

****Below are the Bulletin and Announcements for Sunday, April 18, 2021.**

It includes the Zoom link to join during Worship Service.

Sunday WorshipTime: This link will open at 9:30 AM on Sunday. Worship will begin at 10 AM; we will leave it open for 30 minutes after worship ends for conversation.

To join by

Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004448057?pwd=UUh4aWV6ZUxhY3A4eDgzTWw5U0V2UT09>

To join by telephone: 1 (929) 205 6099

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wappinger Falls, New York

April 18, 2021 * Easter 3B

GATHERING

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel
– that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead.

Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us
so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our
peace. Amen.

HYMN GtG #223 God Is Here

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.

You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die.

You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer,
and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of God will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Ware all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism...

(prayer continues)

Elder Lucille Holohan continues:

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church,
the session of First Presbyterian Church Wappingers Falls now installs to the office of elder
John Beale.

Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*p. 14 in hymnal*)

Constitutional Questions

Prayer for Elders & Laying On Hands

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK: 4/18-24/21

We give thanks for all who volunteer their time and talent in the service of God, and in particular, our church:

Participate in worship as a reader, greeter or elder of the month

Sing in the choir, ring bells or play instruments to glorify God

Bring communion, goodies, companionship or prayer to those at home

Serve on session; making decisions and caring for the congregation

Chair or serve on a committee

Tend to our finances and our church property

Do publicity or social media

Volunteer at the Free Community Dinners, Food Pantry or other mission projects

If you would like to get involved, please let me know. We have a *number* of volunteer opportunities awaiting *you!* Let us pray:

A Prayer for Volunteers

<https://www.buildfaith.org/prayers-for-volunteers/#gref> adapted

Everlasting God, it is our privilege as your beloved children to share

in the loving, healing, reconciling mission of your Son Jesus Christ, in this age and wherever we are.

Strengthen and sustain all who volunteer in our churches;

that with patience and understanding we may love and care for your people.

Since without you we can do no good thing, may your Spirit make us wise;

may your Spirit guide us; may your Spirit renew us;

may your Spirit strengthen us; so that we will be:

strong in faith, discerning in proclamation, courageous in witness, persistent in good deeds.

Grant that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you our gifts and talents;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS and COMMITMENT of SERVICE

1 John 3:16-17

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need?

As we offer our gifts to you, Loving God, remove any doubts about how they might be used, as you offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, joy to the grieving, and peace to the broken.

Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DOXOLOGY (please sing these words)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If you would like to share your joys and concerns with the congregation, please call or email the church office.

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life.

By your grace, O God, raise us from death to life.

We pray for the church.

Life-giving God, bless and keep us, as your beloved children,
so that your goodness and grace may be known in us.

We pray for the world.

Lead the rulers and people of every nation to repent of their violence and corruption
and trust instead in your way of life and peace.

We pray for our nation and for our leaders.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom, your justice and your compassion
all those whose decisions affect the lives of others, that all may act with integrity, honor and
with courage.

We pray for our community and for those in need.

Transcend the walls and boundaries that divide us.

Stand among us as our living God. Cast out our fear so that we may live in your peace.

Be gracious to all who are in trouble or distress.

Show them your goodness; put gladness in their hearts, so that they may find peace and safety in
you.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Give comfort to those who mourn. Fill the emptiness of loss with your never-ending peace.

We pray for ourselves and for our ministries.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may minister in *your* name, with *your* love in our hearts, *your* truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace.

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world the good news of your saving power and love, so that all may believe and have life in you; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #339 Be Thou My Vision

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the peace of Christ go with you to the places you go from here.

May the peace of Christ be in your conversations and at your tables.

May the peace of Christ be there for you when you lie down to sleep.

Now *go*, and *be* the peace of Christ for all you meet. Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Please call or email the church office with your prayer or pastoral care requests.

Please hold in your prayers:

~ for healing: Ann, G, Sheala, Jean, Jane, Carter, and Terry

~ for peaceful rest for: John Weitlich

~ for all who are infected with and impacted by Covid-19 and their caregivers

~ for strength in a time of grief: the Weitlich family

~ for all who are homeless, hungry and cold; and for all who provide comfort and care

~ for all of the prayers we have in our minds and in our hearts

Announcements

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If you need assistance accessing our virtual worship services, please contact the office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Spring Craft Fair on May 22nd:

– We plan to open the Thrift Shop during the Spring Craft Fair. We need to launder the clothing that has been sitting in there collecting dust for a year. Are you willing to take a rack or a tub home and return the clothes clean and ready for sale? Call the office to arrange a pick up time.

– Help make upcycled planters from items in the Thrift Shop (or your donated items from home.) Gather at the church on Sunday, May 16th at 1 PM to prepare the planters for sale on May 22nd.

– Make a batch of chili for sale at the Craft Fair. Let us know if you can make beef, turkey or vegetarian chili.

– We will need 2 10'x10' dining tents for use at the Spring Craft Fair – please let us know if you have one we can borrow.

We would love to reopen our Twice Blessed Thrift Shop. We need some volunteers who are able to commit to weekly shifts. Interested? Contact Kathryn Sorce at kathryn.sorce@gmail.com.

We are considering becoming a drop-off spot for **Terracycle** – a company that offers recycling for items that are recyclable, but not generally accepted by municipal programs, such as disposable razors, medication packaging or cleaning products. Interested in being a part of it? Contact Lucille Holohan at littlelulu@optonline.net. <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US>

The Free Community Dinner provides take-out meals on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. Our next Free Community Dinner To-Go is on Saturday, May 1st. **Pick up meals between 4-5:30 PM.**

Pastoral Care:

If you would like to receive pastoral care, please call us: church office (845)297-2800; Pastor Margery (914)539-5323 or Pastor Laurie (845)632-1124. Pastoral care will be offered by appointment only.

Please let us know how else we can support your spiritual needs.

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves:

Thank you for continuing to honor your pledges during this time. Whether you bring it to worship, send a check to the church office by mail or make your contribution using online banking, it is important that we maintain our ability to pay our bills as we continue to navigate this disruptive time as a church community. *Thank you for your generosity!*