



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

November 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

24th Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

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Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
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ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

*Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE May Flights of Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest John Tavener

WELCOME/TIDINGS Rev. Khayla Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Khayla Johnson

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

All: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you, they cried, and they were saved; in you, they trusted and were not put to shame.

All: God, you are holy. All praise to you. Now and forever!

***HYMN # 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

***OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison**

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us despite our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN # 654** In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

ANTHEM Eash Step I Take Indonesian Fellowship Choir Slim Whitman

CHILDREN'S TIME Nancy Regan

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children Pre-K to 6th grade will exit to their 1st-floor classrooms. Older children remain in worship.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90:12-17 Tracy Regan
This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Garden Hymn Senior Choir Alice Parker & Robert Shaw
(Lyrics may be found in the Sunday Paper.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Job 23:1-9; 16-17

This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Struggle Bus”

Rev. Khayla Johnson

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN # 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

OFFERTORY At the River

Sandy Slobodien, soprano

Aaron Copland

*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . *And also with you.*

Damai Kristus bersertamu..... *Dan bersertamu juga.*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #326 Verses 1-4

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

*NECROLOGY (Bell will toll three more times for loved ones lost.)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #326 Verse 5

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table. Please ask a server for assistance.

COMMUNION HYMN # 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Khayla Johnson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*HYMN # 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERIES OF FAITH

Rev. Khayla Johnson

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bapa kami yang di sorga, Dikuduskanlah nama-Mu, datanglah Kerajaan-Mu, jadilah kehendak-Mu di bumi seperti di sorga. Berikanlah kami pada hari ini makanan kami yang secukupnya dan ampunilah kami akan kesalahan kami, seperti kami juga mengampuni orang yang bersalah kepada kami; dan janganlah membawa kami ke dalam pencobaan, tetapi lepaskanlah kami dari pada yang jahat. Karena engkau adalah yang punya Kerajaan, Kuasa dan Kemuliaan sampai Selamat nya.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Khayla Johnson

*HYMN # 325 By All Your Saints Still Striving

KING'S LYNN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Canon on "Sine Nomine"

Thomas J. Crawford

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*Our greeters this morning are Juanita Korompis and Yohanes Kristanto,
and the ushers are Heather and Collin Casey, Meily Sumantri, and Bill Volz.*

Serving communion are Arthur Jemmy, Jan Margolis, Sandra Laluw, and Karen Sorensen.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Ellen Van Horn given in loving memory of her husband, Dennis.

NECROLOGY OF CHURCH FAMILY WHO DIED
November 2023 to Present



Iya Bekondo

Rev. Fred Black

Dee Bonner

Justin D. Harmon

Tracy Lawrence Jeffress

David Jones

James McAdoo

Doris Moskal

Karen Novia

Mason Prickitt

Michael Rubarski

Rose Serio

Mary Lee Stone

Robert Walters

Jerry Young



Rose in Remembrance



All Saints' Sunday

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ

Roses were donated by friends and members of the congregation in loving memory of:

Irene Adam
Steve Adam
Lillian Alexander
Michael Anderson
Ted Ayotte
Madlyn Bass
Bob Bass
Angelina Bellisano
Peter Bellisano, Sr.
Ione Benain
Gail Bishop
Fulgencio Blanco
Nancy Blomn Kipnis
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Bob Knight
Jill Kocmond
Joseph Kowalczyk
Kris Kristofferson
Carlos and Pacita Lacson
Ira Lacson
Connie & Dominic LaTorre
Elaine Luther
Larry Mangino
John Mark
Jim McKie
Margaretta McKnight
Grace McKnight
Madeline McKnight Spargo
Doris Moskal
Walter Moskal
Rose Mozer
Harry and Elizabeth Mullaney
Ken Naparsteck
Carolyn Neupauer
George Neupauer
Leo Neupauer
Lillian Neupauer
Susan Neupauer
Victor Neupauer
Joseph Neupauer, Sr.
Helena Olker
Robert O'Neill
Jean Ostermueller
Rudy Ostermueller
Tom Ostermueller
Saxon and Jane Palmeter
Elyssa Patton



