

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



REIGN OF CHRIST - PROPER 29

Sunday, November 22, 2020

829 Salem Road

Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LAY LEADER

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

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

God of majesty,
you love us with an everlasting love
and show us the way to justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you
and claimed us as your own,
that we may live as his body on earth and,
with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #413 "Come into God's Presence"

SONG LEADER

1 Come into God's presence singing
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

2 Come into God's presence singing
"Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

3 Praise the Lord together singing
"Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy
the Lamb."

4 Praise the Lord together singing
"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ALL

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

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.

GLORIA PATRI

ALL

**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.**

THE PEACE

LAY LEADER

Called to live as children of light,
Let us build one another up
As we signs of peace,
and words of love.
The Peace of Christ be with you!

“Patch of Blue”

Mike Zuko
Erica Cohn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31–46

PASTOR

SERMON *“Their Stories Matter”*

“The Circle Game”

PASTOR

Mike Zuko
Erica Cohn

JOYS AND CONCERNS, A TIME OF SHARING

PASTOR

Remembering Edna and Laurie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASTOR

Our Shepherd satisfies our needs;
in faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church....
As you have made Christ the head of all,
help us to live faithfully as his body,
continuing his mission in the world.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth....
Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you,
a song of praise to the rock of our salvation,
for you are coming to reveal a new creation.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations....
Drive out those wolves in sheep’s clothing
who abuse the weak and scatter the flock.
Come and save us; bring justice and peace.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community....
Help us to see Christ among our neighbors,
serving those who are hungry and thirsty,
naked and lonely, sick or in prison.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones....
Remember the people of your pasture:

rescue the lost, bind up the broken,
heal the sick, and feed those who hunger.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Shepherd, lead and guide us—
in green pastures and by still waters,
in right paths and through dark valleys,
until we feast with you in glory....

Through Jesus Christ, we pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

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.

CLOSING HYMN #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

SONG LEADER

1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
wherever I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

BENEDICTION

PASTOR

POSTLUDE



Enjoy your Thanksgivings Day!

“TIME FOR PRAYER”

6:00 PM on Wednesdays

Praying by teleconference. All may call in to pray and/or make prayer requests:

Dial-in using your phone: 1 717-275-8940 Access code: 367 0530

A Note from Our Treasurer:

Please continue to **mail your weekly offerings** to the church office. **Bill Pay and other online banking options** should also be considered. Online contributions may also be made through our church's website "Give Now" button:



Our church's Donation Page can also be reached using the Quick Response (QR) Code below. A QR Code is a two-dimensional, modular barcode that, when scanned by a smart phone (most phones use the camera to do this) will connect you to our Donation Page.



**NEW BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS ON:**

Wednesday December
At 6:30 PM

Pastor Ron has the books

