



First Presbyterian Church of Byron

Worship Leader: Rev. James Renfrew

Music Director: Laurence Tallman

Dear Members and Friends,

As you are undoubtedly aware, the US Capitol on Wednesday experienced a violent mob assault during the Congressional proceedings to formalize the presidential electoral vote count. The Vice-President, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were forced to evacuate or shelter in safety. Five people died, one a member of the U.S. Capitol Police, and many were injured. Many people, including children, are badly shaken by what happened as it unfolded on live television and in the hours that followed. An attack on the Capitol is something not seen in Washington since the War of 1812, and it strikes at the heart of who we are as a nation.

In conversations in the days that followed, it has become apparent to us that the people of our church want to come together in hope to pray, listen to one another, and to seek God's guidance and encouragement in troubled times.

To this end, we invite your special prayers during our Sunday time for congregational prayer. If you will be present in the sanctuary you may offer your prayer out loud. If you are at home we invite you to share your prayer with Kim Dewey by text at 356-2256. You may also add a prayer in Zoom Chat during the service.

We will appreciate each and every prayer. It is our intent to share every one of them during the service.

Rev. Jim Renfrew, Faline Tyler, Kim Dewey

PRELUDE "The Sunken Cathedral" (excerpt C. Debussy)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

May the Lord give his strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

God's strength empowers the weak.

God's blessing gives hope to the lost.

God's presence encourages the sick.

God's justice sets things right.

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HYMN OF PRAISE #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Dear God, we hear the words of the Psalm, "The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders," but where we are, it seems like the water has receded and the thunder has been silenced.

In this new year, open our eyes to the signs of your amazing arrival, and our ears to the sound of your powerful presence. The signs and sounds free us from our spiritual isolation and lift us to your eternal joy in the birth of Jesus.

A star in the sky and unexpected gifts; what a time we are in!

No longer looking down, today we are looking up!

In Jesus you find us, in Jesus you reach to us, and in Jesus you save us.

Amen!

YOUTH MESSAGE "Gifts"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 29:1-11

MESSAGE "Over the Waters" Rev. James Renfrew

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "The Water is Wide" (traditional)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #259 "The God of Heaven" (Psalm 29)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

BLESSING & POSTLUDE

"River of Peace" (L. Tallman)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jean Roda, Joyce Marshek, Jack Hillabush, Jr., Jessica Grimes, Kirby & Brandon Branciforte, Lindsay Stein, Rev. Bob Kaiser, Wendy Haywood; Stevie Shaw; the nation, front-line health workers, school teachers and students.

Send prayer requests to:

Chrystal Britt at chrystalbritt@gmail.com or text (585) 409-1904

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12 Roberto "Bert" Jesus Marquez

16 Kylie Britt

Stanley Truax

SUNDAY ZOOM ACCESS

Telephone: 1-929-205-6099 - contact church for access codes

THIS WEEK

- Jan. 11** 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed & Worship Committee
- Jan 12** 4:00 p.m. Virtual Fellowship (Coffee Hour/Tea Time)
Zoom Mtg. contact church for access codes
Phone 929-205-6099
7:00 p.m. Trustees
- Jan. 13** 5:00 p.m. T.O.P.S. Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir
7:30 p.m. AA
- Jan. 17** 9:45 a.m. Live/Virtual Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting of the Byron Presbyterian Church will take place on Sunday, January 24 immediately following worship. We will receive the 2020 financial statement, review the proposed 2021 budget, elect new church officers, hear reports from church committees, adopt changes in the sexual misconduct policy, and conduct any other business that may come before us. The Annual Report will be distributed by email and US Mail to all church members in advance of the meeting. If you are not a member, you may request a copy of the report by contacting Rev. Jim Renfrew.

Food Pantry at North Bergen Presbyterian Church is distributing food Wednesdays, January 20 and 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, January 16 and 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

2021 Offering Envelopes are now available. Contact Robin Glazier (356-4551).

Free Masks are available from Patty Iamon. Send requests to: piamon@gmail.com or call (585) 245-2918 with the following information: Size (adult, youth, child), gender (female, male, neutral), name and address. Patty also invites you to donate winter clothing to the North Bergen Food Pantry, such as hats, gloves, sweaters, coats and boots. We will set up a donation box for these items in the sanctuary.

January 10, 2021
Season of Epiphany



“May the Lord give strength to his people!
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Psalm 29:11