



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

July 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

5th Sunday After Pentecost

**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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Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
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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 Adagio from Symphony no. 5, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Khayla Johnson

Leader: Love the Lord your God,

All: With all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind.

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself,

All: With all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind.

Leader: Do this and you will live! Let us worship God!

***HYMN # 15** All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

O Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We have help prejudices against people as deep as those against the Samaritans. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of danger and compassion, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor, who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN # 583** Glory to God

GLORIA (TAIZÈ)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 82

Glenn Merritt

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-17

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

SERMON

“Called to Humility”

Rev. Khayla Johnson

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN # 720** Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement, 1983)

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 Improvisation

***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**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Khayla Johnson

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 # 749** Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552 "St. Anne"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Our thanks to Ethan Draper for providing today's musical accompaniment.

*Our greeters this morning are the Garcia family, and the ushers are Heather Casey,
Maggy Cook, and Wendy Kukowski.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Linda Amato given in loving memory of Irma Kerrison
on her birthday today, and
from Brad Keller, Sr. and Brad Keller, Jr. in loving memory of Wendy Keller for her birthday.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 82

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince." Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again

pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.' "

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

July 13, 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#15 ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1- All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2- O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3- O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4- All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5- And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6- O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#583 GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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#720 JESUS CALLS US

1- Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

2- Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

3- In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4- Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

#749 Come! Live in the Light!

1- Come, live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

2- Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more. **Refrain.**

3- Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love. **Refrain.**

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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*)
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*)
Sue Coyle (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
*Lois Crespy
Bruce Dangremond (*brother of Mary Kay Dangremond*)
*Mary Kay Dangremond
*Henry and Rita Dengah
*Laura Fischer
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
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*)
Peter Riggi (*Ed & Jane Meyer's son-in-law*)
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
*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. 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, JULY 13

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

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

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, JULY 14

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

TUESDAY, JULY 15

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Malawi Team departs (see details next page)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

FRIDAY, JULY 18

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

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Bike Rally for Pedals for Progress – Social Center

. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

(See details at the back)

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

Jul 20 Summer Sunday Kids in the GLOW Room – 9:30 am

Jul 20 – 26 Youth Group Habitat Trip – Roanoke, VA

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received July 6

Pledge	\$ 8,134
Non-pledge	\$ 265
Cash	\$ 369
Per Capita	\$ 80
Food Pantry	\$ 75
Special Offerings	\$ 30
Special Funds	\$ 326

TOTAL: \$ 9,279

OTHER RECEIPTS \$1,145

(Parking & Bldg. Rental)

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!



COME TO THE TABLE

The Community Dinner team brings to us this compilation of tried and tested, delicious and easy recipes for you to enjoy in the comforts of your kitchen. The curated menus are grouped by seasons, where simple ingredients are transformed into soulful dishes.

Read about the story behind the creation of this cookbook, and enjoy what is like a scrapbook of many community dinners and the passionate cooks and the amazing volunteers who make the community dinners a success!

This Community Dinner Cookbook is a fundraiser of our Deacons that will allow them to continue their outreach beyond our community.

Now on sale for \$20.00. To get your copy, please see Gilly McKie, Maggy Cook, or the church office.

Presbyterian Women's Malawi Mission Project



In January, the PW launched a matching campaign to build a nurse's home in Malawi. It was stated that this initiative, when completed, would pave the way for the government to open a clinic providing critical health services and care to this underserved region.

Thanks to your generous giving, this home is now a reality. It has been completed. And, since your giving exceeded the cost of the home, PW will be able to use those additional funds to help stock the clinic. And thanks to continued generosity from the congregation, we are happy to report that some members have also contributed supplies for the clinic that will be transported to Malawi by our goodwill team. Hopefully these supplies will enable the clinic to open with stocked shelves to help the nurses perform their important services.

We covet your prayers for the team composed of Lori and Robin Kellner, Sarah Teti, Elizabeth Russell and Rev. Fred Garry when they travel July 16 to 26. Pray for good health, safe travels, and a meaningful time and connection with people in the community.





July 20 to 26, 2025

Our Youth are heading back to Roanoke, VA, for their annual Habitat Mission Trip! In just a week, there will be 21 youth and 8 adult chaperones travelling. Thank you for your prayers and support of this mission trip. If you wish to donate, the following is an UPDATED list of what they still need:

- Peanut butter, smooth only
- Jelly (Strawberry)
- Nutella
- Marshmallow Fluff
- Condiments: Mayonnaise
- Pasta Sauce, in plastic containers only (Marinara, Meat, Alfredo)
- Penne Pasta
- Italian Dressing
- Snacks, individually packed: Chips, Granola bars, cookies
- Gallon Ziploc baggies
- Lidded boxes for packing food

Items the team would like to borrow for the trip. (Please label with your name.)

- Large picnic coolers
- Construction/ Bluetooth Speakers

Please label your donations with H4H. You may drop off your donations at the Church office until July 15. Thank you!

Questions? Email Rev. Johnson: Kjohnson@fpcweb.org

An Invitation for a Worthy Cause: Organized by the Mission Commission

Bike Rally for Pedals for Progress

Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Group picture to be taken at 9:55 a.m.

Where: Social Center Parking Lot



All families are invited for what will be a fun and worthwhile Bike Ride fundraiser. Participants will ride within the time frame through the cemetery and to the church parking lot (as many laps as you want to go). Please park at the far end of the Social Center parking lot.

Donations will be accepted before and during the event, and can be given to Russ Dickow or Arthur Jemmy. If you are not able to participate, you may also sponsor those riding in the event! Email Russ Dickow at mdickow151@aol.com

Learn more about the mission of Pedals for Progress by visiting their website:
<https://www.p4p.org/what-we-do-2/our-mission/>