



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



Image of the Statue's shackles and feet.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

June 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Our vision is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

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ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29 adapted

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

All: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

All: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

All: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*HYMN #20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Breathe life to the weary; console the down cast;
bind the broken hearted; heal with tender mercy. But stir us with restlessness;
overturn the tyranny of complacent fears; remove the false peace of mediocrity;
unhinge the shackles of our indifference. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #586 Alleluia

ALLELUIA 7

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Leardi

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children in Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to join Fred Blake in the GLOW Room. All other grades remain in worship.

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISM

Clerk of Session Paul Gunsser

Alexander Lee Yegiazarov, son of Katie and Serge Yegiazarov

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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-10

Sue West

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

ANTHEM Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Senior Choir

C. Hubert Parry

Director: Olivia Dixon, Choral scholar

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:24-28

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

SERMON

"The Chains at Her Feet"

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement, 1983)

Rev. Khayla Johnson

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Khayla Johnson

OFFERTORY The Call (from *Five Mystical Songs*)

Kevin Catalon

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Choral scholar

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts, Creator Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Khayla Johnson

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

COMMUNION HYMN #500 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Leader: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: 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.

MYSTERIES OF FAITH

Leader: Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. 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 engkaulah yang punya Kerajaan, Kuasa dan Kemuliaan sampai Selamat nya.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN #318 In Christ There is No East or West

ST. PETER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE In dir ist Freude BWV 615

J. S. Bach

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Our greeters this morning are Yohanes Kristanto and Sherry Korompis, and the ushers are Eli Duhme, Heather Koball, Tom Giordano, and Yunus Ruhukay.

Serving communion are Heather Casey, Jennifer Edge, Kristina Scoglio, and Sue West.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by:

Ellen Van Horn, in loving memory of her husband Dennis on his birthday, her son John & her two fathers, and Kathy Kovach & Rob Orr with gratitude to God, and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the Niche are donated by Bernard "Niall" Corbalis: Happy Pride Month!

May we celebrate our dignity with humility!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-10

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Tell her that her sad days are gone and her sins are pardoned. Yes, the Lord has punished her twice over for all her sins."

Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, "Clear the way through the wilderness for the Lord! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The Lord has spoken!"

A voice said, "Shout!" I asked, "What should I shout?"

"Shout that people are like the grass. Their beauty fades as quickly as the flowers in a field. The grass withers and the flowers fade beneath the breath of the Lord. And so it is with people. The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever."

O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!" Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Yesaya 40:1-10

Hiburkanlah, hiburkanlah umat-Ku, demikian firman Allahmu, tenangkanlah hati Yerusalem dan serukanlah kepadanya, bahwa perhambaanmu sudah berakhir, bahwa kesalahannya telah diampuni, sebab ia telah menerima hukuman dari tangan Tuhan dua kali lipat karena segala dosanya.

Ada suara yang berseru-seru:

"Persiapkanlah di padang gurun jalan untuk Tuhan, luruskanlah di padang belantara jalan raya bagi Allah kita! Setiap lembah harus ditutup, dan setiap gunung dan bukit diratakan; tanah yang berbukit-bukit harus menjadi tanah yang rata, dan tanah yang berlekuk-lekuk menjadi dataran; maka kemuliaan Tuhan akan dinyatakan dan seluruh umat manusia akan melihatnya bersama-sama; sungguh, Tuhan sendiri telah mengatakannya."

Ada suara yang berkata: "Berserulah!"

Jawabku: "Apakah yang harus kuserukan?"

"Seluruh umat manusia adalah seperti rumput dan semua semaraknya seperti bunga di padang. Rumput menjadi kering, bunga menjadi layu, apabila Tuhan menghembusnya dengan nafas-Nya. Sesungguhnya bangsa itu seperti rumput. Rumput menjadi kering, bunga menjadi layu, tetapi firman Allah kita tetap untuk selama-lamanya." Hai Sion, pembawa kabar baik, naiklah ke atas gunung yang tinggi! Hai Yerusalem, pembawa kabar baik, nyaringkanlah suaramu kuat-kuat, nyaringkanlah suaramu, jangan takut! Katakanlah kepada kota-kota Yehuda:

"Lihat, itu Allahmu!" Lihat, itu Tuhan Allah, Ia datang dengan kekuatan dan dengan tangan-Nya Ia berkuasa. Lihat, mereka yang menjadi upah jerih payah-Nya ada bersama-sama Dia, dan mereka yang diperoleh-Nya berjalan di hadapan-Nya.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:24-28

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first."

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" 28But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 11:24-28

"Apabila roh jahat keluar dari manusia, ia pun mengembara ke tempat-tempat yang tandus mencari perhentian, dan karena ia tidak mendapatnya, ia berkata: Aku akan kembali ke rumah yang telah kutinggalkan itu. Maka pergilah ia dan mendapati rumah itu bersih tersapu dan rapi teratur. Lalu ia keluar dan mengajak tujuh roh lain yang lebih jahat dari padanya, dan mereka masuk dan berdiam di situ. Maka akhirnya keadaan orang itu lebih buruk dari pada keadaannya semula."

