

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Gathering

PRELUDE

Traci Bopp, Keyboard

During the prelude, please take a quiet moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dave Sippel, Pastor of Discipleship, Mission, and Outreach Leadership

Expansion of Our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. God made us and we are his.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*GATHERING SONG “Holy Forever” *(insert)*

Brooke Burgin, Song Leader

by Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God of love and wonder,

You promise us your presence, help, and Spirit if we follow you. We confess we often think too small thoughts of you: doubting your presence and power to work in the everyday moments of our lives. We often limit hoped-for outcomes on the parameters of our own strength rather than your divine power.

Forgive us for our short-sightedness and lack of trust in your provision.

Open us to new faith and trust in you. Help us to seek your help each moment rather than looking to the aid of our own feeble hands. We love and trust you.

Amen.

3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

TEACHERS APPRECIATION

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & BLESSING

*PASSING OF THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

(10:00 a.m. only) Children and youth are invited to leave for their classes

SPECIAL MUSIC “Honey in the Rock” *(10:00)*

by Mitch Wong, Brandon Lake & Brooke Ligertwood

Chancel Choir; Kim Lampe, Director

Brenna Tesauro, Vocal Solo; Adam Bradford, Electric Guitar

Reception of God's Word

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (NRSVUE)

Sue Breznak, 8:30 Reader & Bethany Duane Dacles, 10:00 Reader

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 10 Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” 13 The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” 15 But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

21:1 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. 2 Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” 7 And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?"

Rev. Stacey Duensing Pearce, Pastor of Worship, Care and Strategic Leadership

Transformation of Our Lives

SONG OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE **#139** *(blue hymnal)*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v. 1,3

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING & OFFERTORY *(10:00 a.m.)*

DOXOLOGY **#815** *(blue hymnal)*

Compassion For the World

*SENDING SONG **#606** *(blue hymnal)* **"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"** v. 1,3,4

*BENEDICTION This time of worship has ended. **Let the service begin.**

*POSTLUDE

** Indicates to please stand, if able.*

The altar flowers are offered in memory of Jan & Arline Friedrich, given by their loving Family.



Hearing assist technology is available during worship services. To find out how to connect your hearing aids or to borrow a hearing assist device, please see a greeter.

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Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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(Jesus) Your name is the highest
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Chorus 1

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TODAY & THIS WEEK – JUNE 14, 2026

WELCOME TO FRC: Join us for worship, Sunday, June 14th! This Sunday we are celebrating our children, youth and volunteers. In worship we will present the 3rd Grade class with bibles, recognize Graduations, and give thanks for the acolytes and teachers in our children and youth ministry. Also, in worship we will hear a story about God providing a miraculous answer in unexpected circumstances. Pastor Stacey's sermon on Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 is entitled "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?"

"EXPANDING OUR WELCOME" - A CHURCH LISTENING PROCESS – SESSION TODAY: The FRC Consistory is inviting our whole faith family into a listening process about expanding our welcome....especially to members of the LGBTQ community. There are two Bible Study dates left on Tuesday, June 23 from 7-8:30 p.m. and/or Sunday, June 14 from 12:30-2 p.m. There is also an opportunity to sign up for a personal session with consistory. To sign up for any of these options, go to the Welcome Center in Friendship Hall.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM: We are in the process of switching over to new software and some extensions are having some trouble getting voicemails. If you leave a message and don't hear back from us (including the cemetery), please follow up with an email.

SIGN UP TO BE A SUMMER READER: New sign up sheets are up for the summer schedule. Please help us fill in all the openings!

THINGS TO KNOW

BLOOD DRIVE – SIGN UP TODAY! We will be holding a blood drive on July 23 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in



Friendship Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-933-BLOOD or visit <https://tinyurl.com/frc-ppjuly23> or scan the QR code. Walk-ins are still

welcome, but appointments are preferred! Can we make it to our goal of 40 donors? Spread the word to friends and co-workers.

