

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Service Led by: Worship and Music Committee

Liturgist: Kate Evans Scott

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

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

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10:30 A.M.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kate Evans Scott, Liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT

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

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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)**

Kate Evans Scott

Look at the heavens!

The are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

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

Kate Evans Scott

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you.

Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** HYMN #625 O Lord, My God**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Kate Evans Scott

The Lord listens to the cries of the people who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy.

Let our tongues now make confession in the presence of God and of this body.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Kate Evans Scott

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.

Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others.

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

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Kate Evans Scott

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Kate Evans Scott

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Kate Evans Scott

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!)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Evans Scott

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Be our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kate Evans Scott

Psalm 23 (Pew Bible Page 567)

John 10:1-16 (Pew Bible Page 1093)

THE MESSAGE

Lambchop

***HYMN #187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

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

Roseanne Anthony

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

Roseanne Anthony

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Roseanne Anthony

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Hear our prayers for your church and the world:

For the hungry and the overfed,
May we have enough;

For the mourners and the mockers,
May we laugh together;

For the victims and the oppressors,
May we share power wisely;

For the peacemakers and the warmongers,
May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

For the silenced and the propagandists,
May we speak our own words in truth;

For the unemployed and the overworked,
May our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

For the troubled and the secure,
May we live together as wounded healers;

For the homeless and the pampered,
May our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

For the vibrant and the dying,
May we all die to sin and live to love.

As Christ taught us, we are bold to pray together, saying **Our Father....**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Roseanne Anthony

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

Sue Figueroa

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)**

Sue Figueroa

God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

BENEDICTION

Sue Figueroa

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: to trust in Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Songs of Praise

Music: Unknown
Arr. Geoff Weaver

Musical score for 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah' in G major, 4/4 time. The score 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, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! jah! jah!

Chords: 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

Friendly Reminders

Rev. Chris will be on vacation from
September 4th through September 12th.

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

Wednesdays – Bible Study 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

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