



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN October 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 17th 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

GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

The McCulley Family

Candles are lit to represent the presence of Christ, offering a moment to center ourselves to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91, adapted Leader: This is the house of the Lord!

All: A shelter to abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Leader: This is the house of the Lord!

All: A refuge, a fortress against whirlwind of fear.

Leader: This is the house of the Lord!

All: Here we take refuge, covered by the wings of God.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

*HYMN 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

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*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION — Unison

Rev. Khayla Johnson

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Against the rain and the wind,

You bid us to enter your house.

Amid the turmoil and the strife,

You bid us to enter your sanctuary.

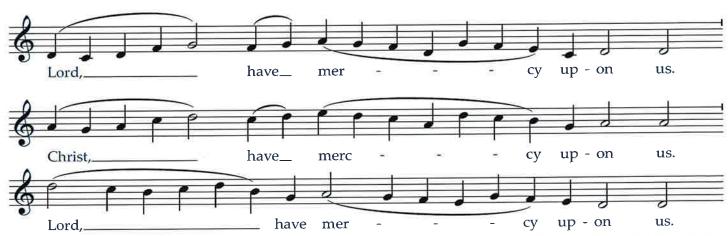
Forgive us for our closed doors;

Forgive us for hoarding peace;

Forgive us for clinging too tight to grace.

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*KYRIE

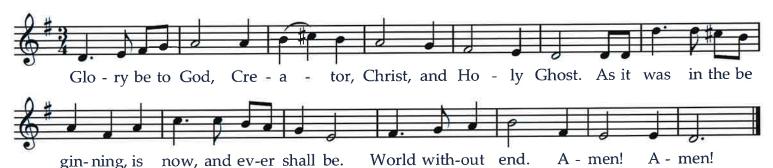


Written for Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY by Peter DuBois

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Khayla Johnson

*GLORIA



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CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Khayla Johnson

Nursery care is available in room 107. Pre-K to 2^{nd} grade will meet in the GLOW room, and 3^{rd} to 7^{th} grade will be meeting in the kitchen with Chef Dan. Parents will please pick up their children from the Social Center after worship.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 27:1-8 (Old Testament page 609)

Isabella Novsima

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

ANTHEM Fight the Good Fight

Senior Choir

John Gardner

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:35-48 (New Testament page 75)

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

SERMON "To Whom Much Is Given"

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 708 We Give Thee but Thy Own

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CONFESSION OF FAITH from the Brief Statement of Faith — Unison

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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. Leksmana Leonard

OFFERTORY I Am the Bread of Life

Duet: Virginia & Jackson Shaw

Arnold Sherman

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

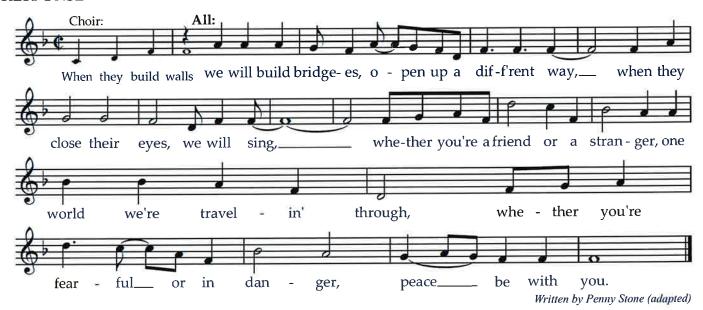
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . And also with you. Damai Kristus bersertamu . . . Dan bersertamu juga.

*RESPONSE



THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Khayla Johnson, Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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

COMMUNION HYMN 527 Eat This Bread

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Rev. Khayla Johnson

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The I
People: And

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: **People:**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Leader:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Leader: 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. Khayla Johnson, 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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN 762 When the Poor Ones

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

EL CAMINO

Kemuliaan sampai Se-lamat nya.

Our greeter this morning is Nancy Regan, and the ushers are Marty Brennan, Joan Kenyon, and Beth Russian.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given:

in loving memory of Doris Moskal, honoring her birthday on October 4th, with love from her family, and from Andrene Sinclair-Pennix with love in honor of her daughter Victoria's birthday.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 27:1-8

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

Let another praise you and not your own mouth, a stranger and not your own lips.

A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fool's provocation is heavier than both.

Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who is able to stand before jealousy?

Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Well meant are the wounds a friend inflicts, but profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

The sated appetite spurns honey, but to a ravenous appetite even the bitter is sweet.

Like a bird that strays from its nest is one who strays from home.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:35-48

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?" And the Lord said, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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October 5, 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#14 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

1- For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. 2- For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain] 3- For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain] 4- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain] 5- For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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GLORIA

Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen! Amen!

