWVBLzVrTkQ4Ynd3Zz09> Meeting ID: 868 1043 9616 Passcode: 745160

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)

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2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Pie Baking

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Pies baked at home due at the church

6:30 pm Sunday Evening Adult Study Zoom Meeting

Log in information: Topic - Sunday Evening Adult Study

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042904750?pwd=N2VzdGtKOEZBV1NjUXJFbGR0SUFkQT09> Meeting ID: 860 4290 4750 Passcode: 805881

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Mon. 11/23 **10:00 am Wired Word via Zoom only**

Here is the Log in information for Wired Word:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085103384?pwd=dThQblpyM2VqdnNZVTdkRjdreUFldz09> Meeting ID: 880 8510 3384 Passcode: 842293

Or: If you have trouble getting online you may also dial into the meeting:
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Tues. 11/24 **5:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Service via YouTube Channel** or use this link: <https://youtu.be/J1ixBI9GabQ>

Sun. 11/29 **10:00 am Worship! In person at 10 and available via YouTube after noon.**

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