

The United First Presbyterian Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 16, 2022 11:00 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have you seen the star of Bethlehem? Arise, people of God; let it shine in your lives.

People: We have seen Christ's star and have come to worship.

Leader: Come from the shadows of the earth to the light of God's love.

People: We see the glory of God in our midst and our hearts rejoice in expectation.

Leader: The promises of the Gospel are for us, and for all people everywhere.

All: Let us Worship God!

HYMN ROCK OF AGES - Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) O Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our whole hearts, souls and minds. And we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, love our friends but hate our enemies, go the first mile but dare not travel to the second, and we forgive but dare not forget. As we look within ourselves we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against thee. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know thy will. Give us the courage to do thy will. Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / WAVING THE PEACE

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord, linger near When my life is almost gone Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home

When the darkness appears And the night draws near And the day is past and gone At the river, I stand Guide my feet, hold my hand Take my hand precious Lord Lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home. Lead me home

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:7-12 The Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-20 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

MEDITATION – “The Shade Under the Tree Where We Will Never Sit”

HYMN – WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome, We shall overcome, We shall overcome some day Oh, deep in my heart I do believe We shall overcome some day

We shall overcome, We shall overcome, We shall overcome some day Oh, deep in my heart I do believe We shall overcome some day

Ooooooh Deep in my heart Deep in my heart Deep in my heart I do believe We shall overcome some day

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Upcoming Birthdays/Anniversaries:

TODAY – Linda Kopunek’s Birthday, Jan 16; Lois Riggs, Jan 22; Jackson Reiter, Jan 22;

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN – I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before, The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back

Though none go with me, Still I will follow, Though none go with me, Still I will follow, Though none go with me, Still I will follow you. No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?, Will you decide now to follow Jesus?, Will you decide now to follow Jesus?, No turning back, no turning back

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

HYMN – JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO LARISON'S CORNER! We are pleased you are here with us. We hope you feel the warmth of God's love in our fellowship and worship. It is our hope that you return again soon.

Until then, may God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hands. Happy New Year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP INSIDE every Sunday at 11 AM! - Worship is live-streamed on Facebook at 11 AM; Recordings of worship available at a later date.

THIS WEDNESDAY - Winter Craft Night, Wednesday January, 19, 6:30-8:30 PM
Come join us as we make prayer beads, a home made greeting card, and a decopage hanging. This event is open to the public, so spread the word!

Trivia & Game Night, Monday, January 31, 6:30-8:30 PM We hope you will join us for a fun night of Trivia and Games. This event is open to the public and we hope to have lots of people there!

Share Your Resources to Support the Ministry of Larison's Corner – Ways to Give:

1. Leave a gift in the **worship offering** via cash or check; 2. **Mail in a gift** via check to Larison's Corner Church, PO Box 348, Ringoes, NJ 08551; 3. Give Online through "Tithely" You can make an online gift, by visiting our website link at: <https://larisonscorner.org/contributions/>. You may also give on Facebook in our "about" section or by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=4558529> - Once you are in Tithely, you can set up a one-time gift, ongoing gifts, or a special gift. **Give today by using your camera on your cell phone over the image to the right and following the link to make your donation.*



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(Session meetings are the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

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(Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

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Treacy Weeks

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