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#708 WE GIVE THEE BUT THY OWN

1- We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

- 2- May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.
- 3- The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.
- 4- And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

RESPONSE

When they build walls, we will build bridges,
Open up a different way,
When they close their eyes we will sing,
Whether you're a friend or a stranger,
One world we're travelin' through,
Whether you're fearful or in danger, peace be with you.

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#762 WHEN THE POOR ONES

1- When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others, **Refrain:** Then we know that God still goes that road with us. (2x)

2- When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,

when we love though hate at times seems all around us, **Refrain**

- 3- When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better, **Refrain**
- 4-When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, **Refrain**

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OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

To be added in the weekly Prayer List, individuals must give permission for their names to be included. 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, 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)

John Bertelsen and family (Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles)

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

Dorothy Canary (aunt of Sue Harmon)

Luis Canton (Laurie Toth's father)

- *Lois Crespy
- *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)

*Judy Fuller

Marc Gale (Marie Gale's husband)

- *Marie Gale
- *Joey Hale (Son of Matt and Laura Hale)
- *Margaret Hathaway
- *Ellen Haulenbeek

Jan Johnson (Gunsser's family friend)

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (friend of the Hajjar family)

*Susan Kozo

Jetty Mailangkay (wife of Rev. Herby Moningka)

Dennis Maiuro (Colleen Walker's brother-in-law)

Patricia Maktal (friend of Messina Family)

*Ed Meyer

Elliot Miller (Larrie Servino's brother)

Michael Murach (Kristina Scoglio's cousin)

Virginia Newton (Virginia Shaw's mother)

Jeremy Njuguna (Son of Loise Kiru and Joe)

Jeff Rubin (friend of June Keehbler)

*Dave Ryder

Angela Sampoli (friend of Dawn Adam)

Karen Scoglio (Kristina Scoglio's mother)

*Tomara Situmeang

Crystal Smith Williams (friend of the Food Pantry)

David Wong

*Lynn Hendricks Wong

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family of Ellie Wilson who passed away on September 26. She was a long-time member of our church, and served as a Deacon. A private funeral was held October 1st.

PASTORAL CARE:

If you or a family member is in the hospital, please contact Rev. Dr. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590 or Rev. Khayla Johnson at (843) 312-7288. **Hospitals no longer contact clergy when a parishioner is admitted.** 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

CHOICH OF ICE HOOKS.	CHI	URCH	OFFICE	HOURS:
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Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, October 5

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virt	ual
Blood Drive – Dining Room	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2 ND Hour: Malawi – Chapel	10:30 a.m.
After Worship Refreshments – Deaco	ns Room10:30 a.m.
Candlelight Concert – Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/ Zoom	.6:00 p.m.
DBSA Support Group – Deacons Room 7:30 –	- 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Carol Choir – Choir Room	p.m.
1 ST Tuesday – GLOW Room) p.m.
Deacons Meeting – Chapel) p.m.
AA Support Group – Deacons Room7:00 – 9:00	p.m

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8

7:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
.7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft 9:30 -10:15 a.m.
Local Mission – Auditorium
Junior Choir – Choir Room 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Joy Ringers – Bell Loft 5:00 - 5:30 p.m
Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft
Mission Commission – PW Lounge7:30 p.m.
Senior Chair - Chair Room 8:00 - 9:30 n m

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Women's AA Support Grp – Deacons Rm. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website https://bit.ly/4emWby6



COMING SOON

Oct 12	Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting – Social Center
	11:00 am – Noon
Oct 12	Trunk or Treat – Social Center Parking Lot
	1:00-2:00 pm
Oct 12	Community Dinner – Social Center – 5:00 pm
Oct 14	Unicameral Board – Chapel/Zoom – 7:30 pm
Oct 16	Junior Club – Social Center – 5:30-6:15 pm
Oct 17	Fall Rummage Sale – Social Center – 4:00-8:00 pm
Oct 18	Fall Rummage Sale – Social Center
	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Oct 19	New Member Class – Venue TBA – 10:30 am
Oct 19	2 nd Hour: Open Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
	10:30 am
Oct 23	Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium – 7:00 pm
Oct 24	Fish & Chips Fundraiser Dinner – Social Center
	6:00-7:30 pm
Oct 25	Mission Volunteer Saturday – Auditorium – 9:00 am
Oct 26	2 nd Hour: Chancel & Organ Renovation – Chapel
	10 :30 am
Nov 2	New Member Class – Venue – 10:30 am
Nov 4	Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received September 28

	TOTAL:	¢	9 241
Special Funds		<u>\$</u>	1,340
Peacemaking		\$	220
Cash		\$	179
Non-pledge		\$	1,230
Pledge		\$	6,272

OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 135 (Parking)

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.

