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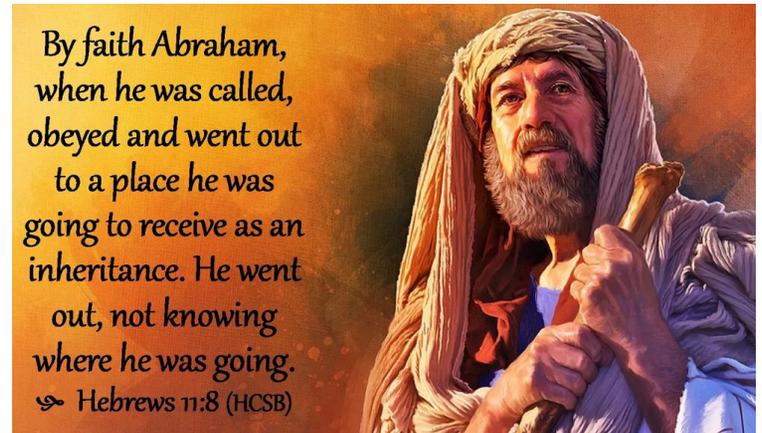
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The United First Presbyterian Church of Amwell at Larison's Corner



The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie, Pastor

Worship, September 18, 2022 11:00 AM

Minister: The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP - from 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: Declare his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

People: Our God is to be feared above all gods.

ALL: Let us Worship God!

HYMN "It Is Well With My Soul" #495

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we are reluctant to admit our unfaithful ways and have not trusted you completely. Most of the time we ignore those around us who thirst for your grace. We also have not welcomed others with your love. Free us from all that keeps us enslaved to sin and death. Teach us to walk in the ways of your righteousness. And as we walk with you, may we leave behind the shadows of darkness and move into the light of your steadfast love. In Jesus' Name 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 "You Are My All in All" #A70

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Genesis 22:1-18

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:1-12

MEDITATION – Part 5: "Just Add Water" Abraham

HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" #332

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

TODAY Kyle Bond, September 18; Sandy O'Hagen, September 18; Dave Bond, September 20; Jessica & Pete Gordon Anniversary Sept 20; Olivia Spildooren, September 21; Treacy Everitt-Weeks & Jared Anniv, Sept 21; Deb Kacerek & Harry Cooley Anniv, Sept 22; Jared Weeks, September 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN "Like A River Glorious" #497

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27 and 28
God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence? **We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

HYMN "Living Waters" (See Insert)

BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 22:1-18

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 2 He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' 8 Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill* his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' 12 He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' 15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, 18 and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 11:1-12

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. 5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. 7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac

and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Music Ministry Our Choir and Chimes rehearsals resume – Please confirm with Sharon times and days. If you play an instrument or want to sing a solo, let us know. Contact Sharon Keyes, our Director of Music – sbakerkeyes@yahoo.com

***Please note – Pastor Courtney has a NEW email address – pastorcourtneyc@gmail.com** Please update your records!

***Update – Lois’ Granddaughter Elizabeth is no longer collecting lids and caps. Thank you to all who contributed!**

THIS Wednesday Night Bible Study, September 21, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, In-Person & Zoom Bible Study led by Pastor Courtney – Join us for the study of Bible Passages with both men and women. Study meets the first and third Wednesdays.

THIS Friday, Talent Night & Desserts, September 23, 6:30-8:30 PM The Lord has given talents to each of us. He asks us to develop these talents and use them to bless others. Talent Show Options Include: Read a poem or story, Make a treat, Display a craft or artwork, Sing a musical number or play a musical instrument, Do a magic trick, Do an impersonation, Display

photographs, Perform a dance, Do a group skit, Create a video, Perform martial arts, Share clean comedy, etc. Everyone should come out and enjoy others talents and to share one if you want! Desserts will be served. RSVP to pastorcourtneyc@gmail.com

NEXT Sunday, Church Picnic, September 25, Noon. The picnic will be in the church parking lot immediately after worship. All are invited for food, fun and fellowship. Bring an item to share!

Wednesday, Bible Study and Tea, September 28, 3:00pm. Lois Riggs will be leading Tea & Bible Study which meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3pm. Tea and English pastries served. All men and women are invited to attend. Join anytime.

Food Drive for Those in Need Help struggling families in our community. Items Needed: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, pasta, sauce, tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee, toilet paper, and paper towels. Please place donations in bin outside side entrance of Kirkpatrick Presbyterian: 37 John Ringo Rd, Ringoes NJ, 08551 Know a family who needs help? Contact Kirkpatrick Presbyterian 908.782.1177 or admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org A donation basket is here at Larison’s Corner and we drop the items there.

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