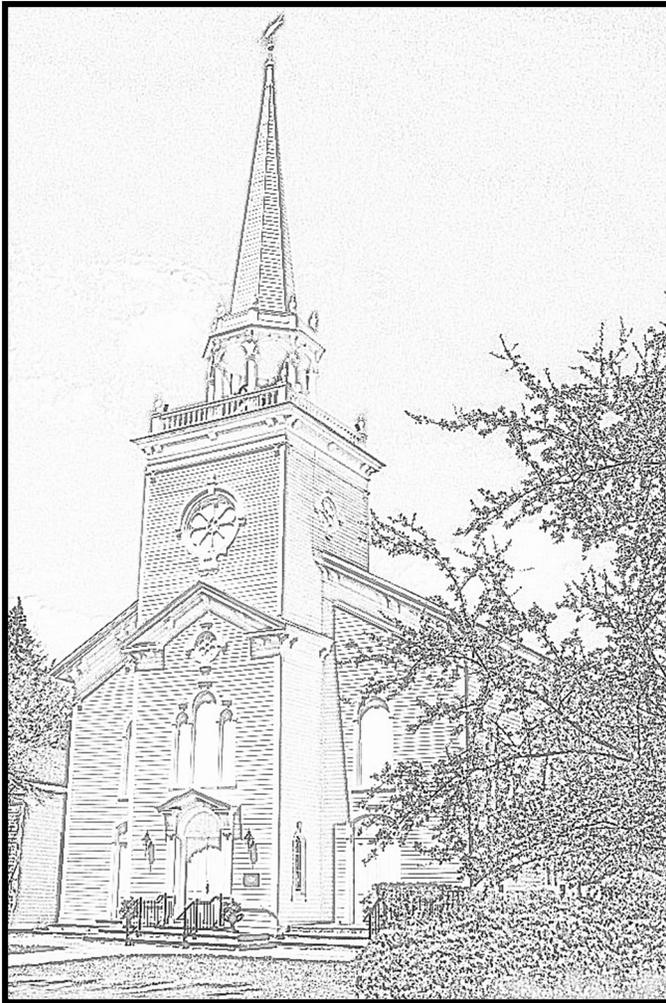


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 22, 2020



Cazenovia, New York

In the Heart of the Village

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PRELUDE

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WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

And the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

Let us bow before our King in worship.

HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 263

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

3 To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.

You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead.

You love and feed and care for us, but we are slow to love and serve others.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever.

Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

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

Holy God, use us and these gifts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

No. 394

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead

To make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead

To heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some times I feel discouraged,

And think my work's in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit

Revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 Don't ever feel discouraged,

For Jesus is your friend,

And if you lack for knowledge

He'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)

3 If you cannot preach like Peter,

If you cannot pray like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus

And say "He died for all." (Refrain).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open your Word and plant it in our souls. Give us a spirit of wisdom, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-22

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^a toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God^b put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SERMON

“Jesus and the Sheep”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

No. 155

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints
For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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