Thank you for your generous support!

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor/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



Join us this evening for the first of a series of the Candlelight Concerts with a presentation of the 1925 film, Phantom of the Opera. Our Director of Music Ministries, Jordan Klotz, will be improvising the soundtrack from the organ in real time.

Suggested donation:

\$22/adults \$15/seniors 17 & under/free.

From the WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMISSION

We need your help!

The Worship & Music Commission has mailed and emailed to all members of the congregation a survey regarding the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service. The purpose of the survey is to get your opinion if we should keep the traditional time of 11:00 PM or move it earlier in the evening. Either way, it will not affect the Children's Pageant!

Please help us make this important decision by submitting your survey by October 13th to the church office, place in the collection plate, or online at worshipmusic@fpcweb.org.

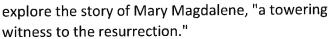
HORIZON BIBLE STUDY

Who doesn't need some JOY?

Join the new PW Horizons
Bible Study and begin "Finding
Resilience, Joy and Our Identity
in Jesus Christ!" We start with
Resilience on Monday,

October 6, at 6:00 pm, in the PW Lounge. Mary Kay

Dangremond will facilitate the study and will challenge us to



We continue on to find Joy and Identity on the first Monday of every month through June 2026. We welcome all in person or via Zoom.

The Study is available online or in paperback.

Email Deb Teall for more information: debtealleditor@gmail.com

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday October 12 5:00 p.m. Social Center

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen 270 Woodbridge Avenue Metuchen, NJ 08840



Finding Lesilience, Joy,

and Our Toentity in Jesus (her

Join us in community and fellowship! We will have an Oktoberfest menu of brats, pretzels, red cabbage, potatoes, cucumber salad, and a delicious homemade dessert for all to enjoy!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There is always a place at the table for you!

As always, we also welcome extra hands to help before, during and after the dinners. Ask our deacons about the volunteer opportunities.

Feel free to contact Gilly McKie - gilly@mckie.com





Presbyterian Women 2025 FALL RUMMAGE SALE



nleardi@fpcweb.org | (732) 491-2264

October 17, 4:00 – 8:00 PM October 18, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Social Center

Start cleaning out your closets it's time for the Fall Rummage Sale.

DROP OFF OF DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

Monday, Oct. 13th through Thurs., Oct. 16th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

*WEDNESDAY, Oct. 15 Drop off extended till 7 PM Call for Volunteers: Volunteers are needed Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm to receive donations, sort and set up, and during sale hours on Friday night and Saturday. All volunteers are invited to a Friday dinner at 3 pm before the sale begins. Saturday our traditional Hot Dog Lunch will be served along with bagels! If you never "worked" the Rummage Sale, it's a great time to serve and fellowship!

Volunteer Perks: Purchase in advance before we open to the community! Our **volunteers** will again enjoy perks such as:

- · Snacks provided during the set up
- · Dinner before the Friday sale, and the traditional Hot Dog lunch for Saturday, and
- · Be entered in a drawing of our Tricky Tray of prizes including a couple of gift cards!

Questions? Contact Cindy O'Neill mimabook@aol.com or Lori Kellner lgkellner@gmail.com



Questions? Email Gilly McKie: gilly@mckie.com or contact the church office.

Enjoy a generous portion of fish and chips (complete with tartar sauce and malt vinegar), a side of coleslaw, and a cold drink.

Thistle Catering, known for their fish and chips, will provide the food.

Proceeds will help fund the various projects and initiatives of the Deacons.

TICKETS:

Adults \$25 12 years and under \$15

Options to purchase tickets:

- See the Deacons
- Visit the church office
- Use the QR code to purchase your tickets online.
 Remember to bring your email receipt with you on your phone or printed.



A Rose in Remembrance November 2, 2025

All Saints' Day is a time to remember all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. Place a memorial rose in the Sanctuary in remembrance of your departed loved ones at the November 2nd Worship Service. The names of the deceased (not the donors) will be listed in the worship bulletin, and the roses can be taken home after the service. Send this form with your payment (check payable to: FPC—Metuchen with a note: Rose to Remember) to the church office. **SUBMIT YOUR FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.**

Your Name (Print)	Contact info (Cell or email):
Number of Roses: x \$5.00 = Total \$ NAMES OF LOVED ONES BEING REMEMBERED: Please p	