FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4th Sunday After Epiphany January 31st, 2021 10:00a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my

whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the

congregation.

People: Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

Leader: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your

righteousness endures forever.

People: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

Leader: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all

of your precepts are sure.

People: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

Leader: You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

*Opening Hymn "Our God Is an Awesome God"

No. 616

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*Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we bring before you our vulnerable lives, praying for lasting change by the gift of your grace. We are vulnerable to adopt many foolish ideas and unexamined assumptions. We have been vulnerable to the delusion of worldly superiority, and indifferent to our neighbors who suffer the consequence. We are vulnerable to the cults of social influence and opinion, the cults of power, and cults of religious arrogance. Merciful God, rescue us from idols that creep in and threaten our faith and the faith of others. Forgive us when our perceptions, politics, and opinions become more important than our obedience to the greatest commandment to love.

*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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Time

Cathy Wiggins

Special Music

First Scripture Reading

John 13:1-6

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Sermon

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

*Closing Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 450

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 and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Announcements

Worship Committee meeting on February 1, 2021 at 4:30 in the Fellowship hall.

The newly formed **Congregational Care Committee** meeting (Grief Support, Meal Train, Card Ministry and Prayer Group) will meet on Monday, Feb 1st at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is invited to attend.

Mission and Outreach meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 1st.

Administration meeting at 9:00 am on February 3rd.

The **fellowship committee** will be meeting Wednesday, February 3rd at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested serving on the committee is invited to attend. For more information you can contact Jeanne or Sandi Hilgendorf.

Christian Education meeting at 5:30 pm on February 4^{th} in the fellowship hall.

Presbytery meeting Saturday, February 6th

Ash Wednesday-February 17, 2021

Leading Worship: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis (Pastor); Joey Ratliff (Liturgist); Leah Metzger (Accompanist); Cover Image (Union Congregational Church, Montclair, NJ, Stained Glass)





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