

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Minister: Rev. Chris Houtz

Liturgist: Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

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

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Sunday, November 14, 2021

10:30 A.M.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

PRELUDE

Bishop Nikolaos G. Brown, Guest Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

CHORAL INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise
Ps. 100
Gathering

Words and Music by
Kinley Lange

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Make a joy-ful noise un-to the Lord, all peo-ple make a joy-ful noise. — Make a joy-ful noise un-to the Lord, all peo-ple make a joy-ful noise. — Serve the Lord with glad-ness, come in-to God's pres-ence with a song. Serve the Lord with glad-ness, come in-to God's pres-ence with a song. Make a peo-ple make a joy-ful noise! —'. The score includes a 'Last time to Coda' section and a 'Coda' section.

Make a joy - ful noise un - to the Lord,
all peo - ple make a joy - ful noise. —
Make a joy - ful noise un - to the Lord, all
peo - ple make a joy - ful noise. —
Serve the Lord with glad - ness, come in -
to God's pres - ence with a song. Serve the Lord with
glad - ness, come in - to God's pres - ence with a song. Make a
peo - ple make a joy - ful noise! —

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

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;
Our strength is exalted in God.
Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;
God has given us the victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord;
There is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!

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

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** HYMN #837**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake.

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 good news! Our guilty hearts have been sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Live in peace, forgiven and freed.
Thanks be to God!

*** THE RESPONSE #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1)

***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, either by calling, texting, or honking if you are outside!)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Houtz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Elder Chris Madsen & Cayleigh

Mark 13:1-8

¹³ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Hebrews 10:11-25

Rev. Chris Houtz

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience

and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THE MESSAGE

Holy Living in Troubled Times

Rev. Chris Houtz

***HYMN #629**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

***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 #609**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #846**

Fight the Good Fight

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (2x)

O clap your hands all ye people. Psa. 47:1
Words and Music by
Jimmy Owens

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CLAP YOUR HANDS .

A round

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Clap your hands, all you peo - ple, Shout un - to God with a voice of tri - umph,

2.



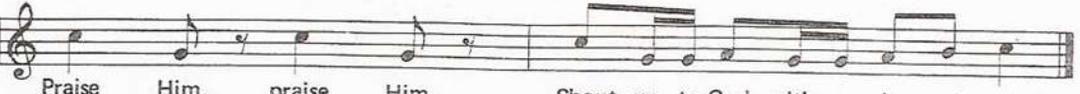
Clap your hands, all you peo - ple, Shout un - to God with a voice of praise! Ho -

3.



san - na, ho - san - na, Shout un - to God with a voice of tri - umph,

4.



Praise Him, praise Him, Shout un - to God with a voice of praise!

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THE POSTLUDE

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Join us for our Thanksgiving Gathering Luncheon today following morning worship!

Friendly Reminders!

Margarita Estrada working from home: Tues. 11/16 & Wed. 11/17, having ceiling fixed.

Office Closed 11/25 & 11/26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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

Update from Rev. Chris: On 11/17, I will do a Bible Study introducing the Gospel according to Luke, which is our lectionary gospel for the upcoming year. There will be no Wednesday Bible Study on 11/24. The Advent Study will begin on 12/1.

If you have any news you'd like everyone to know, connect with Elder Betsy Christensen by Monday, November 22nd so that she can include it in the Dec/Jan newsletter.

Advent Fellowships will be held in Fellowship Hall Wednesdays, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22 beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be fellowship, dessert, and advent lesson led by Rev. Chris.

The December 2021 and January 2022 CLEF Ladies' Breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 11th and Saturday, January 8th.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Tuesdays at 12 noon

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

Per Capita Apportionment for 2021 is \$40.45