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Pura Pensado
Clare Pensado
Robert Pinto
David Plaza
Doris Ramsay
Hector Ramsay
Fitzroy Ramsay
Anne Ramsay
Gladys Ratkay
Dorothy Rietheimer
Richard Rietheimer
Deanna Rogers
Michael S. Rubarski
Julia & Michael Rubarski
Fred Runyon
BarbaraLee Runyon
Joan Senese

Anna Simon
John Simon
Tom Stephens
Marissa Stryker
Onofre & Lydia Sugue
Patricia & Bill Thompson
Jack and Peggy Turner
Georgette Varady
Michael Varady
Eric Vowinkel
Augusta Wagner
Emily Weber
Walter Weber
Jay Woloshen
Carl & Scarlett Woolver
C. Jerry Young
Oscar Zanoni

Anthem sung by the Senior Choir:

Garden Hymn

by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

The Lord into his garden comes;
The spices yield a rich perfume;
The lilies grow and thrive,
The lilies grow and thrive.

Refreshing showers of grace divine,
From Jesus flow to every vine
And make the dead revive,
And make the dead revive.

Come brethren, ye that love the Lord,
And taste the sweetness of his word;
In Jesus' way go on,
In Jesus's way go on.

Our troubles and our trials here,
Will only make us richer there,
When we arrive at home,
When we arrive at home.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your
steadfast love, so that we may rejoice
and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you
have afflicted us, and for as many
years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your
servants, and your glorious power to
their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be
upon us, and prosper for us the work
of our hands— O prosper the work of
our hands!

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered:

'Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
O that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him, and fill
my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to
me.

Would he contend with me in the
greatness of his power? No; but he
would give heed to me. There an upright
person could reason with him, and I
should be acquitted forever by my judge.

'If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold
him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see
him. God has made my heart faint; the
Almighty has terrified me; If only I could
vanish in darkness, and thick darkness
would cover my face!

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

November 3, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#687 OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

1- Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2- Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3- Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4- A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5- Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6- Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

#654 IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; Do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; The Lord is near.

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#731 GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FIRM

1- Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
When all around seems bleak
On God's good promise they rely,
So while they live and when they die

How forcefully they speak
The strong, who once were weak!

2- Give thanks for those whose hope is clear
Beyond mere mortal sight
Who seek the city God has planned
The true, eternal promised land
And steer on toward that light
A beacon ever bright

3- Give thanks for those whose love is pure
A sparkling precious stone
They show by what they say and do
An inward beauty, warm and true
For God's concerns they own
God's love through them is known

4- Give thanks for saints of ages past
And saints alive today
Though often by this world despised
Their hearts by God are richly prized
Give thanks that we may say
We share their pilgrim way

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606 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings, flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#326 FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1- For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3- O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4- And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5- From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

#511 COME, BEHOLD! THE FEAST OF HEAVEN

1- Come, behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the word of God declared: Alleluia!
"Come! The banquet is prepared." Alleluia!

2- All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
As the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia!
Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

3- All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
At this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia!
Taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!

4- As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia!
All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

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#552 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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#325 BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

1- By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps,
would live our lives for you.

2- We praise you for the Baptist,
forerunner of the Word,
our true Elijah, making a highway for the Lord.
The last and greatest prophet, he saw the dawning ray
of light that grows in splendor until the perfect day.

3- All praise, O Lord, for Andrew,
the first to welcome you,
whose witness to his brother named you Messiah true.
May we, with hearts kept open to you throughout the
year
proclaim to friend and neighbor your advent ever near.

4- For Magdalene we praise you,
steadfast at cross and tomb.
Your "Mary!" in the garden
dispelled her tears and gloom.
Apostle to the apostles, she ran to spread the word.
Send us to shout the good news
that we have seen the Lord!

5- We pray for saints we know not,
for saints still yet to be,
for grace to bear true witness and serve you faithfully,
till all the ransomed number
who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen has adopted a policy that individuals listed must grant permission for their names to be included on the weekly prayer list. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE – 732-491-2300 to add a person to the prayer list. Persons requested to be on the prayer list will remain for one month and then be removed unless requested to keep for a longer period.