Ketika Yesus masih berbicara, berserulah seorang perempuan dari antara orang banyak dan berkata kepada-Nya:

"Berbahagialah ibu yang telah mengandung Engkau dan susu yang telah menyusui Engkau." Tetapi Ia berkata: "Yang berbahagia ialah mereka yang mendengarkan firman Allah dan yang memeliharanya."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

June 1, 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#20 ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1- Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings. **Refrain**

2- The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky: **Refrain**

3- The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. **Refrain**

4- God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. **Refrain**

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#586 ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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#480 TAKE ME TO THE WATER, V. 1 only

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

#240 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise to His name!

1- Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **Refrain.**

2- Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain.**

3- We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. **Refrain.**

4- Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **Refrain.**

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#500 BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD

1- Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

2- Here share with us, in love divine,
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine
be our immortal food.

#318 IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1- In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2- In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3- Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4- In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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*)
 The Bellini family (*friends of the Brennan's*)
 John Bertelsen (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
Gerrie Bishop (Cathy Ostermueller's mother)
 Dawn Burke (*June Keehbler's relative*)
 Pat Byrne (*Sue Harmon's brother-in-law*)
 Anna Cackowski (*daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski*)
 Dorothy Canary (*aunt of Sue Harmon*)
 Cassidy family (*Marty Brennan's relatives*)
 Don Clausen
Sue Coyle (friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles)
 *Lois Crespy
 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*)
 Marc Gale (*Marie Gale's husband*)
 *Marie Gale
 Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)
 *Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
 *Margaret Hathaway
 *Audrey Hausser
 *Susan Kozo

Elaine LeSter (*Lorraine LeSter's sister*)
 Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
 Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
 Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)
 *Bill Marquard
 Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
 Michael Murach (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)
 Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)
 Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
 Marian Pflaumer (*Cook Family relative*)
 Carol Roberts (*friend of Jane & Ed Meyer*)
 Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
 *Dave Ryder
 Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
 Karen Scoglio (*Kristina Scoglio's mother*)
 *Bradley and Kira Shaver
 *Tomara Situmeang
 Mary and Michael Thompson (*family of Jim & Jen Thompson*)
 Crystal Smith Williams (*friend of the Food Pantry*)
 David Wong
 *Lynn Hendricks Wong

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

On June 7, a funeral service in honor of Ruth DeVries will be held at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. We invite the church family to join the DeVries family in celebration and remembrance.

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, Philadelphia, PA (*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, JUNE 1

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.

After Worship Refreshments – Room 109 10:30 a.m.

Community Dinner – Social Center 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom 6:00 p.m.

Social Justice Meeting – PW Lounge 7:30 p.m.

DBSA Support Group – Room 109. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Deacons Meeting – Chapel 7:30 p.m.

AA Support Group – Room 109 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke – PW Lounge. . 10:30 a.m.

Habitat Parents Meeting – Dining Room 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Choir Party – Ball Field 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Presby. Queer Fellowship – Hailey's Pub 7:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Care Ministry – PW Lounge 11:00 a.m.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR:

To access FPC's website calendar for more details of what's happening in the coming weeks click <https://bit.ly/4emWby6>



or [QR code](#)

COMING SOON

- Jun 8 All Church Picnic – Ball Field – After Worship
- Jun 10 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge – 11:00 am
- Jun 10 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
- Jun 11 Men's Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am
- Jun 12 Mission Commission- PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
- Jun 13 Care Ministry Social Hour – Dining Rm - 12:30 pm
- Jun 14 Father's Day Carwash – Parking Lot – 9:00 am-Noon
- Jun 14 Music Ministry Gala – Auditorium – 6:00 pm
- Jun 15 Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
- Jun 15 Camp Johnsonburg Commissioning at Worship
- Jun 15 Youth Commission – Office Conf. Room – 10:30 am
- Jun 17 Personnel Meeting – Office Conf. Room – 7:30 pm
- Jun 18 Finance Meeting – Office Conf. Room – 7:00 pm
- Jun 18 Prayers Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm
- Jun 22 Dedication of the Food Pantry – Auditorium
After worship

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received May 25

Pledge	\$ 7,698
Non-pledge	\$ 640
Cash	\$ 668
Per Capita	\$ 80
Deacons	\$ 10
Special Funds	\$ 1,500
Special Offering	\$ 235

TOTAL: \$10,861

OTHER RECEIPTS \$280

(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!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

TODAY, June 1, 5:00 PM
Social Center Dining Room
First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen



We have a place for EVERYONE!

