



*Michelangelo, Jonah, c. 1511-12. Sistine Chapel*

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

**June 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Day of Pentecost**

**ONE CHURCH TOGETHER: An Intergenerational Worship Service**

**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**

**270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840**

**[www.fpcweb.org](http://www.fpcweb.org)**

**(732) 491-2300**



Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Khayla Johnson  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Robert A. Beringer  
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Glory J. Thomas  
Indonesian Pastoral Supply: Rev. Leksmana Leonard  
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.*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** A Jubilant Rondo

Concord Ringers

Cynthia Dobrinski

**WELCOME/TIDINGS**

Dominic and Dray Sequeira

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 33:10-12; 18-22 (Adapted)

Mark, Alex and Noah Haulenbeek

Leader: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**All: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**All: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love; our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.**

Leader: We are glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

**All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

**\*HYMN # 289** On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

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

BJ and Taylor Welsh

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Relieve the burdens of those whose day has turned to night; attend to the hearts torn by loss, by grief, by misery. Reveal to us the possibility of salvation, the power of change we possess. Call us to relieve the burdened, to attend the grieving. Make us ready to bring hope and courage and grace. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

BJ and Taylor Welsh

**\*HYMN # 586** Alleluia

ALLELUIA 7

**MOMENT FOR MUSIC**

Jordan Klotz

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pete Bellisano and Puppeteers Johannes Staal, Jack Teti

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children PreK to 6th grade will exit after the message to the GLOW room for Sunday School. Older children remain in worship.

### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-13

Kevin and Kylie Trolaro

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

**ANTHEM** Love is Love is Love is Love

Combined Choirs

Abbie Bettini

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 11:29-32

Bill Nann and Jamie Kowalski

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### SETTLING OF THE WORD

\*HYMN # 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement, 1983)

Mary Ann Eide & Carli James Lewis

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

Mary Ann Eide & Carli James Lewis

OFFERTORY Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Senior Choir

Harold Friedell

### \*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

Maggie Dickow

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Maggie Dickow

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

HYMN # 48 Rain Down

RAIN DOWN

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Joanne Bedenek

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 # 295 Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. Richard Gore

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Today's greeters are the Trolaro family: Kevin, Carla, and Kylie, and the ushers are Zoltan Bedenek, Zachary Bedenek, Andrene Sinclair-Pennix, and Yunus Ruhukay.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Trolaro family in joyous celebration of Kylie Trolaro's graduation from Metuchen High School on June 13.*

*The flowers in the Niche are given by Beth and Lorraine in honor of Pride Month, celebrating the beauty and worth of all God's children.*

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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

**PEOPLE:** *Thanks be to God.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 11:29-32

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

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

**PEOPLE:** *Thanks be to God.*

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## June 8, 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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### **#289 ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED**

1- On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

2- The people all around them were startled and  
amazed to understand their language, as Christ the  
Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was  
here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

3- God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace  
receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every  
hour.

4- O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen, and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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### **#586 ALLELUIA**

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

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### **#280 COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US**

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
Come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision,  
Help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission  
That God's love shall be made known.

2- We would raise our alleluias  
For the grace of yesteryears;  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
You have led us all the way,  
Still in presence move before us,  
Fire by night and cloud by day.

3- Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
Give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise You,  
Glorify Your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in one; what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
Now and through eternity.

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### **#48 RAIN DOWN**

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love  
on your people  
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love  
God of life.

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### **#295 GO TO THE WORLD**

1- Go to the world! Go into all the earth;  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.  
2- Go to the world! Go into every place;  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.  
3- Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.  
4- Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the host of glory cry, "Amen."  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## 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 Keehler'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 Keehler*)  
 \*Dave Ryder  
 Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)  
 Karen Scoglio (*Kristina Scoglio's mother*)  
 \*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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8

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

All Church Picnic – Ball Field ..... 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary ..... Noon

### MONDAY, JUNE 9

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 10

PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge ..... 11:00 a.m.

Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel ..... 7:30 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Men's Breakfast – Dining Room ..... 11:00 a.m.

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12

CNS Graduation – Dining Room ..... 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Mission Commission Meeting – PW Lounge ..... 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Father's Day Carwash – Church Parking Lot ..... 9:00 a.m.

Music Ministry Gala – Auditorium ..... 6:00 p.m.

### ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR:

To access FPC's website calendar for more details of what's happening in the coming weeks, please **scan the QR code here** or go to <https://bit.ly/4emWby6>



## COMING SOON

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

Jun 22 VBS Set Up – Sanctuary – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Jun 23 – 27 Circle G Ranch VBS – 9:00 -11:45 am

## TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

### Offerings & Gifts Received June 1

Pledge	\$ 9,602
Non-pledge	\$ 505
Cash	\$ 61
Per Capita	\$ 280
Deacons	\$ 10
Food Pantry	\$ 1,500
Special Funds	\$ 726
Special Offering	\$ 385

**TOTAL: \$13,069**

**OTHER RECEIPTS \$385 (Parking)**

### HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- Direct** Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!
- Online** From our website [fpcweb.org/give](https://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!**





## – NOTICE –

### Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen Sunday, June 15, 2024 Immediately following Sunday morning Worship Service

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive the report of the All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC) and to elect Elders and Deacons
- Receive the Annual Program Year Narrative Reports
- Recognize the retiring Officers of the Church, and
- Act on any other business that may properly come before such a meeting.



**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.



PW is again offering Nancy's Camperships for FPC youth (Grades 1 to 12) attending Camp Johnsonburg this summer. Camperships are given in memory of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis, an advocate for Camp Johnsonburg. Visit <https://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/> for the 2025 Summer offerings.

Avail now of Nancy's Camperships by filling out a form available in the Narthex, Church office and website - <https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/>

**FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN: JUNE 25, Wednesday**

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen

## FUN ALL CHURCH PICNIC FOR EVERYONE



**FOOD. FUN. GAMES. MUSIC. FELLOWSHIP**

**TODAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>, After worship**  
**Social Center Ball Field**

## 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- 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nleardi@fpcweb.org)

Call (732) 491-2264



VBS Registration Form



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.



Hats off to our graduates!



Join us in celebrating our Class of 2025. They have worked hard to complete their studies, and we wish them more success and blessings in their future plans.

**Julia Armeli** graduated from Wesleyan University in May with a B.A. in Government and Data Science. She plans to work as a policy analyst.

**Arthur Burr** is graduating from Metuchen High School in June. He plans to study HVAC at a technical college.

**Paul Burr** is graduating from The Calais School. He plans to attend Montclair State University for a combined BA/MS in Accounting.

**Zoltan Bedenek** completed his B.A. in English Education at Kean University. He is currently teaching in Carteret and plans to pursue Masters in English at Kean.

**Joe Duhme** is graduating from Metuchen High School. He plans to attend Brown University in Providence, RI.

**Josie Gray** is graduating from Metuchen High School. She plans to attend Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

**Sayla Fischer** is graduating from Metuchen High School. Sayla plans to study Fashion Design at Brookdale Community College

**Ethan Kozo** graduated from the University of Miami in Florida in May with a B.A. in Film Production. He plans to work in the film industry.

**Kylie Trolaro** is graduating from Metuchen High School. She plans to attend Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

**Sophie Villegas** is graduating from MHS. She plans to study Political Science at George Washington University in Washington DC.