

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

Minds, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Service and Message by: Rev. Chris Houtz
Liturgist: Elder Ron Stamboly

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****Please rise in body or spirit***

Sunday, November 7, 2021

10:30 A.M.



PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise

Make a Joyful Noise

Ps. 100
Gathering

Words and Music by
Kinley Lange



Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: A, E/A, D/A, A. Lyrics: Make a joy - ful noise un - to the Lord,



Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: G2, D, A. Lyrics: all peo - ple make a joy - ful noise. _



Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: E/A, D/A, A. Lyrics: Make a joy - ful noise un - to the Lord, all



Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: G2, D, A, A/G. Lyrics: peo - ple make a joy - ful noise. _



Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: F, G, A. Lyrics: Serve the Lord with glad - ness, come in -



Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: G2, D, A, F, G. Lyrics: to God's pres-ence with a song. Serve the Lord with



Musical staff 7: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: A, G, D, E. Lyrics: glad-ness, come in - to God's pres-ence with a song. Make a



Musical staff 8: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. Chords: G2, D, A. Lyrics: peo - ple make a joy - ful noise! _

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

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to my God all our lives long.

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

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

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN #81**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

Let us confess our sins to the one who sacrificed for us and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

Dear God, you gave us your only Son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE RESPONSE #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*Please pass the peace of Christ to one another.*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Houtz

ANTHEM

Give Thanks (*Smith, arr. Wilson*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

THE MESSAGE

Preparing for Judgment Day

Rev. Chris Houtz

***HYMN #697**

Take My Life

***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 OFFERING

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #609**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you, and for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN #92 While We Are Waiting, Come**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Blessed are you who hunger for justice, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who thirst for righteousness, for you will drink deeply of the cup of joy.

Blessed are you who yearn for reconciliation, for you will find peace.

Blessed are you who are persecuted in the name of religion, for yours is the commonwealth of heaven.

Blessed are we—for Christ calls us to his table, where there is room for everyone, and plenty for all.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

For all these things we praise you, joining our voices to the whole company of heaven, who sing together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Praise to you for the gift of this holy meal.

When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me.

In the same way he took and poured the cup, saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me.

Now, whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love. With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we partake.

When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body Christ?

When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood Christ?

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which we have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #643 Now Thank We All Our God**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION Clap Your Hands**

O clap your hands all ye people. Psa. 47:1

Words and Music by
Jimmy Owens

A round

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CLAP YOUR HANDS.

1. C
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



Today at Fellowship! Brown Bag Lunch for Purchase to Benefit the Salvation Army of Perth Amboy.



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

BIBLE STUDY UPDATE!

Bible Study - Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall at 11 am

Update from Rev. Chris: We will finish 'From Daughters to Disciples' this Wednesday (11/10). 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 12/2.



Advent, and Christmas are right around the corner

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

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

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