"FOOD & SCOOP" ICE CREAM SOCIAL - July 19 at Noon: An Ice Cream Social to benefit the Pequannock Food Pantry will be happening on Sunday, July 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Here's the SCOOP: Each person who brings one of these items: shelf stable milk, brew & instant coffee (instant regular or decaf 8 oz size), corned beef hash, fruit in cans (no mandarin oranges), hair conditioner, or paper products like tissues, paper towels and toilet paper, will be given the opportunity to take a brief tour of the food pantry and then make an ice cream sundae or float. Monetary donations are also much appreciated. Feel free to spread the word and bring a friend. The Congregational Life Team is looking for donations of Coke, root beer and sundae toppings. They can be dropped off in the labeled box by the coffee bar.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & SUMMER SERVICE TIMES BEGINNING NEXT WEEK ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21:
9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service in the Backyard of Friendly Manse (w/Livestream)
10:30 a.m. Indoor Sanctuary Service (Shorter Service, No Livestream)

Beginning on June 21, we will offer two services each Sunday. An outdoor service will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the backyard of the Friendly Manse (chairs provided; feel free to bring your own). At 10:30 a.m., a shorter service will be held in the Sanctuary. Only the 9:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed, with indoor viewing available in Friendship Hall for those needing relief from heat, bugs, or space for children. In case of rain, the early service will move to the Sanctuary.

CONSISTORY NOMINEES

Thank you to all those who submitted nominations. The forms were given to the nominating committee, and they have reviewed the applications. They have chosen Nicole Conti, (E) Jessie Bundz (E) and Martin Williams (D). Their bios will be in the bulletins for your review for 3 weeks. **A congregational vote will be held on June 28 after the first service (outdoors or in sanctuary if rain).**

Members concluding their terms are Mark Halliday VP (E), Kim Lampe (Sr. E), and Christina DiBiasi (Sr. D)

NICOLE CONTI, ELDER:



Although I grew up in Lincoln Park, I have called Wayne home since my high school years. Professionally, I serve as Vice President of Global Compliance at Citibank.

Five years ago, my daughter, Talia, and I found our church home at FRC. Since then, I have enjoyed serving in a variety of ways, including greeting

and ushering, helping with the craft fair, and contributing my banking and financial experience as a member of the Finance Committee. Talia is equally involved in the life of the church through the children's choir, youth group, Christmas pageants, Vacation Bible School, and serving as an acolyte.

Outside of church and work, we enjoy exploring parks, the beach, traveling, and, most importantly, spending quality time with family and friends.

JESSIE BUNDZ, ELDER:



I grew up in the Sunday school and youth programs at FRC, being confirmed as a member in 2014. I have been attending the 8:30 service with my family for as long as I can remember.

Now I'm a member of the congregational life and worship teams, I teach the middle school class on Sunday mornings, I'm a proud volunteer of the youth group, and I was part of the search team that brought us Pastor Stacey! Professionally, I'm a professional engineer for an

Environmental Remedial Contractor. Personally, I love game nights, traveling and baking. I'm looking forward to serving as an elder in our church!

MARTIN WILLIAMS, DEACON:

I grew up in Pompton Plains and was baptized and confirmed in the First Reformed Church. After college, I was active in other Reformed Churches and, for over 25 years, I was in an alternative Christian music ensemble that performed in churches across northern New Jersey. Since re-joining FRC in 2019, I have been involved in searches for the current and previous Directors of Music and Worship Arts and have been a frequent guitar accompanist for soloists and the choir. I recently retired from a career of supporting college and university projects for students, research, and community and business development. I am a trustee and the volunteer curator for the Pequannock Township Historical Society. My wife, Karen, and I were married at FRC in September 2021. I am looking forward to serving the congregation and to helping others grow in their faith at FRC.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUMMER FUEL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS: Middle school and high school youth gather each week during the summer for fun events. Some are onsite and others are at local fun spots. Check the website for more details.

- June 17 – Family Night at FUEL. 6:00 to 8:00pm. Games, contests, and potluck dinner.
- June 24 – 90s Night!! 6:30 to 8:00pm. Shrinky Dinks and Dirt Cups! Wear your 90s outfit.

