

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, October 8, 2023

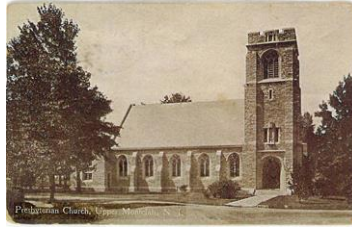
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10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY



*Celebrating 116 years of ministry
(1907-2023)*

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

*"If you love somebody
Then that means you need somebody
And if you need somebody
That's what makes you weak
But if you know you're weak
and you know you need someone
O it's a funny thing
That's what makes you strong"*

Jesse Winchester - *That's What Makes You Strong*



Prelude

*May Jesus Christ Be Praised
Be Glorified
Chaz Wolf, piano*

arr. Chaz Wolf

Introit

*I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness
Chancel Choir*

Miguel Cassina

*Call to Worship (from Psalms 89 & 90)

Millie Tourtelot
Dir. of Christian Education

One: We will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**All: With our mouths we will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

*Opening Hymn 620 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

Prayer of Confession & Preparation for Worship

Pastor Greg Horn

our silent prayers of preparation and confession

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.

Hymn 358 (seated)

Steal Away
(verses 1 & 3)

spiritual

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

*We Give God Glory

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Welcome & Life of the Church

(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

116th Anniversary Celebration

Recognition of Longtime Members

Prayer of Thanksgiving (insert)

Solo

I'm Remembering
Tres Williams

Taylor Armstrong

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (p.48 of NT) **Mark 5:22-30** (NRSV)

²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of Baptism (insert)

Alyce Mackenzie Jones

Eloise Corrie Jones

Welcome and Introduction

The Presentation

Elder Doug Abell

Questions to the Child's Parents

Questions to the Child's Church Family

The Apostle's Creed

The Act of Baptism

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

***Baptism Hymn 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verse 3)* Kingdom

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, all children may attend Sunday School.)

Scripture Reading (p.97 of OT) Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV)

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants..." ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"From God to AI to God: 116 Years of Changing Minds"

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 230**

Joyful Is the Dark
(verses 1,2,4,5)

Lindner

Prayer of the People

We Worship With Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Mark A. Miller

Chancel Choir

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years and years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Under the shadow of Your throne, still may we ever dwell secure.
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Pray be our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.
A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening quickly gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
O time, like an ever-flowing stream, soon bears us, everyone, away.
We fly, forgotten as a dream, but God remembers, so do we, Your love will live on!*

***We Give Praise to God**

Lasst uns Erfreuen

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

***Closing Hymn 394**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

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*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning
are given to the glory of God by the Jones family
in joyous celebration of the baptism of Ellie & Kenzie.*

WELCOME and thank you for your part in this service of worship. If you are a visitor here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair (PCUM), you are especially welcome. May you sense in this place the presence and the love of God in Christ. After worship, you are warmly invited for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER for anything you might need, and please help fellow worshipers by exiting and entering the sanctuary at times other than during prayers or scripture readings.

CHILDCARE for toddlers and a nursery for younger children are always available during worship in the North Wing, located off Fellowship Hall (adjacent to sanctuary). Ask an usher for directions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all children preschool through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers or Christian Education leaders for directions. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time and have not yet registered your child, please step out briefly with your children as they are dismissed to Sunday School to fill out an emergency contact form before returning to the sanctuary.



RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM this morning are **Alyce Mackenzie Jones** and **Eloise Corrie Jones**, daughters of Elizabeth & Daniel Jones. Presenting Kenzie & Ellie to be baptized on behalf of their church family and the PCUM Session (elected board) is Elder Doug Abell.

BAPTISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) celebrates the truth that God's love claims us even before we are able to respond in faith. In the PC (USA), baptism itself does not bring about salvation, but is an outward sign pointing to God's love for us and free gift to us of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The waters of baptism represent the washing away of all brokenness that separates us from God, our dying and rising with Christ, and an adoption into the covenant family of Christ's Body, the church. The entire congregation, on behalf of the worldwide Christian church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life.

FREE FLOWERS FOR FALL, TODAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL! – This morning during Coffee/Fellowship Time following the worship service, PCUM's Gary Diamante will be in Fellowship Hall with free "Inch Plants" for anyone who would like to provide them with a good home. There are 3 varieties: "Zebra," with purple-striped foliage; "White Knight," with green and white stripes; and "Nanouk," with purple and white stripes. All are easy vining plants to grow under bright light conditions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN SERVICE PROJECT TODAY - After worship this morning, kids and youth of all ages are invited to help assemble treat bags for the guests at MESH and 7th Street Bistro this month! A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour for this project. See you there!



