

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

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



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

31 January 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 111)

One: Praise the Lord!

All: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

One: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

All: Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

One: Let us join in God's work and worship together.

All: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER (Together)

Your creation, O God, began in that moment when you imagined the cosmos. When we became part of your creation, you called us into service, to do your work in your world. You gifted us, each one, specially and individually, to engage with your creation. Create in us generous and enthusiastic spirits, that we may recognize our own gifts, while acknowledging and nurturing the gifts of others. Guide our steps, direct our hands, and mold our hearts that we may be faithful to our vocations. Amen

HYMN 456

"Awake My Soul"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All)

We are prone to forgetfulness, failing to remember who we are and whose we are. We are daily confronted with the wonder of your creation and we don't take the time to acknowledge its source. We have come to believe that we know the answers, and our certainty has led us into pride and into error. Failing to understand our connectedness to one another, we have become centered in ourselves. Creator of the universe, we lay these faults before you. Break us out of our habits of hubris. Restore us to humility and to wonder. Prompt us to ask questions, to accept doubt, and to admit mistakes. Grant us the wisdom to control our gifts, not as weapons to be used against each other, but as tools to further your blessed community. Let us love as we have been loved.

[*Silent Prayer*]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offering may be mailed to FPCP 10 Academy Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516 or done online via our website www.presbychurchcoldspring.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

FIRST READING

Mark 1:21-28

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

REFLECTION

HYMN 335

“Though I May Speak ”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 387

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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.

Thanks to Gareth Guest for being our worship leader this morning, and to Tom McCoy for the musical elements of the service.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Book of Order, G-1.0502, this is the second of the required public notices for the 192nd Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown (Cold Spring, NY) that will be held on Sunday, 31 January, 2021, on the zoom platform, immediately following the Service of Worship. The purposes of the meeting are to receive the 2020 reports; elect Elders and Deacons; and transact other appropriate business.

HYMN TEXTS

Awake My Soul, And With the Sun

Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; Disperse my sins as morning dew.
Guard my first springs of thought and will, and with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day All I design, or do, or say,
That all my powers, with all their might, In Thy sole glory may unite.

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fir, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love,
my words are vain; as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so, my love profess, But not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, Come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
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Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.
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Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
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