

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BYRON

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 9:45 AM Worship

For those participating from home: Check in via Zoom (video & audio) Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), Click on “Join a Meeting”, Enter Meeting ID# , Password:. Telephone check-in (audio only) Call 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID#, Password:.

Prelude: "Turkey in the Straw" (trad, Rev. Renfrew) Welcome and Announcements

- We need ushers/greeters on Sundays to help with our re-opening. Please sign up with Tom Nesbitt.
- Weekly virtual Coffee Hour / Tea Time on Tuesdays at 4 PM on Zoom. The access information is not the same as the Sunday service - 12481632. Call in 929-205-6099.
- Choir is back! Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

Facemasks and distancing, of course.

- We allow for congregational singing, soft voices, with face masks. We allow you to remove your mask while seated at least 6 feet from others. While speaking, singing or moving around the aisles, the masks must go back on. We need to be mindful of others at all times.
- We continue to receive the Special Offering for Peace and Global Witness during October. One quarter of your contributions will be used to support of the Food Pantry at the North Bergen.
- It's Turkey Dinner time, today, 11 AM until 2 PM for our Drive-Thru Take-Out Annual Turkey Dinner. All tickets are \$10. Enter the parking lot at the Pauline St. entrance. Follow the turkey on tractor to move through the line and exit onto Route 262. Jordan & Todd Sloat will be on hand to help direct you through! If you have not done so already, please move your car from the main parking lot to the adjacent lawn or to the parking slots

along Pauline Street. We need to keep the way clear for drive-through guests.

- Next Sunday we have a special Sunday School gathering planned in the Dining Room, of course with masks and physical distancing. UNICEF is our theme for the day. Stewardship Moment - Shannon Thompson  
When we see all the cars lined up for today's Turkey Dinner it should remind us of the pairs of animals lined up to get into Noah's ark! While waiting for your turn for take-out, you and your family can practice making animal sounds - elephants, wolves, and roosters! That should wake up Byron!

There were lots of animals in a small space for many, many days, as it rained and rained and rained. Somehow all of those animals were able to get along peacefully during that lengthy boat ride! It appears that the story of the Ark is not only about bringing all the passengers to safety, but demonstrating the possibility and power of God's peace along the way. We could use some of that peace from long ago as we face the storms of our own time.

Yes, this has been a stormy year for our church. And though not a mighty flood, the pandemic has upended so much of what we are able to do, and for much longer than 40 days and forty nights! Some of us have gone many months without being able to come to the church, but we have learned to be the church wherever we find ourselves. We are so grateful for your steady stewardship commitments in spite of the "storm". We are all learning to adapt to new circumstances, but the heart of who we are and what we do continues as before: Knowing Christ, Living Christ, Sharing Christ. We look forward to new possibilities in 2021! One by one, two by two, all aboard! Call to Worship & October Scriptural Theme:

Wherever you are, wherever you are going, whatever

challenges you face, we take heart from this Genesis story.

Noah learned to walk with God, and so can you! “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.” Hymn of Praise:

#12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Confession and Forgiveness  
God’s forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.

God’s mercy is as wide as the seas.

Surely God will forgive our iniquities.

God will restore a right spirit within us. Amen Children: “How Do You Know That You Are in a Storm?” Scripture Genesis 7:11-24 “In the six hundredth year

Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty

nights.” Message “Surviving the Storm” Rev. James R. Renfrew Piano

Interlude: “For the Bread Which You Have

Broken” (V. Copes/L. Benson) Offering & Prayer of Dedication

(please use offering plates by the doors) Hymn: #30 “O God, in a Mysterious Way” Prayers / The Lord’s Prayer (If on Zoom, please

send these to Pastor Renfrew before Sunday) Hymn: #93 “Lift Up Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Blessing & Postlude:

“This is My Father’s World” (M. Babcock/F. Sheppard)

Calendar

- Today, 9:45 AM Live & Virtual Worship. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Turkey Dinner

- Tuesday, 4:00 PM Weekly virtual Coffee Hour/Tea Time on Zoom

- Wednesday, 7:00 PM Choir – bring choir folders, masks, water bottles, and a joyful spirit!

- Next Sunday, 9:45 AM Live & Virtual Worship, Baptism of Luke Geissler, and Sunday School Celebration in the Dining Room

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 are 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.

- Our Prayer Chain is always ready for your prayers, contact Chrystal Britt by e-mail or text. Additional Announcements
- Looking ahead: On Sunday, November 8 our service will feature members of Mary Ann Blair’s hammered dulcimer group Striking Strings.
- If you are joining us on Zoom, please double-check that your microphone is OFF at all times.
- Church wi-fi access, password “BYRONPC2020”. Please visit our Web Page “Byron Presbyterian Church” and our Facebook Page “Byron First Presbyterian Church”.
- We are beginning to schedule Sunday morning baptisms at the church. Please contact Rev. Renfrew.
- has not been meeting, but we have sent Sunday School packets to every family with children. We’ve sent invitations to a Sunday School UNICEF event for children on October 25 th .
- Foodlink Free Food Distribution. At North Bergen Presbyterian Church on 3 rd and 4 th Wednesdays, 5:30-8:00 PM, and 3 rd and 4 th Saturdays, 9:30 – Noon. The church also welcomes your food donations. Many thanks to Jordan Sloat who is a steady volunteer there.