



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

January 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

www.fpcweb.org

(732) 491-2300



Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
Associate Pastor: Rev. Khayla Johnson
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Director of Music Ministries: Jordan Klotz
Minister of Music Emeritus: Brenda Arnold Day
Director for Christian Education: Nancy Leardi

ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

*Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 78

Gary Ostermueller

Leader: They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, 'Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed out and torrents overflowed, can he also give bread, or provide meat for his people?'

All: **He commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance. He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he let out the south wind; he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings. And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.**

*HYMN 756 O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFAN

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Draw near to us and walk the valleys. Give your Holy Spirit to us in the days when we cannot see the mountaintop, where all about us is a dark and gloomy past. May this day be sustained by hope brought by a rising sun. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISM

Elder Gary Ostermueller

Carter Anderson McNeese, son of Christina and Griffin McNeese

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

THE BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

*HYMN # 480 Take Me to the Water (Verse 1)

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized.

ANTHEM One More Step Junior Choir

Phillip Dietterich

Nursery care is available in Room 107. After the Junior Choir sings, children 4 years to 6th grade are welcome to join the teachers in the GLOW room. Older children remain in worship.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Bernard Niall Corbalis

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:4-7

Gary Ostermueller

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

ANTHEM Many Gifts, One Spirit

Senior Choir

Allen Pote

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:10-17

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

SERMON

“Another Brother Moses”

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN** 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** 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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

ELDER'S PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***HYMN** 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Today's greeter is Nancy Regan, and the ushers are Ann Behrens, Gilly McKie, and Martin Brennan.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Grace Hammesfahr given in loving memory of
her brother, Col. David T. McKnight.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:4-7

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?'

SCRIPTURE READER: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:10-17

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

SCRIPTURE READER: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

January 19 , 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#756 O GOD OF EVERY NATION

1- O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.

2- From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

3- Lord, strengthen all who labor
that we may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

4- Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

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Publishing Company)*

#582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNES SHINES

1- Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2- World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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#480 TAKE ME TO THE WATER

1- Take me to the water. Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.

#488 I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY

1- I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where
demons dwell.

2-When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

3- In the middle ages of your life, not too old,
no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

4- I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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#339 LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

1- Lift every voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

2- Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3- God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

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*)

*Mary Ann Eide

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 Bertelsen (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)

Pat Byrne (*Sue Harmon's brother-in-law*)

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*)

*Marie Gale

Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)

*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)

*Margaret Hathaway

Marion Kovacs (*friend of June Keehler*)

*Susan Kozo

*Donald Lambdin

Elaine LeSter (*Lorraine LeSter's sister*)

MacArthur family (*Allison Brennan's cousin and family*)

Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)

*Jan Margolis

Michael

Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)

Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)

Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)

Carol Roberts (*friend of Jane & Ed Meyer*)

Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)

*Dave Ryder

Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)

*Deb Sorensen

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 Zaroni (*Mother-in-law of Wendy Kukowski*)

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

PASTORAL CARE:

If you or a family member is in the hospital, please contact the pastors: Rev. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590 or Rev. Khayla Johnson at (843) 312-7288. **The hospitals no longer contact clergy when a parishioner is admitted, nor do they keep a list of patients by denomination.** The only way the pastors will know if you or a loved one are in the hospital is if you contact us. We are more than ready and glad to visit. Please contact us even if it is to pray for you. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours.

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, JANUARY 19

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Class – Room 203 10:30 a.m.
 Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon
 MLK, Jr. Community Celebration – New Hope Baptist Church
 (45 Hampton St., Metuchen) 3:30 p.m.
 Community Dinner – Dining Room 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MLK DAY

Mitzvah Day of Service – Social Center 10:30 am-Noon
 DBSA Support Group – Room 109. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Jubilee Choir – Choir Room 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Personnel – Office Conference Room 7:30 p.m.
 AA Support Group – Room 109 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

B & G Meeting – Office Conference Room 8:00 a.m.
 Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke – PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
 Westminster Choir – Choir Room 6:30 p.m.
 Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group – Youth Room 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

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, JANUARY 24

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Elijah's Promise Sandwich Making – Auditorium . . 9:00 a.m.
 Elder Care Meeting – PW Lounge 11:00 a.m.

COMING SOON

Jan 26 Name Tag Sunday
 Jan 29 Lunch and Games – Dining Room – Noon – 3:00 pm
 Feb 1 Indonesian Women Fellowship – 4:00 pm - TBA
 Feb 2 Candlelight Concert – Sanctuary – 6:00 pm
 Feb 3 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge – 6:00 pm
 Feb 3 Social Justice – Office Conf. Room – 7:30 pm
 Feb 4 1st Tuesday – GLOW Room
 Feb 4 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
 Feb 5 Free Vaccination Day – Social Center – 10:00 am
 Feb 7 Presbyterian Queer Fel. – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
 Feb 11 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
 Feb 12 Men's Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR:

Scan the **QR code** or click <https://bit.ly/4emWby6>

to access the FPC's website calendar
 for more details of what's happening
 in the coming weeks.



TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received January 12

Pledge	\$ 11,429
Non-pledge	\$ 717
Cash	\$ 130
Per Capita	\$ 133
Special Funds	\$ 50
PW-Malawi Fund	\$ 2,522
Food Pantry	\$ 20

TOTAL: \$ 15,001

OTHER RECEIPTS \$2,350

(Parking & Building Use)

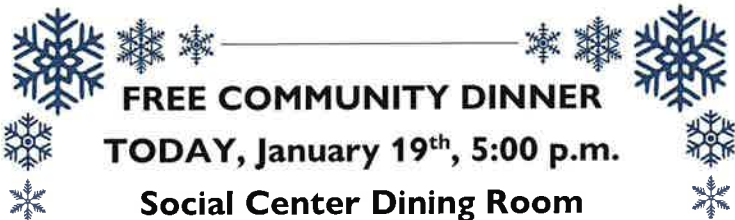
HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- 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!

NAME TAG SUNDAY
 January 26th

Here's an opportunity to greet one another and learn each other's names. You will receive a name tag as you arrive. Come also to Coffee Hour for fellowship and refreshments.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
TODAY, January 19th, 5:00 p.m.
Social Center Dining Room

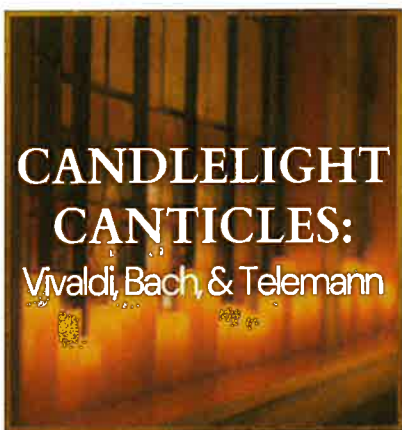


Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on meatloaf (with a vegetarian option), mashed potatoes, green salad, bread and butter, and homemade dessert.

WE HAVE A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR YOU.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

If are interested to help in any and every way – we welcome the extra hands. Let us know if you can help with prep work, set up or clean up, serve, greet or usher, or donate a dessert.

You may email Gilly McKie, gilly@mckie.com or feel free also to call the church office.



Come hear music for the historical Christian festival of "Candlemas." The **Senior Choir, orchestra, and soloists** will be featured in the **Candlelight Concert on Sunday, February 2 at 6 PM.** This performance is the cornerstone of this year's Candlelight Concert Series.

There is a suggested donation of: Adults \$22 / Seniors \$18 and under 17 are free. Cash, check, or credit cards are accepted.

Candlemas: *An ancient Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of baby Jesus in the temple, a day when candles would be blessed for use in church during the coming year.*

Canticle: *Latin for "little song," which refers to scripture-based songs, such as the Song of Mary in Luke 1:46-55.*



Let's Get Vaccinated

The Rapid Mobile Response Team will offer **FREE** Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for ages 12+ (Parent must be present for anyone under 18.)

No Appointment Needed!
Wednesday, February 5th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Social Center Auditorium



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
25th Annual Community Celebration

SAVING OUR
Democracy

Sunday, January 19
3:30 p.m.
New Hope Baptist Church

45 Hampton St., Metuchen

Join us in the 25th Annual Community Celebration service led by the Metuchen-Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association (MEIACA) with our Rev. Garry leading the worship along with other guests.

OUR BIGGEST ONE YET...

Join the Presbyterian Women in a life-saving mission!



Build a nurse's house with us in Malawi. Once completed, the government will open a clinic to provide critical health services and care to this underserved region of the country. All it takes is a donation from you, matched by PW!

\$12,000 builds a house in Malawi!

Donate a dollar, PW will match it. Donate \$50 and PW will match it. ALL donations, from the least to the largest amount, are welcome and will be matched. We are asking anyone who is called to be Jesus' hands in this effort to take part in this mission.

Move quickly with PW!

Malawi Member of Parliament Sam Chirwa will visit FPC Metuchen. During this visit, we would love to present a check for \$12,000 for this project. Because of your support, PW has accomplished many missions. THIS IS OUR BIGGEST ONE YET!

Donate YOUR way! Choose what works best for you. When writing a check indicate PW-Malawi Fund on the memo line, or if giving cash, please use the pew envelopes and indicate the same. You can also donate online, look for the PW-Malawi fund account, and enter your donation. Follow the rest of the instructions to complete your giving.

**Thank you for all you do to support PW Missions –
and for making our biggest initiative a success!**

Questions? Email Lori Kellner (lgkellner@gmail.com) or Deb Teall (debteall@optonline.net)



RESPONSE TO THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

The Mission Commission is planning to donate \$500 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in their efforts to help those direly affected by the wildfires in California.

If you would like to contribute along with our Mission contribution, please use the pew envelopes, mark them as **Missions/PDA**, and send them in, or give online by January 31st.

To learn more, visit this link to PC (USA):

<https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/southern-california->

ENHANCE YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Thank you to the Deacons for providing hearing assistive devices for our congregation!

The devices are in the Narthex. See any of the ushers to get guidance on how to use these. Please note that the manufacturer recommends that you check with your doctor before using these if you have a pacemaker.

The available device is shown here, an ENERS UND R-100, should you need to speak to your doctor.