SUNDAY SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 pm – Parents, please join Millie Tourtelot and Sierra Joy for PCUM's first Sunday School Back to School Night! Meet the leaders who will share this important experience with your children, learn about exciting changes to PCUM's Sunday School program—including curriculum changes and special events—and take part in a discussion about supporting the development of children's spiritual identities.

TODDLER SURVIVAL GROUP RETURNS! Building on a good initial year in 2022, PCUM's group for toddlers and infants and their families will now meet twice a month on Sunday mornings at 9am in the church nursery. There will be time for free play, followed by a brief circle time on parents' laps featuring movement-songs, simple Bible stories, and praying together. **The first Toddler Survival Group gathering will be October 22nd at 9am.** Please contact Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org to RSVP!

YOUTH GROUP HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 25th– All 6th through 8th graders (and their friends) are invited to PCUM's Youth Group Halloween Party on **Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Come in costume for a scary awesome time with great music, yummy food, cookie decorating and glow-in-the dark games! Parents, please consider donating baked goods (please label w/allergens), drinks, candy, decorations, and Halloween-themed goodies such as stickers, pencils, glowsticks, etc. Contact Garrett or Sierra at youth@pcum.org and let them know what you will be bringing or if you need more information.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – PreK-7th Grade: PCUM's 2023-24 Sunday School program meets every week during Sunday morning worship services. Kids start by worshiping with their families in the sanctuary. After the children's sermon, children are escorted out of the sanctuary for large group music time followed by age-group lessons. On most Sundays, children are picked up after worship, but on communion Sundays they return to the sanctuary to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with their families and church family. To register your child(ren), *just scan the QR code and fill in your information, or sign-up online at www.pcum.org.* Printed forms are also available in your child's classroom. We also welcome and appreciate volunteers and helpers, so please let us know if you are interested!



SAVE THE DATE! PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2023 –PCUM’s popular Progressive Dinner is back and scheduled for the evening of **Saturday, October 21st**. Mark your calendar and book your babysitter to be part of this fun, 3-stage evening when friendships are made, renewed, and deepened. Anyone and everyone new to PCUM are honored guests! Check your inbox for your invitation, PCUM’s website (pcum.org) or church social media for more details and/or to RSVP.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Join fellow PCUM volunteers to serve hungry neighbors here in Montclair on the 4th Saturday of the month and in Newark on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Serving is a great way to make new friends and experience and share God’s love. **Sign up at** www.pcum.org/serve-others.

PCUM’S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesdays from 7- 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All teens and tweens 6th – 8th grade are warmly invited to come out to have fun, share dinner, and meet old and new friends. Questions? Contact Youth Directors, Garrett Pahl and Sierra Joy at youth@pcum.org.

HEY, PCUM! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS FOR ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY: At long last, PCUM is publishing a new ONLINE Photo Directory—an updatable and secure source of photos and information that will help this growing congregation grow closer and know each other better. Will you please email **one family (or couple or individual) photo** to pcum@pcum.org to get your entry in the online directory started? Please also send **up-to-date contact information** for your family/you that you'd like to include in the PCUM online directory. Please contact Denise (denise@pcum.org) in the Church Office with questions.

FOLLOW YOUR CHURCH ON INSTAGRAM! PCUM is on the ‘Gram, and your church needs followers to get the word out and share images and stories about life in the church. Follow @PCUMontclair!

DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – You can honor loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service. The suggested donation for two standard bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons’ Corner or online at www.pcum.org.

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PCUM’s *Core Values*:

Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship ✢ *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*

Relationships ✢ *Participation* ✢ *Service to Others and to the World* ✢ *Relevance and Authenticity*

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Sexton: Jimmy Abad

The Sacrament of Baptism of

Alyce Mackenzie Jones

Eloise Corrie Jones

Questions to the Child's Parents

Pastor Greg Horn

Do you intend your children to be baptized?

Do you trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

*Do you promise to worship and serve God wherever you may be
and to live and teach your faith to your daughters that they may grow
and live all their days in the presence of the living God?*

Questions to the Child's Church Family

Elder Doug Abell

Do you, the brothers and sisters in Christ of these children of God,
representing the church universal in every time and place,
promise, through your prayer and example, to *support*
and encourage Ellie and Kenzie from this day forward?

We do.

Do you, the people of the church, *promise to tell* Kenzie and Ellie the
good news of the Gospel, *to show* them the reality of God's love in your
words and actions, *to pray* for them that they may grow to know the
love and the teaching of Jesus Christ, and—by your fellowship and your
own commitment to Christ's church— *to strengthen* their family ties
within the household of God?

We do.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Act of Baptism

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

***Baptism Hymn 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verse 3)*

Kingdom

Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

116th Anniversary Celebration

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God, God of all Creation.
In the beginning you separated light from darkness
and placed all your creative works in our hands.

