

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Wappinger Falls, New York
October 10, 2021 * Pentecost 17B

Sunday Worship on Zoom: To access Sunday worship on Zoom, click on this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004448057?pwd=UUh4aWV6ZUxhY3A4eDgzTWw5U0V2UT09>

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Meeting ID: 820 0444 8057

Passcode: 155613

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable,
Glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth.
Your works everywhere praise you and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN GtG #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL to CONFESSION

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
We may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

May the God of mercy, who forgives all sins, strengthen you in all goodness;
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.
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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing,
we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN GtG #459 O Word of God Incarnate

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:17-31
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "*What Would You Give?*"

TIME for REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING of GIFTS

Yours, O God, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.
All in the heavens and on earth is yours, and of your own we give you.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
Let us return to God the offerings of our lives and the gifts of the earth. Blessed be God forever. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN GtG #475 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CHARGE and BENEDECTION *Mark 10:44-45*

Jesus said to his followers, "Whoever wishes to become great among you, must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."
Go with courage and with peace,
and travel well with your desire to be all you can be in the service of the Gospel.
Be prepared to be humbled, be open to great, but needed, change.

May the God of peace make you holy in every way
and keep your whole being – spirit, soul and body –
free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen! POSTLUDE

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

Please hold in your prayers:

- ~ for healing and comfort: Jennifer; Anthony; Paul; Donna, Allana, Raymond, Philip, Sheala
- ~ for the ministries of this church and all who give of their time, talent and treasure to make them happen
- ~ thanksgiving for a successful surgery for Teresa
- ~ for care of creation
- ~ thanksgiving for neighbor learning what grace is now
- ~ nice to hear voices during services in services
- ~ thanksgiving for a beautiful Benediction
- ~ for peace and comfort with the passing of Ron, his family and those who love him
- ~ for peace in the world
- ~ for all of the prayers we have in our minds and in our hearts

Announcements

Sunday Worship on Zoom: Session met on September 15th and reviewed the most recent Covid-19 statistics. The positivity rate, as reported in the [Dutchess County Covid Dashboard](#), had been more than 5% since Friday September 10th. This was our indicator to return to online worship.

We will worship **online only** for the following weeks:

October 10, 2021

October 17, 2021

As we did earlier in the year, we will send out the link to join our worship on Zoom with the bulletin by email during the week, and then make the Youtube video available to the congregation midday on Sunday for viewing at your convenience, if you are unable to join us on Sunday morning. We will continue to mail a hardcopy of the bulletin to our members who do not have computer access in their homes and those who have requested it.

Session meets again on Wednesday 10/20/21, at which point, a decision will be made to either continue online for another month or return to in-person worship services. Please keep watch for updated information, as the pandemic seems to be quite unpredictable at this point.

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PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

We are inviting a sampling of our congregation to complete the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help us gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our

church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the session as they make decisions about the future of the First Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls. Between September 9th- 30th, if you have received the link to the CAT, we ask that you go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. *Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.*

If you need a paper copy, please contact the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope. ***You must answer all of the questions for the form to be submitted. Please contact the office if you need assistance with understanding the survey in order to complete it.***

If more than one person in your household received the link, please have *each* individual complete the survey.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact Lucille Holohan. She has graciously agreed to be the “point person” for this project. You can reach her at littlelulu914@optonline.net. You may also leave a message for her at the church office. Many thanks!

World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness Offering – next Sunday, October 3, 2021, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and celebrate communion with our Christian sisters and brothers around the globe. Please be prepared, prior to worship, to join our virtual communion service with bread and grape juice/wine. We will also receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Please make your donation by check or online this week. 50% of the funds collected will support denominational peacemaking programs, 25% will support programs through Hudson River Presbytery and 25% of the funds we collect will support the peacemaking program of our choice. For more information on the offering, please see the following website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/#resources>

Free Community Dinners: In October, please join us on the first & fourth* Saturdays – October 2 & 23, 2021

*We will host an **Outdoor Craft Fair on October 16th**. We will need volunteers to staff the event and do some prep ahead of time. Please contact Staci Wagner at swagner625@optonline.net if interested.

We would love to reopen our Twice Blessed Thrift Shop. We need some volunteers who are able to commit to weekly shifts. Interested? Contact the church office.

Pastoral Care:

If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office (845)297-2800 or Pastor Margery (914)539-5323. 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!*