

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BYRON
NORTH BERGEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, August 23, 2020, 9:45 AM Worship**

For those participating from home, here are your Zoom access codes: Check in via Zoom (video & audio) Go to www.zoom.us, Click on "Join a Meeting", Enter Meeting ID# and password. Check in by telephone (audio only) Call 1-929-205-6099

Thanks to all in-person participants for adapting to our safety precautions. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve the Zoom experience.



Prelude: "

Welcome and Announcements

- The Byron Presbyterian Church will be taking a **worship break** for the next two Sundays, **Aug. 30** and **Sept. 6**. Rev. Renfrew will be on vacation and Session chose to give our Zoom team a break, too.
- **North Bergen Presbyterian Church reopens** Sunday, Sept. 6th, 10 AM, so we encourage Byron folks to worship there while we are on break to show of support for our North Bergen friends.
- We need **ushers/greeters** each Sunday to assist with our re-opening protocols. Please sign up for a shift by speaking with Tom Nesbitt.
- Join us for a weekly virtual Coffee Hour / Tea Time on Tuesdays at 4 PM on Zoom The access information is not the same as the Sunday service: **878 691 3489**, Password **12481632**. Join us, though we will not do this on August 25 or September 1.

Call to Worship Matthew 5:1-12

Let us all to mind the words of Jesus Christ:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; **Theirs is the reign of God.**

Blessed are those who mourn; **They shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek; **They shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; **They shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful; **They shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart; **they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers; **They shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake; **Theirs is the reign of God.**

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Amen!**

For Children: "Empty"

Music:

Scripture Philippians 2:1-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

Message Empower Servant Leadership: "The Mind of a Leader"

Piano Interlude: "

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Prayer of Dedication (Please use offerings plates by the doors)



Music: #

Prayers / The Lord's Prayer

Music: #

Blessing

Postlude: "

Calendar

Today 9:15 AM Gathering for 9:45 AM Virtual and Live Worship
Tuesday 4:00 PM Weekly virtual Coffee Hour/Tea Time on Zoom
Next Sunday 9:15 AM **NO SUNDAY WORSHIP UNTIL SUNDAY, SEPT. 13.**

Offerings & Gifts:

There are offering plates at the front and rear of the sanctuary where you can place your offerings as you enter or depart. No plates will be passed. Or send offerings by check to: Byron Presbyterian Church, PO Box 206, Byron, NY 14422-0206. We have a secure on-line donation feature. Please visit our website at <http://byronfpc.com> and click the big "Give Now" button at the top. We have arranged access to Vanco for on-line contributions through the Presbyterian Foundation.

Our Prayers

- **Birthdays:**
- **Anniversaries:**
- Our **Prayer Chain** is always ready to add your prayers, contact Chrystal Britt.

Additional Announcements

- On **Tuesdays**, starting this coming week, we will offer a **Zoom "coffee hour/tea time"** at 4 PM with Rev. Renfrew, using a different access code. Join us!
- **If you are joining us on Zoom this morning, please double-check that your microphone is OFF at all times.**
- **Church wi-fi access is now available.** Please visit our **Web Page** "<http://byronfpc.com>" and our **Facebook Page** "Byron First Presbyterian Church".

Vital Congregations Initiative (Re-Start!)

In March we began a new project through the Presbyterian Church (USA), called the Vital Congregations Initiative. We are working with eight other congregations: Medina, Chili, Victor, Gates, Pittsford, Bethany, Dansville/Perkinsville and Hornell (in Geneva Presbytery). Just as we were getting started the virus upended our plans. Now that we have regathered for worship after these five months, we are going to re-start our VCI effort. Each week, for the next seven weeks, Pastor Renfrew will introduce in turn the "Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation". Elders Shannon Thompson and Ruth Andes have also been participating in Presbytery VCI training. **Seven Marks of Vital Congregations:** (1) Lifelong Discipleship Formation, (2) Intentional Authentic Evangelism, (3) Outward Incarnational Focus, (4) Empower Servant Leadership, (5) Spirit-Inspired Worship, (6) Caring Relationships, (7) Ecclesial Health

Foodlink Free Food Distribution. At North Bergen Presbyterian Church on 3rd and 4th Wednesdays, 5:30-8:00 PM, and 3rd and 4th Saturdays, 9:30 – Noon. The church also welcomes your food donations.