

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

**July 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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**



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

#### WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla Johnson

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Thompson

Leader: We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born,

**All: who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us,**

Leader: and whose love for us never ceases.

**All: This is our God. Let's worship together!**

#### \*HYMN # 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

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

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; When we wonder how You could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image! Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts. And you love us still. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*HYMN # 583 Glory to God

GLORIA (TAIZÈ)

#### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Brian Hajjar

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Julia Hajjar

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

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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

#### SERMON

"Is It Working?"

Rev. Khayla Johnson

# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

## SETTLING OF THE WORD

\*HYMN # 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

**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

### \*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 # 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

*Our greeter this morning is Wendy Kukowski, and the ushers are Gilly McKie,  
Sandra Laluw, and Martin Brennan.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Russ and Maggie Dickow in honor of our Church family,  
and from Wendy Kukowski, in loving memory of Oscar Zanoni. Happy heavenly birthday on July 29<sup>th</sup>!*

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called,

"Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## July 27, 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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### **#32 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD**

1- I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

2- I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3- There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

### **#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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### **#721 LORD YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE**

1- Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

#### **Refrain:**

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.

2- You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. **Refrain.**

3- You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labors to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. **Refrain.**

4- You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **Refrain.**

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### **#761 CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE**

1- Called as partners in Christ's service  
Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend with friend  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end

2- Christ's example Christ's inspiring  
Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering  
Reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women richer poorer  
All God's people young and old  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold

3- Thus new patterns for Christ's mission  
In a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens  
Breaking down each wall or fence  
Words of comfort words of vision  
Words of challenge said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action  
Make us colleagues free and fair

4- So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living  
Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace

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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  
**Geraldine Leardi (*Mike Leardi's mother*)**

Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)  
 Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)  
 Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)  
 \*Bill Marquard  
 Merry Matlock  
**William Meyer family (*friends of the Leardi family*)**  
 Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)  
 Michael Murach (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)  
 Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)  
**Irene Newman (*former CNS teacher*)**  
 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  
 \*Deb Sorensen  
 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 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, JULY 27

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 28

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 29

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

### THURSDAY, JULY 31

### FRIDAY, AUG 1

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

## COMING SOON

- Aug 17 Summer Sunday Kids in the GLOW Room  
Aug 31 Blood Drive – Dining Room – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Sep 2 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm  
Sep 6 Deacons and Elders Retreat – Social Center  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Sep 9 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm  
Sep 14 Rally Day

## TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

### Offerings & Gifts Received July 20

Pledge	\$ 3,460
Non-pledge	\$ 895
Cash	\$ 54
Food Pantry	\$ 20
Special Offerings	\$ 25
Special Funds	\$ 10

**TOTAL: \$ 4,464**

**OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 130 (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!**

## 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>







We welcome back our Habitat team, and thank God for their safekeeping and time of serving in the Roanoke Valley. They have worked hard during the week, channeling their energies in completing the tasks assigned to them. But it was also a week of fun and laughter as you can tell from this group photo.



## COME TO THE TABLE

Try something new, easy and delicious! This compilation of curated recipes from our Community Dinner team is still available.

Read the stories 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.

## Per Capita Quarterly Drawing

### Could you be our next winner?

A reminder that Stewardship's Per Capita Drawing is still ongoing, with more prizes waiting to be won. Continue to give towards your per capita to be entered in the remaining drawings. The earlier you give, the more chances of winning!

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Draw is scheduled on Rally Day, September 14<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to seeing you!**





FRIENDS of  
**METUCHEN** Arts

**SUMMER SUNDAYS WITH FRIENDS**

**FREE Outdoor Concerts!**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Lawn of the Friends of Metuchen Arts Gallery**

**315 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ**

(Across from the Forum Theater)

**Sunday, July 27 - Kim Boyko**

Program for children and families

**Sunday, August 10 – Sarah Teti**

Program for ALL ages

**Sunday, August 24 – Danny & Kim Adlerman**

Program for children and families

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

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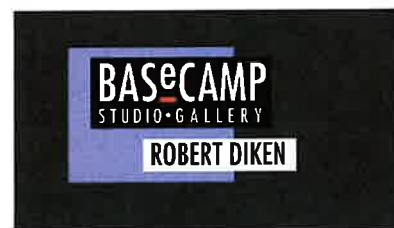
**In case of rain, the event will move to the Social  
Center of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen.**

[friendsofmetuchenarts.org](http://friendsofmetuchenarts.org)

[info@friendsofmetuchenarts.org](mailto:info@friendsofmetuchenarts.org)



Use this QR code to  
reserve a spot for  
Kim Boyko's event.



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, August 31**

**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**FPC Social Center Dining Room**

**SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!**

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or  
visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: FPCM

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Between Aug. 29 to Sept. 9, receive 1 of 4 mystery tees with an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS design, limited quantity!

**Questions?** Contact: Wendy Kukowski (732)9832457 /  
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