

First Presbyterian Church of Newton

10:30 AM September 22, 2024

** indicates when to rise in body or in spirit*

(PH denotes *The Presbyterian Hymnal*) and STF denotes *Sing the Faith Hymnal*)

Influencer

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and incline our minds
to things that are true and just,

People: **things that are pure and pleasing,**

Leader: things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, and incline our hearts toward you!**

*** HYMN STF #2223** *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Every week, as we worship together, we have an opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Lord, we come before you with humble hearts and honest words today. When we do not always walk with you, forgive us when we stray. When we do not always perceive what is just, forgive us when we turn away. When we are not always the face of compassion or the voice of kindness, forgive us when we neglect a neighbor in need. Bless us with the gift of mercy, that even as you forgive us, we can forgive ourselves and others. In grace and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant and steadfast love.

People: Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Amen.

* SONG OF JOY PH #507 *"I Come with Joy"* verse 1

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*SHARING THE PEACE

<h2>LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD</h2>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Micah 6:8

Leader: I have told you, O mortal,
what is good and what does the Lord require of you

People: but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

REFLECTION ON 2024 SUMMER SERVE

REFLECTIONS ON OUR WEEK IN ERIE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S SERVICE

OFFERTORY A Summer Serving in Pictures

*** RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE PH #591 "Praise God"**

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ending with the LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

* HYMN PH #435 *“We All Are One in Mission”*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Participating in Today’s Service:

Olivia Clark, Vincent Clark, Caden McQuillan, Kate McQuillan, Jessica Smalley,
Paige Vandergoot, Billy Woodrow, Lauren Armstrong and Colleen Duffy.

2024 Youth Mission Team

Ellie Crowell, Maddie Crowell, Maddie Leonard, Evan Parker, Shea Vallorosi,
Paige Vandergoot, Billy Woodrow, Lauren Armstrong and Colleen Duffy

2024 Summer Serve Participants

Olivia Clark, Laney Deeb, Savannah DeMartini, Caden McQuillan, Kate
McQuillan, Hunter Rutan, Maddie Rutan, Caitlyn Ruitenber, Jady Sherrer,
Audrina Trogani, Ryan McQuillan, Mya Conklin, and Anna Rutan.

Liturgical Resources:

Call To Worship: From The Abingdon Worship Annual, *edited by Mary J. Scifres
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**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON
Week of September 22, 2024**

- Sun. 9/22 **9:00 Worship** (Chapel)
 9:00 am Adult Study (Adult Study Room)
 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes (for our children to grow in faith)
 (Upstairs Sunday School Classrooms)
 9:45 am Family Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) - **Mission Sunday**
 Child care for infants and toddlers is available on the second floor
 Coffee Hour following worship (parlor)
 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm Girl Scouts
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Youth Group
- Mon. 9/23 **10:00 am Wired Word** (via Zoom)
- Tues. 9/24 **7:00 pm Jubilee Women**(at the home of Jane MacDonald)
- Wed. 9/25 **8:00 pm Midweek Vespers** (via Zoom)
- Thur. 9/26 **7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- Fri. 9/27 **1:00 - 3:00 pm Hearts and Hands Craft Group** (Adult Study Room)
- Sun. 9/29 **9:00 Worship** (Chapel)
 9:00 am Adult Study (Adult Study Room)
 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes (for our children to grow in faith)
 (Upstairs Sunday School Classrooms)
 9:45 am Family Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
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 Coffee Hour following worship (Parlor)
 Garden Glimpses Presentation after worship (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Youth Group

*Our service can also be found on our YouTube channel sometime after 3 pm.
Go to: www.YouTube.com and search for: fpcnewtonnj