Join us TODAY in community and fellowship as we enjoy baked BBQ chicken, three bean salad, potato salad, bread rolls, watermelon, and a delicious dessert.



If you wish to honor and remember your loved ones this Father's Day with a donation to CWS Tools, **the deadline is tomorrow, June 2.**

Donor names and those they are remembering and honoring will be in the Father's Day bulletin. Cards will be mailed to those who are honored in time for Father's Day. Look for the forms in the Narthex and from our website: <https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/>



June 14, Saturday
9:00 am – Noon
At the Church
Parking Lot

Get your cars cleaned while supporting our youth as they fundraise for their Habitat trip this summer. Spread the word around, and see you in the church parking lot.

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen

FUN **ALL CHURCH PICNIC** **FOR EVERYONE**



FOOD. FUN. GAMES. MUSIC. FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, June 8th, After worship
Social Center Ball Field

A BIG THANK YOU

From the Mission Commission

We want to thank everyone for their generous contributions to our American Legion Hygiene Products Drive. Although we couldn't get an accurate count of all the items, 8 large bags and boxes were given to the American Legion who have responded with their great appreciation.

On Saturday, May 17th, 16 members of our congregation visited the Seeing Eye facility in Morristown for a tour and presentation of the facility. We were able to meet several dogs and learn of the programs this organization handles. Thank you for those who were able to make the educational trip with us.



Teacher Blessing

As you gave of your time helping at Sunday School,
your wisdom, patience, and care was present with each child.

May your body and mind be protected and strengthened
each and every day as you enjoy a restful summer.

May soul care and sleep restore your strength and energy.

May you know how much the world needs you, and
how grateful we are for your impact
on each Sunday School child.





First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen

Sunday School Leaders and Assistants

Program Year 2024-2025

Christian Education Director: Nancy Leardi
 Christian Education Commission Chair: Fred Blake
 Drama Consultant: Kat Davis

Grades	Leadership	Assistants
Nursery - Pre-School : Care team:	Kylie Trolaro Josie Gray Cait O'Connor	Continued: Julia Hajjar Madison Garcia Erika Knehans
Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd Grades	Fred Blake Kelsee Young	Mia Garcia Betty Olivia Kiru
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th and 6 th Grades	Irene Nann Bridget Sanger	Caitlyn Sanger Bella Staal
Confirmation Class 7 th – 8 th Grades	Rev. Fred Garry Rev. Khayla Johnson Pete Bellisano Helen Burr-Cackowski Charles Hedrick Roland Staal	
Lego Sunday	Laura Fischer	Kelsee Young Johannes Staal
Special Programs	Dan Slobodien Amy Bertelsen-Robles	Cooking Mindfulness Sundays
Recreation Team	Jack Thompson Anna Knehens Cameron Hayes-Durina Johannes Staal	
Sunday School Substitutes		
JoAnne Bedenek	Gertrude Kibiru	Tracy Regan
Allison Brennan	Melissa McCulley	Robyn Smith
Jennifer O'Neill Casey	Andrene Pennix	Jennifer Thompson
Wally Cook	Nancy Regan	Mary Jane Palmeter

JOIN US!

Music Ministry Gala

Saturday, June 14 at 6:00 PM
Social Center

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
270 Woodbridge Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840

Tickets: \$50

An elegant evening with wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres,
plus a Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle!
Proceeds will support the FPC Choral Scholar Program.

Who are the Choral scholars?

Our choral scholar program creates a mutually beneficial relationship between young musicians and our choir. We benefit from their musical leadership as they receive experience and a place to hone their skills by singing, teaching, and conducting.

Tickets are available after worship,
or by scanning the QR code.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CIRCLE G RANCH



2025 June 23- June 27

Mon.—Thurs. 9:00-11:45 am, Friday 9:00-10:30 am

For children entering K- 6th Grade in the Fall.

Join us at the Ranch where God is at the center and the love never ends.

Registration is easy!

Fill out a registration form (one per family). From our website, fill out the online form, click "SUBMIT," and complete your registration by following the prompt for payment. **Use the QR code below to register online.**

Forms are also available in the CE and Church offices.

COST: FPC members, \$25 per child, max.\$50/family

Non-members \$25 per child

Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with VBS on the memo line.

We have room for VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Nancy Leardi to learn about the many opportunities!

Email nleardi@fpcweb.org

Call (732) 491-2264



VBS Registration Form

A Mission Commission Project



From May 4 through June 8

For CNS students & VBS kids

We'd love your help in bringing some smiles to the kids! We're collecting bubbles, chalk, jump ropes, balls, frisbees, beach buckets and shovels, lawn games, and sprinkler toys. To make sure everyone has a fair chance to receive something special, we're kindly asking that the toys be priced under \$10 to ensure that the distribution is equitable. Look for the collection bins in the Narthex and Social Center.

Thank you so much for your support.

Questions?

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