

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

*Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ*

Minister: Rev. Chris Houtz

Liturgist: Rose Anne Anthony

We request that you silence all electronic devices **before** service begins.

***\*Please rise in body or spirit.***

Sunday, October 17, 2021

10:30 A.M.

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose Anne Anthony, Liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT

**Great and Mighty**  
Ps. 150  
Songs of Praise  
Words and Music by  
Marlene Bigley

D  
Great and might - y is the Lord our God,

Em7 A  
Great and might - y in - deed.

Em7  
Great and might - y is the Lord our God,

A G/A D Em/A D  
Great and might - y in - deed. Lift up your

Em7(4) D/F#  
ban-ner, let the an-thems ring; prais - es ev - er

G D C6 B7  
sing! Great and might - y is the Lord our God,

Em7(4) A7 1. D G/A A 2. D  
Great and might - y in - deed. deed.

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

**Rose Anne Anthony, Liturgist**

The Lord is our dwelling place,  
**A home of peace and plenty.**  
The Lord is our dwelling place,  
**A refuge when trouble is near.**  
The Lord is our dwelling place,  
**A temple that will stand forever.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)**

**Rose Anne Anthony, Liturgist**

**Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; 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 #802**

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**Rose Anne Anthony, Liturgist**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Rose Anne Anthony, Liturgist**

**Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servant hood. Guide us to be true followers of your way.**

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**

Hear the promise of the Lord; Those who love me, I will deliver. When you call me, I will answer. I will rescue you from danger and show you my salvation. Believe this good news: In 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.**

*(Please pass the peace with friends and loved-ones)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding. Enable us to receive it today, in the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

<sup>5</sup> Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup> and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Job 38:1-7, 34-41**

**38** Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone  
7 when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
35 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, 'Here we are'?  
36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?  
37 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
38 when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
40 when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?  
41 Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,  
and wander about for lack of food?

## **THE MESSAGE**

## **Out of the Whirlwind**

**Rev. Chris Houtz**

### **\*HYMN #43**

### **On Eagle's Wings**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **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)

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they might help build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## \*HYMN #299

**You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**  
Songs of Praise  
Music: Unknown  
Arr. Geoff Weaver

The musical score is written in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! jah!

Chords indicated above the notes: G, D/F#, Em /D, C, Am, D, G, D/F#, Em, Am7, G/D, D, G, C, G/B, Am, G, C/G, G.

## THE POSTLUDE



**Woodbridge Township CROP Walk  
Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 1 pm  
Walk begins at the FPres Woodbridge  
Support the FPresIselinNJ Team!**

To Join us for the walk, or donate online, go to: <https://bit.ly/3lsLwK3>

or scan the Quick Response (QR) Code shown below using the camera on your mobile device (cellphone, tablet, IPad, etc.) :



**A Message from the Deacon's Ministry of Compassion**

The food pantry of The First Presbyterian Church of Iselin serves 20-24 families per month. The holiday season is fast approaching, and during that time, more families than usual tend to need food. The ministry of compassion is asking for donations of rice, canned fruit, pasta, canned vegetables, boxes of crackers, and cans of soup. Your generosity is appreciated.



### **Session Meeting today after service**

**Margarita Estrada will work from home, Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, because her roof and ceiling are being repaired due to damage caused by Hurricane Ida.**

**In addition: Vacation days: 10/21, 10/22, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27, family vacation in Florida to celebrate 3 years that her sister, Millie, has been cancer free.**

**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 8 am.

CLEF Ladies' Breakfast  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9 am

Sunday Bible Study  
9:00 am

Session meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

Choir practice: 1<sup>st</sup> and last Sunday of the Month at 9:30 am

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