

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Wappingers Falls, New York
July 11, 2021 * Pentecost 7B

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and life-giving God, power of the powerless, you send prophets to prepare the way of the Lord.

Silence the raucous songs of the bloodthirsty tyrants and raise the voices of those crying in the wilderness

so that your name may be known in all the world; through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

HYMN GtG #93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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.

You show us what is good, but we choose the ways of evil.

You show us what is right, but we fail to do your will.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Redeem us from our sin and restore us to your image so that our lives may honor you;
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 6:1-5, 12b-19

HYMN GtG #731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:14-29
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

TIME FOR REFLECTION

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.

Gather us up in your presence and teach us the truth of your word so that we may proclaim the gospel to all.

We pray for the world.

Bless and keep the world that you have made;

build it up in righteousness and justice, and establish your peace in every place.

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.

Help us to see the prophet's plumb line – a sign of your will for the world, a marker of equity for all.

Speak peace to those who are suffering;
in your steadfast love, meet them where they are and embrace them with hope and healing.

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 #796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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 exit one pew at a time, keeping six feet of distance between family groups, following all
instructions.*

*Andrzej and Pastor Margery will be the last two out of the sanctuary.
Please walk directly to your car. There will be no fellowship time today.
Please call the church office with your prayer or pastoral care requests.*

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Please hold in your prayers:

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~ for healing:

Meg

Mary

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

Lois Gottuso

Betsey Henne

Teresa

~ for those in their final days; and their caregivers:

Connie's father

~ for those affected by the recent storm.

~ for an increase in faith during times of struggle.

~ 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:

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, July 17th. **Pick up meals between 4-5:30 PM.**

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!*