

OPENING WORDS

(Please silence your cell phones and turn off WiFi. Thank you!)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

All: **Why should we be afraid?**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

All: **What have we to fear?**

One: Let us shout with joy to God!

All: **Let us sing and make music before our God.**

HYMN

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Here in this place the new light is streaming;

Now is the darkness vanished away;

See in this space our fears and our dreamings

Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;

Gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;

We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,

Not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining;

Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever;

Gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together,

Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you.

The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light upon us and transform us with your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

Jesus knows the inmost heart; nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Wave at your neighbor.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Jesus Loves Me*

(Children come forward during singing and sit on a colored dot.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 1:1-14 Cameron Coulter
John 8:12-20 Rev. Nick Cheek

SERMON "I Am the Light of the World" Rev. Nick Cheek

ANTHEM Lydia Cheek, Soprano Soloist

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today,

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in Peace

(Offerings can be placed in the baskets provided as you depart.)

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Middle School Youth meets Sundays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

High School Youth meets Sundays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

*Both groups meet outside the West Building
And follow all social distancing guidelines.*

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday and the
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.



Following Jesus
Mark your calendars!

**Tuesdays Together by the
Fountain**

for children and families of FPC
Every Tuesday in October
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

***Sign up is required by Sunday
of each week!***

For more information please contact Kelly Hickey
or check out FPC Children's Facebook page or the Focus.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Kent Mims, Jimmy DuRant, Travis Brown,
Jimmy Newman, Joan Auld, Tiny Owens,
Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
Brandon Hazen (Robin Thames' Brother-in-law),
Rick Parker (Lisa Bratton's Stepfather)
Charles King (Greg King's Father),
Ken Brown (Hope Alexander's Father)

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams

West Chester, NY: Rhodes Danner (Pam George's Nephew)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Emmett Anglin on the
death of his wife, Laura, who died September 24.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 27, 2020