

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



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# SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 30, 2022 11:00 AM

## GREETING AND WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

## HYMN FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)** Dear God, we are aware how quickly our loyalties fade. We proclaim you are our Lord, but our lives do not reflect that truth. We pay you homage when it's easy, but we live our own way whenever we feel like it. We praise you today but forget you tomorrow. Lord, please forgive us for our tepid faith. Spark in us a commitment to follow you even when it's costly. In your mercy forgive what we have been and help us to amend what we once were. Direct what we shall be that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 BE THOU MY VISION**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight; Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower: Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, after victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

## **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 29:13-**

13 The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; 14 so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden. 15 Ha! You who hide a plan too deep for the Lord, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" 16 You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

## **HYMN HE LEADETH ME**

He leadeth me, O blessed thought O words with heavenly comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me He leadeth me, He  
leadeth me By His own hand He leadeth me His faithful follower I would be For  
by His hand He leadeth me

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom  
By waters still, over troubled sea Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me He leadeth  
me, He leadeth me By His own hand He leadeth me His faithful follower I would  
be For by His hand He leadeth me

And when my task on earth is done When by thy grace the victory's won Even  
death's cold wave I will not flee Since God through Jordan leadeth me He leadeth  
me, He leadeth me He leadeth me, He leadeth me By His own hand He leadeth  
me His faithful follower I would be For by His hand He leadeth me

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:14-22 The Message to Laodicea**

14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation: 15 “I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. 19 I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. 20 Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. 21 To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

**MEDITATION** – “Are We Lukewarm Christians?”

### **HYMN HAVE THINE OWN WAY**

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way. Thou art the Potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way. Search me and try me, Master today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way. Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power, all power surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way. Hold over my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

### **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: Sharon Keyes, February 8, Bill Kurylo, February 9, Charlie & Joan Roger’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, February 10*

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 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN**

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you; With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet, Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you, Put his arms unfailing round you. God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet, Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **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.

**TOMORROW Trivia & Game Night, Monday, January 31, 6:30-8:30 PM** General Trivia and Other Games! Prizes will be awarded for the Winners and Light Snacks will be served. Come and Join us! This event is open to the community so spread the word and/or invite a friend.

**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, Nominating, 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.

**Welcome to our New Music Director, Sharon Baker J. Keyes!** Sharon will begin her **Music Ministry with us on Sunday, February 6 for our Communion Worship Service.** Sharon comes to us with years of experience in both churches and schools in vocal and instrumental leadership. Most recently she served Marlton United Methodist Church in Marlton, NJ and before that she served Pinelands Reformed in Toms River, Community Presbyterian in Edison, and Faith Community UMC in Bayville, NJ. She worked in Beach Haven, Morris Plains, South Brunswick, and LBI Schools as a professional teacher. Sharon has a BA in Music Education & Performance, a Master of Arts in Music and Communication Arts, and has NJ Teaching Certification. A dedicated Christian who seeks Christ as the center of her life through prayer and praise, Sharon hopes to help spread the joy of Christ's resurrection at Larison's Corner through classical, contemporary, and cultural musical styles for all ages. Ms. Keyes is skilled both vocally and instrumentally and looks forward to connecting with all in our Larison's church family and especially with those in the Chancel Choir, Chimes Choir, and those passionate about music in instrument and song. Welcome, Sharon!

**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.

**Acrylic Gem & Handmade Card Craft Night 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@larisonscorner.org](mailto:pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.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.

**Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom (March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, & April 13)** - For Men and Women You are invited to join a weekly Lenten Bible Study on the People of The Passion. We will learn from those in Scripture who participated in some dramatic way the Passion which included the suffering and death of Jesus. You can come all six nights or just one or two. The people of the passion in this book are the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus. Contact Pastor Courtney for more info at [pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org](mailto:pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org)

**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.*



## **Session**

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

### **Class of 2021**

Betty Jane Biache  
Ruth Chiesa

### **Class of 2022**

Dianne Fleming

### **Class of 2023**

Lysa Reiter  
Lois Riggs  
Charlie Rogers

## **Other Ordained Elders**

David Bond

Bill Heilman

Paula Melbourn

Donna DeVico

Arlene Knaub

Jodi Reed

Judy Grignon

Marlene Lambert

## **Board of Trustees**

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

### **Class of 2021**

Kyle Bond

### **Class of 2022**

John Chiesa

David Everitt

### **Class of 2023**

Bill Kurylo

Treacy Weeks

## **Corner Club**

President - Lois Riggs / Vice President – Kathy Kovacs

Secretary - Ruth Chiesa / Treasurer - Barri-Lynn Everitt

**The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie**, Stated-Supply Part-Time Pastor

**Luke Kirby**, Treasurer / **Deborah Kacerek-Cooley**, Assistant Treasurer

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**Sue Mannino**, Organist Emeritus