

The United First Presbyterian Church
of Amwell at Larison's Corner



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SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 23, 2022 11:00 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7)

Leader: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people; Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

People: Pray for your communities - Keep God in the center of all that is.

Leader: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires

People: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us and we can trust the promise.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father There is no shadow of turning with Thee Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever will be Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. 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 – IN CHRIST ALONE - In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my Light, my Strength, my Song This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless Babe This Gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Til He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19:1-4

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

HYMN YOUR GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR ME

Your grace is sufficient for me. Your strength is made perfect when I am weak. And all that I cling to, I lay at Your feet.

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Your grace is sufficient for me. Your strength is made perfect when I am weak. All that I cling to, I lay at Your feet. Your grace is sufficient, your Grace is sufficient, your Grace is sufficient for me.

To see the Lord, the promise land, where in all sin Pearly Gates look left.

And what was once a pearl, is now sand That blows away, That blows away In light of Him.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 2 Peter: 16-21 Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

MEDITATION – "A Starry, Starry Night"

HYMN SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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 – Yesterday - Lois Riggs, Jan 22; Jackson Reiter, Jan 22; Laurie Martin, Jan 25

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.

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.

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's shore, to Thy shore

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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.

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!

The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 6, immediately following worship at Noon. Reports from Trustees, Corner Club, Annual Financial Report, and Terms of Call for the Pastor will be on the agenda. Please make every effort to be there so that we may reach a quorum. Larison's Corner is truly a gift and we are so grateful for all who make ministry possible in service to Christ.

Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, February 9, 3 PM Lois Riggs will be leading Tea & Bible Study which meets the Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 3 pm. Tea and English pastries served. To learn more information, speak to Lois Riggs. All men and women are invited to attend. Join anytime.

February 16, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM - Join us as we make an Acrylic gem craft and handmade greeting cards. Contact Pastor Courtney for more info by replying to this email.

Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 1, 5:30 -7 PM We will have Pancakes, Bacon, and Fruit. Come for a short bit or the whole time. Volunteers are needed for cooking and to bring potluck food items. Contact Pastor Courtney for more information, pastorcourtney@larionscorner.org.

Ash Wednesday Worship - March 2, 7:00 to 7:30PM. Join us for a contemplative and meaningful worship service with a blessing of the ashes. As we prepare for the season of Lent, let us remember that God breathed life into us and our lives are in the palm of His Hand.

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://larionscorner.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.*



We are pleased to announce that the session has invited Sharon Keyes to serve as our new Minister of Music. Her start date is February 6! A bio, etc. is forthcoming. Please celebrate with us in this special gift from God. We love Sue dearly and thank her for her faithful ministry for so many wonderful years. Sue will still be in our congregation and sharing her gifts for music which is a wonderful blessing! Thank you, Sue, we love you!

Session

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

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Treacy Weeks

Corner Club

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Sue Mannino, Organist Emeritus