VBS REGISTRATION OPEN NOW - RAINFOREST FALLS AUGUST 3- 7 FROM 9 AM-NOON: Registration is open for kids ages 5 through 6th grade and volunteers too. The \$35 per child registration fee includes all our program supplies, a daily snack, a t-shirt, and music download card. Space is limited. Register on the church website under Grow/Children & Youth/Spark Kidz

MISSION/OUTREACH/SUPPORT

PEQUANNOCK FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:

*Packaged milk, especially 1% and 2%, *Hot chocolate, *Tomatoes – stewed, whole, diced or paste – NO SAUCE please, *Conditioner, *Pickles and olives in jars, *Icing, *Sardines, *Rice Sides and Pasta Sides, *Jelly (variety), *Beverages of all kinds, esp. juice, *Ketchup, *Coffee – regular, decaf, and instant, *Toothbrushes, *Rice in microwavable cups, *Sugar, 1-2 lb bags, Salad dressing, esp. French and vinaigrette, Beef broth, box or cans, Canned or pkg fruit especially apricots & pears, Microwavable meals, esp. Nissen bowls, Cereal, Pudding and Jell-O cups, Shampoo, Dish detergent, Canned Chicken, Spam and Vienna sausages, Cleaning Products Paper goods, Snacks, especially chips, pretzels and crackers, Nuts and dried fruits. *Indicates most needed

JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING - SPECTRUM FOR LIVING: Spectrum for Living is a nonprofit committed to ensuring people with developmental disabilities have the same opportunities as others to live meaningful, fulfilling lives. Donations may be given by check, placed in the collection during worship, or made securely online through our website under “Mission of the Month”. Please make checks payable to FRC and note “June Communion” in the memo line.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Anna Marie Zeppetelli, mother of Joe Zeppetelli, passed away on June 5. Cards to Joe & Whitney (Rocco) 21 Ramapo Rd, Pompton Plains

Virginia Salvati, friend of Barbara Livingstone, passed away last week. Cards can be sent to Barbara at 735 Cannella Way, Riverdale, 07457

WITH APPRECIATION:

“Thank you everyone for your cards, calls, concerns and prayers during my recent hospitalization and time spent at JDT. Special thanks to Roland Petit for his visits and prayers. I am truly blessed to be a part of our FRC family. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers while I continue working on physical therapy at home.”

Love & blessings, Dee Patrick

CONCERNS:

Prayers for peace in the Middle East, especially between the United States, Iran, Israel and Lebanon. Prayers of protection for US service members who are deployed.

Prayers for **Rev. Linda** serving the hungry and homeless in Lebanon who are displaced due to war. Linda is connected in mission to us through our Classis and Ponds Reformed Church. Pray for her ministry

Amy Patterson, surgery scheduled for June 15th. Prayers for successful surgery and clear test results. Cards to: 420 Newark Pompton Tpke, Pompton Plains NJ 07444

Katie Wilson, her liver, estrogen, and kidney numbers are looking better after the surgery. Thank you for your prayers and good thoughts. Uplifting / funny cards are welcome at 130 E Hartwell Ln. Philadelphia, PA

Jane Young, is in Care One room 126. She welcomes visitors. Please text her to confirm time. She is grateful to her FRC family and friends for the cards, visits and flowers.

William DeBell, Susan’s husband, health concerns

John, Linda Wilson’s sister’s husband, whose muscular dystrophy has progressed to the point that he needs hospice

Linda Wilson’s good friend **Mary** who just started a clinical trial for her cancer that has returned after 7 years in remission.

FINANCIALS

HOW TO DONATE TO FRC:

In Person: Drop your check at the office or place it in kiosk or the offering plate during worship.



Give Electronically: You can have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically. Visit our website

www.firstreformedchurch.com and choose the blue “Donate” button. You can also scan the QR code

<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		
	Week Ending	
	6/7/2026	6/8/2025
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 2,030.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 7,266.40	\$ 7,917.01
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 10,026.40	\$ 9,947.01
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)*	\$ 717,863.84	\$ 665,510.00
Weekly Goal*	\$ 13,805.07	\$ 12,798.27
Weekly Collection Surplus/Deficit	\$ (3,778.67)	\$ (2,851.26)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (76,399.24)	\$ (76,723.25)