

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

Minds, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

1295 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, NJ 08830

Service and Message by: Rev. Chris Houtz
Liturgist: Sunday School

Sunday, October 31, 2021

10:30 a.m.



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PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Jennifer Morgan, Liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT

Great and Mighty

Ps. 150
Songs of Praise

Words and Music by
Marlene Bigley

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: Chord D. Lyrics: Great and might - y is the Lord our God,

Staff 2: Chords Em7, A. Lyrics: Great and might - y in - deed.

Staff 3: Chord Em7. Lyrics: Great and might - y is the Lord our God,

Staff 4: Chords A, G/A, D, Em/A, D. Lyrics: Great and might - y in - deed. Lift up your

Staff 5: Chord Em7(4)D/F#. Lyrics: ban-ner, let the an-thems ring; prais - es ev - er

Staff 6: Chords G, D, C6, B7. Lyrics: sing! Great and might - y is the Lord our God,

Staff 7: Chords Em7(4), A7, D, G/A, A, D. Lyrics: Great and might - y in - deed. deed.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Sunday School

Fling wide the temple gates!

Open up the ancient doors!

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

Who is this mighty and glorious one?

This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in the Lord!

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Rev. Chris Houtz

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven and was born of the Virgin Mary; who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world and has washed us from our sins; who on the third day rose from the dead and has given us the victory; who ascended on high and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

Great is your love.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the one holy catholic and apostolic church. For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

For Cynthia Chandaria, **thanks be to God.**

For all holy men and women, our mothers and fathers in faith. For the noble band of the prophets. For the glorious company of the apostles. For the white-robed army of martyrs. For the cherubim and seraphim, Michael and the holy angels.

Thanks be to God.

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

Hear us, O God.

God of all the faithful, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. Work out your good purpose in us and help us in our weakness as we await, with eager longing, the redemption of all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*** HYMN #326**

For All the Saints

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sunday School

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Sunday School

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Merciful God, hear now our own personal confessions that we lift up to you in silence.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Rev. Chris Houtz

In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Chris Houtz

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*** THE RESPONSE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Houtz

ANTHEM

Dance in the Graveyard

Delta Rae, arr. Justin Havard, performed by the St. Olaf Chapel Choir).

[<https://youtu.be/IGC-SKx94DM>]

When I die, I don't want to rest in peace
I want to dance in joy,
I want to dance in the graveyards, the graveyards
And while I'm alive,
I don't want to be alone mourning the ones who came before
I want to dance with them some more,
Let's dance in the graveyards
Gloria, like some other name we kept on callin ya
And waiting for change
But i belong to all of your mysteries
And all of us meant for the fire
But we keep on rising up
And walking the wires when we go below to lose us in mourning
When I die, I don't want to rest in peace
I want to dance in joy,
I want to dance in the graveyards, the graveyards
And while I'm alive,
I don't want to be alone mourning the ones who came before
I want to dance with them some more,
Let's dance in the graveyards
Woah, lets dance in the graveyards
Woah!
Oh my love, don't cry when I'm gone
I will lift you up, the air in your lungs
And when you reach for me, dance in the darkness
And we will move on, our daughters in sons
They will carry on as though we were young

We will stand aside and breathe in the new life
When I die, I don't want to rest in peace
I want to dance in joy,
I want to dance in the graveyards, the graveyards
And while I'm alive,
I don't want to be alone mourning the ones who came before
I want to dance with them some more,
Let's dance in the graveyards
Woah, lets dance in the graveyards
Woah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sunday School

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday School

Wisdom 3:1-9

3 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
3 and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,

because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Revelation 21:1-6a

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

THE MESSAGE

An Eternal Dance

Rev. Chris Houtz

***HYMN #482**

Baptized in Water

Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Jordana Nicole Doodnauth
(see Insert)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

THE OFFERING

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #608**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

The earth belongs to you, O God, the world and all its people. For the blessings of this life and the gift of your salvation we give you thanks and praise. As you have sought us out to save us help us to seek your face among our neighbors so that all may know the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #203**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Songs of Praise

Music: Unknown
Arr. Geoff Weaver

Musical notation for the first line of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - . Above the staff, the chord G is written above the first measure and D/F# is written above the final measure.

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - . Above the staff, the chords Em /D and C are written above the first and second measures respectively.

Musical notation for the third line of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - . Above the staff, the chords Am, D, and G are written above the first, second, and third measures respectively.

Musical notation for the fourth line of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - . Above the staff, the chords D/F#, Em, and Am7 are written above the first, second, and third measures respectively.

Musical notation for the fifth line of the song. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: le - lu - jah! _____ jah! _____. Above the staff, the chords G/D, D, G, C, G/B, Am, G, C/G, and G are written above the measures. The first two measures are grouped under a first ending bracket (1.), and the last two measures are grouped under a second ending bracket (2.).

THE POSTLUDE



A Message from the Deacon's Ministry of Compassion

The Board of Deacons' Ministry of Compassion is asking for donations of whole chickens or turkeys to include in our holiday food baskets. Also needed is canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, pasta and canned broth. Please leave all donations in the church kitchen labeled for food pantry.

Thank you everyone for your generous donations.
Your Ministry of Compassion



November is right around the corner! What's Ahead?
Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas!

If you have any news you'd like everyone to know, connect with Elder Betsy Christensen so that she can include it in the Spire!



Rev. Chris will be on vacation on Monday, November 1, and will return to the office on Tuesday, November 2nd.

Per Capita Apportionment for 2021 is \$40.45

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Office open Monday-Friday, 9am to 1 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Tuesdays at 12 noon

Bible Study - Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall at 11 am

Rev. Chris' Congregational Call - Every Thursday at 11 am

Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday of the month at 8 am.

CLEF Ladies' Breakfast
1st Saturday of the month at 9 am

Sunday Bible Study
9:00 am

Session meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month

Choir practice: 1st and last Sunday of the Month at 9:30 am

Divine Worship: In sanctuary and on Facebook Livestream
Sundays at 10:30 am