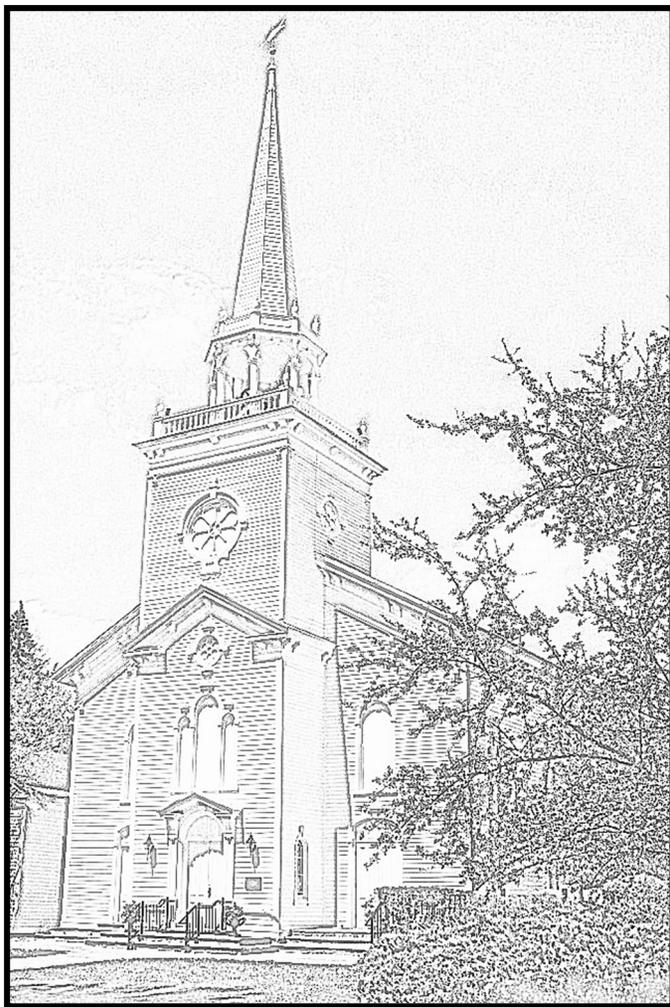


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 1, 2020



Cazenovia, New York

In the Heart of the Village

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PRELUDE “Ewing” Bonighton

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Rejoice and be glad!

For God is good.

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For God is faithful and will never leave us.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN “O God of Earth and Altar” No. 291

1 O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

2 From all that terror teaches,
from lies of pen and voice,
from all the easy speeches
that make our hearts rejoice,
from sale and profanation
of honor and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

3 Awaken us to action
And forge us into one,
Defying sect and faction;
O God, Your will be done!
Oppressive systems snare us;
Our apathies increase.
Great God, in mercy spare us
For justice and for peace.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory.

You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live.

Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more.

Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.

Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

God is a gracious giver who opens the door to all who seek the wisdom of God's ways. Therefore, let us offer the gifts of our life and labor and come into God's courts with praise.

Offering Plate is in the Narthex, or may give online through our website, cazpres.org.

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”

No. 347

1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”

You taught us, Lord, to pray,

But You alone can grant us grace

To live the words we say.

2 How can Your pardon reach and bless

The unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let

Old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light Your cross reveals

The truth we dimly knew:

What trivial debts are owed to us,

How great our debt to You!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls

And bid resentment cease.

Then, bound to all in bonds of love,

Our lives will spread Your peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send your Spirit to move in our world, O Lord, and stir the water of our souls that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Amos 5:18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids[Ⓜ] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.[Ⓜ] **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those bridesmaids[Ⓜ] got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids[Ⓜ] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.[Ⓜ]

SERMON

“Be Prepared”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