Dey Adam (*Dawn Adam's sister*)
Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)
James Angley (*Lynne Angley's son*)
Marilyn Avery
The Bellini family (*friends of the Brennan's*)
***Agnes Bertelsen**
John and Gemma Bertelsen (*Brother and sister-in-law of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
Anna Cackowski (*daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski*)
Cassidy family (*Marty Brennan's relatives*)
Natalie Charles (*cousin of Tom Messina*)
***Beverly Cummings**
Bruce Dangremond (*brother of Mary Kay Dangremond*)
***Mary Kay Dangremond**
***Henry and Rita Dengah**
Lisa De La Fuente (*friend of the Kozo/Mollison family*)
Darla Dimatteo
Robert Doeg (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)
***Ruth Endicott**
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
Carol Franklin (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
***Marie Gale**
Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)
***Joey Hale (Son of Matt and Laura Hale)**
***Margaret Hathaway**
Vera Koprowski (*mother of Cathy Wolpin*)

Marion Kovacs (*friend of June Keebler*)
***Susan Kozo**
Elaine LeSter (*Lorraine LeSter's sister*)
MacArthur family (*Allison Brennan's cousin and family*)
Elizabeth Mack (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)
Chris McGrane (*friend of Sue Harmon*)
Patty Meyer (*Daughter-in-law of Jane and Ed Meyer*)
Michael
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keebler*)
***Dave Ryder**
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
***Deb Sorensen**
Lorenzo Soto (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)
***Deb Teall**
Sarah Abed Van Pelt (*Chris Van Pelt's daughter-in-law*)
Richard Watson (*Nancy Gurzo's friend*)
Crystal Smith Williams (*friend of the Food Pantry*)
David Wong
***Lynn Hendricks Wong**
Sylvia Zanoni (*Mother-in-law of Wendy Kukowski*)
Michael Zambri (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

***Members of the church**

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR

Jim McAdoo and his family on the passing of his father, James McAdoo on October 30. A memorial service is scheduled on November 9, 10:00 am here at First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

David Garry, Coast Guard Cutter Bear, Portsmouth, VA (*Son of Fred & Kathy Garry*)

MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*son of Elaine Hansen*)

MC1 Kevin Leitner, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)

Lt. Cmdr. Krista Marquard, U.S. Public Health Service, Lawrence, KS (*Bill & Susan Marquard's daughter-in-law*)

Major Matthew McQueeney, Pilot & DO, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (*son/stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)

LT John Alexander Petr, U. S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Pennix Family friend*)

***CPT Bradley Shaver, U. S. Army – Ft. Carson, CO (brother/son of Greg and Julie Walton Shaver)**

CPT Julia Harris Switzer, MD USAF (*granddaughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)

Petty Officer 1st Class Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
 Refreshments – Room 109 10:30 a.m.
 New Member Class – Session Room 10:30 a.m.
 Community Dinner – Dining Room 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge 7:00 p.m.
 Social Justice – Office Conf. Room 7:30 p.m.
 DBSA Support Group – Room 109. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

AA Support Group – Room 109 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Deacons Meeting – Chapel 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke – PW Lounge . . 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Group – Youth Room (Rm. 211) 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Choir – Choir Room. 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
 Joy Ringers – Sanctuary 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Women’s AA Support Group – Room 109. . . 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

COMING SOON

Nov 9 Westerhoff Chamber Ensemble – Sanctuary-3:00 pm
 Nov 10 New Member Class – Session Room - 10:30 am
 Nov 12 1st Tuesday – GLOW Room – 4:30 pm
 Nov 12 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 p.m.
 Nov 13 Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am
 Nov 13 Crafty Ladies – PW Lounge – 1:00 pm
 Nov 14 Local Mission Meeting – Auditorium – 11:45 am
 Nov 14 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
 Nov 16 Gender Affirming Closet – Soc. Ctr – 1:00 pm
 Nov 17 Youth Commission – Office Conf. Rm – 10:30 am
 Nov 20 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm
 Nov 24 New Member Reception – Room 109 – 10:30 am

For more details of what’s happening in the coming weeks and months, check out the church calendar on the website. Scan this QR code to access the mentioned calendar.



TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received October 27

Pledge	\$ 5,924
Non-pledge	\$ 670
Cash	\$ 322
Per Capita	\$ 180
Food Pantry	\$ 620
Special Funds	\$ 500
Special Offerings	\$ 30

TOTAL: \$ 8,246

Other Receipts: \$320 (Parking)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- Direct** Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!
- Online** From our website fpcweb.org/give, click on the **Give Online** button. This will redirect you to the Vanco app to set up your donation.
- Text** Text to give using this number: (855) 964-5393, and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your generous support!

