

Welcome to
The First Reformed Church
of Pompton Plains



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10:30 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary



OUR MISSION

FRC stands at the intersection of faith and life in our community. Our mission is to create experiences that connect us with Christ and inspire us to serve.

We Live That Through...

OPEN DOORS

Located at the intersection of faith and life, our congregation practices open doors, appreciating our differences, yet also valuing our oneness in purpose. We welcome all people regardless of race, ethnicity, ability, orientation or identity. We also welcome people with different cultural and political understandings. Our unity is found not in our uniformity, but in our desire to live and learn as followers of Christ.

OPEN HEARTS

We envision a community where every human being awakens to God's love, trusts this love, working in us, among us, through us, and even as us. Our path is Christ. We seek to live our lives loving others as he did himself, wholeheartedly and unconditionally. We gather regularly to open ourselves to further transformation in Christ, helping ourselves and others find deeper meaning and a clearer sense of purpose.

OPEN HANDS

Everything we do is through God's love. We intentionally partner with and serve the Pequannock Township area as agents of Christ's light, life and love in our neighborhoods and beyond. Our hope is to actively build a renewed, peaceful world here, that includes social justice and fosters peace through God's radical love for humanity.

Welcome

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Join us for worship this Sunday, September 6th for worship. We will close our "She is Called" sermon series with the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10: 38-42. Pastor Stacey's sermon is entitled "A Word to 'The Worried and Distracted'". In the outdoor, 9am worship service, we will also be dedicating the Solar Panels on Friendship Hall and unveiling a plaque to be installed on Friendship Hall. See you Sunday.

WELCOME GUESTS

We are grateful for your presence and would love to connect. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself. For more information about our church, fill out a connection card located on the table and visit our website: www.firstreformedchurch.com

WEBSITE & LIVE STREAM OF SERVICE

When traveling, watch the service live at 9 AM on our website www.firstreformedchurch.com or on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/frcpomptonplains>

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS & ONLINE DONATIONS

Thank you for your generosity!

	Week Ending	
	8/23/2026	8/24/2025
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,604.00	\$ 2,654.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 6,532.90	\$ 5,440.50
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 8,136.90	\$ 8,094.50
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)*	\$ 717,863.84	\$ 665,510.00
Weekly Goal*	\$ 13,805.07	\$ 12,798.27
Weekly Collection Surplus/Deficit	\$ (5,668.17)	\$ (4,703.77)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (132,557.55)	\$ 10,443.37



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	Week Ending	
	8/30/2026	8/31/2025
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 6,815.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,775.40	\$ 4,450.80
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 7,091.40	\$ 11,265.80
Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)*	\$ 717,863.84	\$ 665,510.00
Weekly Goal*	\$ 13,805.07	\$ 12,798.27
Weekly Collection Surplus/Deficit	\$ (6,713.67)	\$ (1,532.47)
Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (139,271.22)	\$ 8,910.90

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Expansion of Our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Come and worship!

Be still and aware of God's presence within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!

Be still and aware of Jesus' presence within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!

Be still and aware of the Spirit's presence within and around you.

(Pause)

Be still and know God's love meets you here:

In the beauty of creation...

in the eyes of a friend...

in the truth in God's word...

in the quiet stirring of the Spirit in your heart....

God is here.

God is speaking to us today.

Let us worship God.

-Today's Call to worship was adapted from one written by Rev. Dr. A.R. Neal Mathers

***GATHERING SONG "Be Still, for the Presence"**

Brooke Burgin, Song Leader

Verse 1

Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now,

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found

We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord,

The Holy One is here

Verse 2

Be still for the glory of the Lord,

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire,

With splendor He is crowned

How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light

Be still for the glory of the Lord,

Is shining all around

Verse 3

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(responsive)* (9:00 a.m.)

Lord Jesus Christ,

We confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to your voice.

(Pause for reflection)

We pray,

Transform our priorities so that we make space in our lives to be quiet and listen to you.

May the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you,

the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you,

and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your name. Amen

-Today's Prayer of Confession was written by Moira Laidlaw

*PASSING THE PEACE (9:00 a.m.)

