

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wappinger Falls, New York

January 16, 2022 * Epiphany 2C

Sunday Worship on Zoom: To access Sunday worship on Zoom, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004448057?pwd=UUh4aWV6ZUxFY3A4eDgzTWw5U0V2UT09>

To call in by phone: (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 820 0444 8057

Passcode: 155613

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

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.

Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,

that we may believe with our minds

and trust in our hearts

that you alone are Lord of all creation.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN GtG #276

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth,

whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are a God of grace and good gifts.

Forgive us when we do not recognize your grace: when we do not hear your Spirit calling and challenging us.

Forgive us when we do not live as people of grace: when we are quick to judgment and slow to compassion.

Forgive us when we do not believe the depth of your grace:

when we doubt whether we are good enough to be loved.

Forgive us, God of Grace. Wash us in your mercy and move us to new life.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in God will renew their strength.

They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

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

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

HYMN GtG #733 We Are All One in Mission

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-11
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “...”

TIME FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OF GIFTS

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live.

Take and use us for good in the world that you so love.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord. 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.

Holy One, who came as a child, we pray for your children everywhere:

For those who are hungry, we pray for nourishment.

For those who are fleeing, we pray for safety.

For those who are ill, we pray for your healing.

For those who are grieving, we pray for your peace.

For those who are suffering, we pray for your presence.

Holy Three, who patterns community, we pray for communities everywhere:

For those who are divided, we pray for unity.

For those who are isolated, we pray for connection.

For those who are afraid, we pray for your courage.

For those who are frustrated, we pray for new hope.

We pray especially for those in our own community who suffer this day...

Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three,

Bless us in the work of faith, that we might be truly faithful.

Nourish us in the labor of love, that we might show your love.

Keep our hope steadfast, that we might know your grace and your peace

as we wait for your coming reign of justice and overwhelming love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN GtG #300 We Are One in the Spirit

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mark 1:11 & 17, 9:7, John 1:43

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,

the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God forever. Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. So go. Follow him! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

Please hold in your prayers:

For school staff, health care workers and others who are stressed and stretched by Covid

For Leslie & Katie as they manage major life transitions

For strength of heart, mind & spirit as we continue under the enormous stress caused by the pandemic.

For healing and comfort:

- Hope and healing for Jay and her family as she continues her battle with cancer. Claire, Jonathon, Megan, and all who have Covid.
- For a friend struggling with depression.
- For Dominic, at basic training for the Air Force; and for his wife and family.
- For medical professionals as they tend the sick.
- For those who suffer in body, mind or soul; may they know healing peace and comfort.
- For the lonely; may they be gifted with companionship and love.

For thanksgiving:

- For the gift of Donna's new car.
- For the volunteers who have faithfully served in our ministries this year.
- For the reopening of the Twice Blessed Thrift Shop.
- For all of the prayers we have in our minds and in our hearts.

Announcements

Sunday Worship: Given the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Session will make decisions about in-person or virtual worship weekly. Please watch your email for each week's announcement while this surge impacts us. Please see the [Dutchess County Covid Dashboard](#) for daily statistical updates for our area.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our annual meeting will be held on **Sunday February 13th** immediately following worship. The decision on how the meeting will be held (in-person/virtual) will be made at this week's session meeting. **Deadline for all reports is January 27th.** Please contact the office with questions.

Free Community Dinner: We have returned to a once/month schedule. Our next To-go meal will be offered on February 19, 2022 4-5:30 PM pick up. Please contact the office to reserve yours.

The Twice Blessed Thrift Shop: will be open from 9 AM – 1 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

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!*