Today we remember and give thanks.

Today, in our 116th year of ministry,
we bless You as You have blessed us.

**Today we stand with
prophets, reformers, artists and saints
who have lived, worked, spoken and loved us into being.**

Today, as worshipers and members and friends of this church,
we stand with
Authors of peace and justice,
Composers of community,
Designers of hope,
Choreographers of compassion,
Sculptors of simplicity,
Poets of forgiveness,
Knitters of humility,
Painters of hospitality,
Gardeners of gratitude,
and Secret doers of kindnesses,
the little things that make a church family
alive as the heart and Body of Jesus Christ for the world.

Today we bless them as they have blessed us.

Creative, Creating God,
Your touch makes this world holy.
As you have given Spirit to the saints of this congregation,
whom we remember and celebrate with our thanks
and our re-dedication.

As we at PCUM enter our 117th year of ministry in your Son's name,
inspire us, illumine us, and bless us
with courage, wisdom and imagination
to use our hands, hearts, minds and souls
to be our best, most creative selves
in our living, in our serving, and in our loving,
today and always, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PCUM'S ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 2023

This morning, the PCUM family celebrates the faithfulness of the women and men who have been members of The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair for 25 years or more:

Jean Anne Rose (1974)	Jennifer Crane (1991)	Lori Chopoorian (1996)
C.Y. Treene (1974)	Susan Mack (1991)	Kate Brambilla (1996)
William Treene (1974)	Rob Pahl (1993)	Mark Cowan Brescia (1996)
Arpad Bogdany (1975)	Andrea Moomjy (1993)	Alex Dunn (1996)
Patty Rosinski (1976)	John Schmitt (1993)	Chelsea Landon (1996)
Charles Johnson (1977)	Johanna Schmitt (1993)	James Parke (1996)
Alice Johnson (1977)	Mark Worthington (1993)	Ace Wilson (1996)
Daphne Smith (1977)	Pat Worthington (1993)	Steve Wrede (1996)
Erika Cowan (1980)	Paul Smith (1994)	Mimi Wrede (1996)
Joe Dunn (1980)	Jeff Dunn (1994)	Bill Staehle (1997)
Ginny Moriarty (1980)	Alex Mohr (1994)	Debra Dowd (1997)
Alan Parke (1982)	Rick Jenkins (1994)	Jace Wagner (1997)
Patsy Parke (1982)	Jackie Jenkins (1994)	Karen Wagner (1997)
Robert Watt (1982)	Lynne DiBenedetto (1994)	Jeremy Obaditch (1997)
Jeanne Wilson (1983)	Mark DiBenedetto (1994)	Sue Obaditch (1997)
Cynthia Binns (1985)	Richard Moriarty (1994)	Christine Orzepowski (1997)
James Binns (1985)	Laura Phillips (1994)	Tom Williams (1997)
Maria Block (1985)	Romy Hollerith (1995)	Melody Williams (1997)
Al Crisantiello (1985)	Chris Ehrenbard (1995)	Linda Gregg (1997)
Susie Patterson (1985)	Eileen Richardson (1995)	CJ Miller (1998)
Dale Jacobs (1986)	Robert Richardson (1995)	Elisabeth Miller (1998)
Jennifer Fletcher (1987)	Karin Nelson (1995)	Lauren Binns Murray (1998)
Lisa Freedman (1987)	Janet Lee (1995)	Natalie Ehrenbard (1998)
Lyle Landon (1987)	Steve Culbertson (1995)	Adam Langehough (1998)
Colleen Brambilla (1989)	Kyle Howland (1995)	Katie Parke (1998)
Susan MacKellar (1989)	June Miller (1995)	Denise Silecchia (1998)
Holly Christovao (1990)	Joan Ferrell (1996)	Melinda Hofmann (1998)
Janet Neal (1990)	Steve Langehough (1996)	John Tomchek (1998)
Elizabeth Bozik (1991)	Valerie Trupp (1996)	Lisa Tomchek (1998)
Liz Brambilla (1991)		

The congregation celebrates the dedication and faithfulness of those women and men who have been members of The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair for 50 years or more:

Joe Dickson (1948)	Kathy Dunn (1964)	Sue Zeigler (1967)
Doug Abell (1960)	Peg Scott-Fleming (1965)	Paul Bonelli (1968)
Pam Bonelli (1960)	Lynn Crane (1966)	Judy Polonofsky (1969)
Bill Ellis (1962)	Lynne Dennis (1966)	Diane Cosgrove (1971)
Janice Amatucci (1964)	Jane Grimm (1966)	Newton Schott (1973)
Linda Layden (1964)	John Peterson (1966)	Toni Schott (1973)

THANK YOU - AND THANK GOD - FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!!!