

# From the Pastor's Desk



**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

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## Church Chat

**SUNDAY, JAN. 10  
9:30-10:15 A.M.**

**Click [here](#) to join with friends on Sunday morning!**

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## Sunday Worship

**This Sunday, January 10, 2021,  
the Sunday morning worship service  
of Montreat Presbyterian Church  
will be distributed via Constant Contact  
and made available on Facebook  
by 10:00 A.M.**

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## A Prayer for the Nation's Way Forward **Jimmie Hawkins**

January 7, 2021  
The Presbyterian Outlook

God of Justice, Love and Hope,

So many Americans, and people around the world,  
have hearts that are saddened and minds that are in shock.

This country has been an inspiration  
on the right of people to self-governance,  
and yet on Wednesday all of that fell apart.

American democracy has been a model  
for numerous countries  
and changed the course of world history.  
But today democracy is under brutal attack  
and we are in danger of self-destruction  
and implosion from within.

Help us to come together as a nation  
and realize that any political and ideological differences  
are negligible and can be overcome.

Lead us as only you can  
to live in acceptance of each other's differences  
and united by our common allegiance  
to you and to nation.

Help us to go forward with a new determination  
to learn from our mistakes,  
to overcome our divisions  
and advance to being a better nation.

Please use the United States as an example  
of a country that is determined  
to become more compassionate, just and democratic.

A nation where justice rolls down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

A nation determined  
to promote peaceful engagement for all people.

Amen.

Jimmie Hawkins, director of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. [A prayer for the nation's way forward - The Presbyterian Outlook](#) ([pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org))

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staff are still available.)

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