May the Peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

SPECIAL MUSIC (9:00 a.m.) "Still God" by Anne Wilson

Brenna Tesauero, Soloist; Martin Williams, 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 Luke 10: 38-42 (NRSVUE)

*Susan DeBell (9:00 a.m.), Reader
Joann Warner (10:30 a.m.), Reader*

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

MESSAGE "A Word to "The Worried and Distracted""

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

Transformation of Our Lives

COMMUNION

Meaning of the Sacrament

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

...with your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name, and sing together:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Leader: Most righteous God, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ...

.... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...

...Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Words of Institution

Invitation

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in the prayer when prompted with the following call and response:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

INVITATION FOR CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION

The communion offering for today will benefit JJ TenClay, RCA Global Mission

Compassion for the World

SOLAR PANELS DEDICATION

A plaque will be installed on Friendship Hall with the following inscription:

"The Solar Panels on Friendship Hall are given in honor of Sally E. Siscoe whose faith was a light to many."

SOLAR PANELS DEDICATION LITANY

O Lord our God.

How majestic is your name in all creation!

You created the moon, stars, and infinite space. The creeping caterpillar and the braying donkey. Your love sustains the smallest sparrow and the giant Sequoia.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all creation!

You have created us with loving tenderness.

Your breath fills our lungs.

Your Spirit stirs in our hearts.

In creating the cosmos, you crowned us with purpose: to care for all your living things as caring stewards.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all creation!

But God, your goodness goes further: You call us to purpose and community as "your church" in the world. By the example of your son and the compelling work of the Spirit in our hearts you call us to follow you in love and service shining light in a dark world. We thank you for the gift of following your call and the joy of our faith family here at FRC.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all creation!

We recall, O God, your faithfulness to our faith community at FRC for 290 years. In seasons of challenge and joy. You have been our constant anchor and support. Today we thank you for this new chapter in our faith community.

We dedicate these solar panels to you and your glory.

- **That we may follow your command to be stewards of your creation.**
- **That we might be a light for the world to see.**

We thank you, God, for the work of saints past who have made our church the loving, mission focused community it is today. We stand in their legacy and are connected to them by your Holy Spirit.

Today we give you thanks especially for the faith of Sally E. Siscoe in whose honor these solar panels were given.

Here today we dedicate not only these solar panels to you, but our church, and our lives again for your work and your glory.

God, stir in us, shine light through us, enable us to serve and follow you!

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all creation!

Amen.

***SENDING SONG "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Refrain G C D G Am D Em Am

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.

G Am D G Am D G Fine

G G7 Am7 Bm7 Am D

1 Each lit-tle flower that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv-er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

G C D7 G D G To Refrain

God made their glow-ing col-ors, God made their ti-ny wings.
the sun-set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them ev-ery one.
how great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, P.D.

Music (ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain 7.6.7.6): melody English traditional, *The Dancing Master*, 1686; harm. John Worst, 1974, alt. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

***BENEDICTION**

This time of worship has ended.

Let the service begin!

***POSTLUDE**

The chancel flowers today are offered in memory of Bart Liberti, given by Whitney.

Prayers & Concerns

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

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

Prayers for **Frank Cavallo**, father of Lisa Lundberg, who is in the hospital.

Paul, Susan DeBell's brother, undergoing testing for Parkinsons. Prayers for good test results.

Barbara Livingstone, was transferred to JDT for rehab. Cards to 735 Cannella Way, Riverdale 07457

Colleen Erickson, niece of Rose and Frank Chara, undergoing cancer treatments. They found a small mass outside of her brain and she is awaiting discussion for next steps. Also currently experiencing fluid retention that requires drainage. Prayers for healing.

Craig, Joann Warner's brother, prayers of healing for health issues and for his children Sally and Andrew who are caring for him.

Jo Bradford, broke her wrist. Prayers for healing. Cards to 30 Andrews Place, Pompton Plains 07444

Dee Patrick, awaiting test results and treatment plan. Cards to 31F Lancaster Court, Wayne, 07470

Jane Young, prayers as she begins the transition to Assisted Living in Care One.

William DeBell, Susan's husband, improving while doing cardiac rehab.