PASTORAL CARE:

If you or someone you know needs our support or is in the hospital, please feel free to contact Rev. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590 or Rev. Khayla Johnson at (843) 312-7288. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours: Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, or by appointment.





Today, November 3

Session Room, After worship

The first of two new member classes starts today. Explore what it means to be Presbyterian, the opportunities available to be part of ministry, and what mission projects and efforts are currently underway.

Get a chance to have your questions answered by our pastors. You will also meet and get to know FPC's Session members. The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 10.

New members will be welcomed in a reception to be held on November 24th.

We hope you will join now!

FREE Community Dinner

TODAY, November 3

5:00 PM, Social Center Dining Room



We have a place at the table for you!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on a Thanksgiving meal. Enjoy roast turkey with all the fixings, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green salad, green bean casserole, crusty rolls, and a delicious pie for dessert.

With more people coming to our dinners, we are very much in need of more volunteers – to help before, during, and after the dinner, or even to donate some of the sides!

Volunteers are always welcome!



HORIZON BIBLE STUDY

Monday, November 4

7:00 pm

PW Lounge / Zoom

Faithfulness is as faithfulness does. Sometimes God calls us to things that make us uncomfortable.

Led by Mary Kay Dangremond, we will explore in lesson 2 of this study the "Reluctant Prophets and Faithful Foreigners," and new ways to form a deeper faith commitment. Scripture text is taken from Jonah 1. This monthly study meets on the first Monday of each month through June 2, 2025.

ALL are welcome!

All lessons may be found from the website under <https://fpcweb.org/resources/study-resources/>

Email Deb Teall for the Zoom link, or for questions: debteall@optonline.net

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen



Christmas Pageant

December 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

All Sunday School and CNS families are welcome to be part of our annual Christmas Pageant. Please let us know of your interest. Some guidelines to be observed:

- Children must be 4 years old or older by 10/1/24.
- Children must attend the rehearsals at the church on December 1st, 8th, and 15th from 10:30-11:30 am, and the dress rehearsal on Dec. 19 at 4:15 pm.

Use this QR code to sign up.

For questions, email:

fpcpageant@fpcweb.org



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
invite you to the

2024 HOLLY FAIR
Bake Sale + Coffee Bar,
Christmas Décor and
Jewelry Trunk Show
Saturday, December 7th
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Social Center Dining Room



Help us make this another successful fundraiser for the Presbyterian Women. Here's how:

- Donate gently used or new vintage and contemporary jewelry. WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS, and thank you in advance! Drop off donations at the Church office by November 27th.
- If you are a baker, we will also be happy to receive your delicious baked goods to sell.



Questions?

Email Cindy O'Neill (mimabook@aol.com) or call the Church office at (732) 491-2300



Construction of the Food Pantry expansion has begun! The project is funded by generous grants and community donations. However, these funds do not cover the church's operational costs. For that, we need your pledges. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

To pledge, please call the church office, email the church treasurer Colleen Walker at (cwalker@fpcweb.org) or use this QR code.



THANK YOU!

MISSION COMMISSION is happy to report that a total of \$2,015 was raised for PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Additionally, a donation of \$1,000 was made by the Mission Commission to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their work helping those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. For more information on this, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org>

This special offering has been sent to PC(USA). We thank everyone for their generosity.

OutFront Metuchen

Gender-Affirming Closet

Free clothes, accessories and makeup for LGBTQIA+ middle and high schoolers and allies to support their gender identity

Saturday November 16th
1pm - 4pm

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
Social center entrance
270 Woodbridge Ave, Metuchen

Please consider donating non-perishable food to the FPC Food Pantry

REQUEST FROM THE C.E. OFFICE

We are seeking donations of used TV monitors of all sizes to enhance our ministry and youth rooms. If you have a working monitor that you no longer use and are willing to part with, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please email me or contact the church office to arrange a pickup. Your generous contributions will help us create a more engaging environment for our groups and classrooms. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Nancy Leardi , Director of Christian Education