

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Wappinger Falls, New York
June 27, 2021 * Pentecost 5B * Children & Youth Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship today.

To minimize any potential risk of infection with COVID-19, particularly for those who are not vaccinated, I remind you to please wear your mask, properly covering your mouth *and* nose, for the entire time you are in the church building. We will not be singing or reciting prayers, as recommended by the CDC, to reduce the risk of droplets being spread.

Expect the quieter, shorter, more reflective service that we used last summer.

Please sanitize your hands frequently and maintain social distance from anyone outside your household.

When it comes time to share a sign of peace, please share a wave, a bow or another gesture *from your seat*.

Please remain in your seat until it is time to exit the building.

Please follow all instructions during and after the worship service to ensure that all of us are safe.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, giver and sustainer of life and healer of our hurting world, you reach out to us with grace,

calling us to get up and follow you.

Give us the faith that makes us whole, so that dying and rising with Christ,

we might partake of the great feast of abundant and everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN GtG #797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

CALL TO CONFESSION *2 Corinthians 5:16*

We no longer regard one another from a human point of view,
for Christ has died for all, to save us from sin and death.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory.

We follow the crowds around you but fail to grasp the good news you offer.

We weep at the power of death but laugh at your promise of new life.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Heal us of all doubt and despair and give us the gift of faith by which you make us whole;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *2 Corinthians 5:17*

If you are in Christ, you are a new creation. Everything old has passed away; now everything is made new!

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

(Please share with one another a gesture, offering peace from your seat.)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to God, creator, redeemer and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed are you, O God, for in your wisdom, you have revealed to your people the mystery of your will.

Now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear and believe your word of truth: the good news of our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

HYMN GtG #178 The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 5:21-43
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “...”

TIME FOR REFLECTION

PRESENTATIONS

GtG #548 **May God Support You All Your Days**

Trudy & Bob Piggott Scholarships to Nia Hopkins & Mikayla LeClair – Mark Piggott

Gifts from the Congregation to Nia Hopkins & Mikayla LeClair

Bible to Kyle Ficker

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING of GIFTS

2 Corinthians 8:9, 12-15

Consider the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who – though he was rich – for our sakes became poor.

Let us give thanks to our generous God, for all of the blessings showered upon us.

Holy God, use the gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world,

so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace.

With gratitude for the grace of Jesus Christ, let us offer our lives to God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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 communion of the Holy Spirit, we call on the name of the Lord.

By your Spirit, O God, transform our lives.

We pray for the church.

Teach us to share our abundance with Christ-like generosity and love, giving freely to those who are in need.

We pray for the world.

Morning by morning, renew this weary world with your steadfast love that never ceases,
your faithfulness that never fails.

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.

Wherever there is struggle and strife, let your mercy and peace prevail:
in neighborhoods, nations, hearts, and homes. ...

Reach out to all who reach out to you;

confirm their faith in your healing touch and give them the wholeness they desire.

We pray for children and young people.

Beloved God, you call us all your children, love us and provide for us any loving parent would.

Hold our young ones in your tender loving care.

Fill them with faith and bravery to face life challenges.

Fill them with joy and gratitude for the goodness in life.

Fill them with wonder and awe for your beautiful creation, and a compassion of spirit to care for
it.

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.

Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives,
so all will know that you are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN GtG #793 Oh, Christ, the Healer

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Isaiah 6:3

May the blessing of the Trinity – our holy, holy, holy Lord – be with you now and always. Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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

Please hold in your prayers:

~ For healing:

Rich and his wife, Maria, his caregiver

Carol, Meg, Mary, Kevin and Arlene, Donna

Pastor Laurie's Mom, Barbara Argyle, who is in the hospital

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

~ For the deceased; for a peaceful rest and comfort for those whose lives they touched:

Harley Berger

Mary Johnson

Dorothy Bailey

Donna Birch

~ For those in their final days; and their caregivers

~ For safe travels and vacations

~ For all celebrating graduations

~ For clarity, patience and discernment as we navigate this time in the pandemic, caring for the needs of the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

~ For joy for Stephanie and Brad Veeder who welcomed their son Carson Kenneth on June 11, 2021.

~ For discernment for Luke, Juan, and Jeff for their next steps.

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

Announcements

Sunday Worship in-Person: For the time being, worship will be offered in-person at 10 AM only.

Communion schedule for the next few months: due to vacation schedules and holidays:

July – Nick Johnson will officiate on July 4th while Pastor Margery is away

August – communion will be rescheduled to August 11th

September – as is our custom, we will celebrate communion on September 12th to avoid the Labor Day weekend

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, June 19th. **Pick up meals between 4-5:30 PM.**

Please note that we will NOT be providing a meal on July 3rd.

Summer Office Hours will take effect this week through Labor Day. The office will be open Tuesday –Thursday 9 AM - 12 PM.

Stop & Shop Community Bag Program: *For the month of July 2021, First Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop store located at 2540 South Road, Poughkeepsie NY. Thanks for your purchase and support!*

Emergency Rental Assistance Program from NY is offering applications for funding. Households approved for ERAP may receive:

- Up to 12 months of rental arrears payments for rents accrued on or after March 13, 2020.
- Up to 3 months of additional rental assistance if the household is expected to spend 30% or more of their gross monthly income to pay for rent.
- Up to 12 months of electric or gas utility arrears payments for arrears that have accrued on or after March 13, 2020.

Contact 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368) for applications and detailed information.

Rebuilding Together no-cost home repairs: Rebuilding Together, Dutchess County 2022 Rebuilding Day home repair applications are available for those homeowners that qualify for cost-free home repair and safety modifications. Contact (845)-454-7310 for questions and application information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We would love to reopen our Twice Blessed Thrift Shop. We need some volunteers who are able to commit to weekly shifts. Interested? Contact Kathy Sorce at kathryn.sorce@gmail.com. We are seeking volunteers to assist with our finance processes;

Financial Secretary: handles the “accounts receivables” – counting and depositing pledges & other sources of income. Make deposits.

Treasurer: generate monthly reports; liaison between bill payer and financial secretary. See Nick Johnson if interested.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Margery will be away July 1-8. Pastor Laurie will provide coverage for pastoral care during that time.

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.

Communion: should you or a loved one wish to receive home communion, please contact the office to schedule an appointment.

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!*