

First Presbyterian Church



Cranbury, NJ 08512

Welcome to Worship

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Church Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday | Remote

Wednesday and Thursday | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday | Closed

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Welcome to Worship!

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Alyssa Queen Mitchell

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

People: The love of Christ is poured out for us.

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

People: The cloud of the faithful is singing God's praise.

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

People: The Spirit of God is calling us to worship.

Leader: Let us pray: Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us.

And so we come before You gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN #292*

"As the Wind Song"

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE PEACE*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

PRESENTATION

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

On behalf of the Session, we present **Amelia June Thompson** daughter of **Bryan E. Thompson** and **Morgan M. Thompson** born on **May 31, 2020** to be baptized.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

Do you desire that Amelia be baptized? **I do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child? **I do.**

QUESTIONS TO THE SPONSORS

As sponsors, do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Amelia to be a faithful Christian? **I do.**

QUESTIONS TO BAPTISED MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Will we help **Amelia** remember that God loves her and that we love her? **We will.**

Will we share the stories of Jesus with Amelia? **We will.**

QUESTION TO ADULT MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Amelia by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of her church? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Parents and Sponsors) Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried; he

descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM & WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138

ANTHEM

“One Thing Remains”

Bethel Music

SERMON

“yadah: to give thanks”

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Rev. Joanne Petto

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the Lord’s Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Lovaglio

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord—we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

(In Unison) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, Lord—we thank you for Jesus: Word made flesh, light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate, way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection, and life.

We give thanks, that on the night before our Lord Jesus died, he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Take this bread and cup, O God—a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives—an offering of praise.

(In Unison) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Spirit, come—come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup, in your people, one in the body, one in the blood; one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power, forever and ever! Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (In Unison)

Rev. Petto

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to follow your way, and to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #488*

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

“I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.

You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

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I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Lovaglio

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**