

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

*Loving God...Loving Neighbor...for 190 years*



## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

February 21, 2021/First Sunday in Lent

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

All: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

All: Let us give thanks for the Lord's ever-present love. Let us worship God.

### OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your generative love you created us. In your abundant love you continue to sustain us. This love you have given to us freely, not because we earned it, but unconditionally, as a gift. It is a love that will not let us go. May that love grow in us, that we can learn to love in turn, not in the hope of gaining an ally or a reward, but in grateful response to that love from which we spring – your love, unchanging and undiminished. Amen

### HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of hope and healing, we come before you this morning an anxious and grumpy people. We are weary of the things we have been asked to do. We chafe under regulations and restrictions, even as we know they protect us and our neighbors. The spirit of community which serves to bind us together is fraying under our impatience. We confess our frustration, our lack of charity. We acknowledge our fear. Hold us, loving creator, in this time. Grant us the strength to be separated, grant us the wisdom to be careful, and grant us the compassion to be loving.

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Peter 3: 18-22

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 9: 8-17

**SERMON**

Elder Rob Trawick

**HYMN**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Rev. Rachel Thompson

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

We welcome Dr. Robert Trawick to our virtual pulpit this morning. Rob is a ruling elder at Germonds Presbyterian Church and a professor of philosophy and religious studies at St, Thomas Aquinas College. A former moderator of the Hudson River Presbytery, he currently serves the denomination as a member of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. His passions include vinyl records, making music with friends, and Duke basketball (not necessarily in that order). Rob lives in New City with his wife, Amanda.

We are also grateful to Rob that he, on behalf of the Hudson River Presbytery, is the Transition Liaison to our Interim Pastor Search Committee and our Session.

We are grateful to The Rev. Rachel Thompson for presiding over our virtual sacrament of communion this morning.

Thanks to Annie and Wally Becker for being our worship leader this morning, and to Tom McCoy for the musical elements of the service.

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**HYMN TEXTS**