LONG TERM CONCERNS:

Frank Chara, treatments for non hodgkins lymphoma, **Christine**, (friend of Michele Crefeld) colon cancer, **Mary & John** (Linda Wilson), **Brian Farley**, **Katie Wilson**, cancer treatments, **Tom Larkin**, **Ann** (friend of Eileen Bundz), **Lois Wickham**, **Michael Angelucci** (son of Gail Trappe's friend), **Michele Brauman** (sister-in-law of Joanna Minassian & Meg Sturm), **Jamie Spillane** (college classmate of Karen & Tom Kamp), **Jennifer Carpentieri**, **Cindy**, **Anna Miller** (future daughter-in-law of Kathy & John Shea and future niece of Judy Shivy) **Joyce Gruzdis**, **Michael Clark** (Sharon Hollick's son-in-law), **Peggy Biondi** (friend of Amy Muller) receiving chemo, **Beverly Adams** (Jennifer Adams' mother) blood cancer, **Carol** (friend of Leeanne Leck) pancreatic cancer, **Sue Rayner**, lung cancer, **Kristen**, vision issues, **Christopher Martin** (Pat Lento's relative) myocarditis, **Steven Janowicz** (son of former members Joyce and George), **Judy Napoli**, **Karen Milligan**, **Heather** (Tony's daughter-in-law), **Nancy Crefeld** (Pete's mom), **Kathryn Dontje** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Judy Lento** (Pat Lento's sister in law), **Charles Cunningham**, **Jim**, (Lynn Rayner's brother), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Amy Griffith**, **Adele Ebert** (Shell's mom)

Announcements

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES: Next week, Sept. 13, we will have a brief service at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to begin Service Sunday. The following week, Sept. 20, services will return to 8:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall and 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

SOLAR PANEL DEDICATION DURING WORSHIP TODAY: On Sunday, September 6 during the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service, we will have a moment in worship to dedicate the solar panels on Friendship Hall. A plaque will be unveiled giving God thanks for the “light” of Sally E. Siscoe’s faith. The panels were donated in her honor.

COMMUNION OFFERING TODAY: JJ TenClay serves as the Refugee Ministries Coordinator for RCA Global Mission, where she equips churches to respond to the needs of refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced people around the world. After spending four years as an RCA missionary in Italy working directly with migrants and refugees, she now builds partnerships between churches and frontline ministries, develops educational resources, advocates for compassionate refugee care, and helps congregations turn biblical hospitality into practical action. To donate, you can mail in a check, place it in the collection kiosk during worship any week in September, or donate online securely through our website on the line item: “Mission of the Month.” Make checks payable to FRC and note “September Communion” in the memo line.

***NEXT WEEK*SERVICE SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 13 @ 8:30 A.M – SIGN UP NOW!:** What if, instead of attending a Sunday worship service, you could be the very hands of Jesus by serving others? On September 13, you and your family will have that opportunity. That Sunday, we will begin the day with a shortened early service at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Participants will have 3 hours to “serve” on the various service projects, returning to the church between 12 - 12:30 p.m. for a BBQ lunch. There is a special display with project descriptions and a sign up sheet on the welcome center in the Friendship Hall lobby. You can also log onto the FRC website (firstreformedchurch.com) to register for the project that interests you and your family. Contact Bob Nixon robertnixon9@hotmail.com or Bonnie Holmes bonnie.l.holmes@gmail.com with any questions.

SIGN UP NOW TO BE A READER: As we return to the fall schedule, please remember to sign up as a reader for both services. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk near the coffee bar.

TIMELINE CHANGE: LEAD REMEDIATION IN THE FRIENDLY MANSE: The Lead Remediation in the Friendly Manse is nearing completion! This week the move-in timeline for Pastor Stacey's family was set back slightly due to some post-construction testing for lead dust. Now, Pastor Stacey's family will start the move-in process on Saturday, September 12th. They are looking for people to help unpack Monday, September 14 or Tuesday, September 15th. If you are interested in helping with the unpacking, please email Pastor Stacey at stacey@frc-pp.org. To donate to help cover these costs, you can go online to our website or scan the QR code.

QR Code for
Lead Remediation in the Friendly Manse



JOIN OUR HANDBELL & CHANCEL CHOIRS – FIRST MEETING SEPT. 10: Choir and handbells kick off on Thursday September 10th, and we'd love for you to join us. Handbells meet at 6:30PM in the blue room and Chancel Choir meets at 7:30PM in the Ministry Arts & Music Center (choir room). New members are welcome with open arms- the more voices (and hands!) the merrier! No musical experience is needed for choir, just a willing heart. A little musical background helps with handbells but fear not our ringers are patient teachers, and everyone starts somewhere. If you play an instrument and are wondering if you can contribute, the answer is a resounding yes! Please contact Kim Lampe at kim.lampe@frc-pp.org

CLASSROOM SET-UP DAY & LEADER TRAINING SEPT. 12: Our Spark Kidz set-up day is scheduled for Saturday, September 12. Join us at 9:00 a.m. upstairs in Classroom 21 for breakfast, a review of procedures, and classroom preparation for the year. Leaders, helpers, and volunteers should RSVP to Janet Chardavoyne: janet@frc-pp.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMMING RESUMES SUNDAY SEPT. 20: Our Spark Kidz classes for children ages 2 to 5th grade begin on Sunday, September 20 as well as IGNITE middle school and F.U.S.E high school programming. Children & youth will attend the start of the 10:00 a.m. service and then be dismissed to their classes.

BACKPACK BLESSING: Kick off the new school year by bringing your backpack to the 10:00 a.m. service on September 20 for a special blessing.

"IN HIS TIME" KIDS ART CLASS: Kids age 5-14 are invited to join us for a special collage design art activity to celebrate God's beautiful fall season. The class will meet upstairs in room 22 on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00-11:30 AM. Completed artwork will be displayed in the ministry center art gallery. Register online by 9/23

<https://frc.breezechms.com/form/0141f912767471458974>

Contact Janet with any questions, janet@frc-pp.org

JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIRS! Interested in singing this year? Join us for a Choir Open House on Sunday, September 20 immediately after worship in the choir room. Enjoy some snacks, meet the director, ask questions, and sign up!

Children's Choir: Kindergarten–5th Grade Youth Choir: 6th–12th Grade

Each choir rehearses on alternating months immediately after Sunday worship (about 30 minutes), and sings on the first Sunday of its assigned month. The Children's and Youth Choirs alternate throughout the year. Questions? Contact Brooke Burgin 201-303-1808.

COMMUNITY MEAL PACKING EVENT IN LINCOLN PARK: Join Grains of Hope on Saturday, October 17 to Pack nutritionally fortified rice and beans meals for the hungry. No special skills needed. Each job is simple, and we will train you. Everyone can participate, according to their capabilities - even accompanied young children. Register at: www.gohnj.org

JOIN OUR SPARK KIDZ TEAM: As our program continues to grow in leaps and bounds, we are seeking additional volunteers for our younger classes this fall. No experience is necessary, and you do not have to serve every week. If you feel God nudging you towards children's ministry, be sure to talk to Janet for more details. janet@frc-pp.org

LOSS OF A SPOUSE GRIEF GROUP: A one-day GriefShare Seminar will be held at The Chapel in Lincoln Park on Sunday, September 13 from 1-3 PM. This seminar will offer care, support and practical teaching for dealing with the tremendous loss of a spouse. Questions? Call Sue Breznak at 973-723-0465.

RCA SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP | FEB 8–19, 2027

Through our church's ongoing partnership with Setshabelo Family and Child Services, we already help provide vital care for orphaned and vulnerable children in South Africa. RCA Global Missions invites you to journey to Soweto and Botshabelo to connect with the Setshabelo team, encourage and engage in their daily ministry, dive into local history, and experience the region's wildlife and landscape. Cost: \$3,100 (covers all in-country expenses) + international airfare. \$500 deposit due Dec 15, 2026.

For More info: Visit <https://bit.ly/RCA-SouthAfrica-2027> or contact FRC Mission Team: Michele (mcrefeld@gmail.com) or Angela (atkohle@gmail.com)