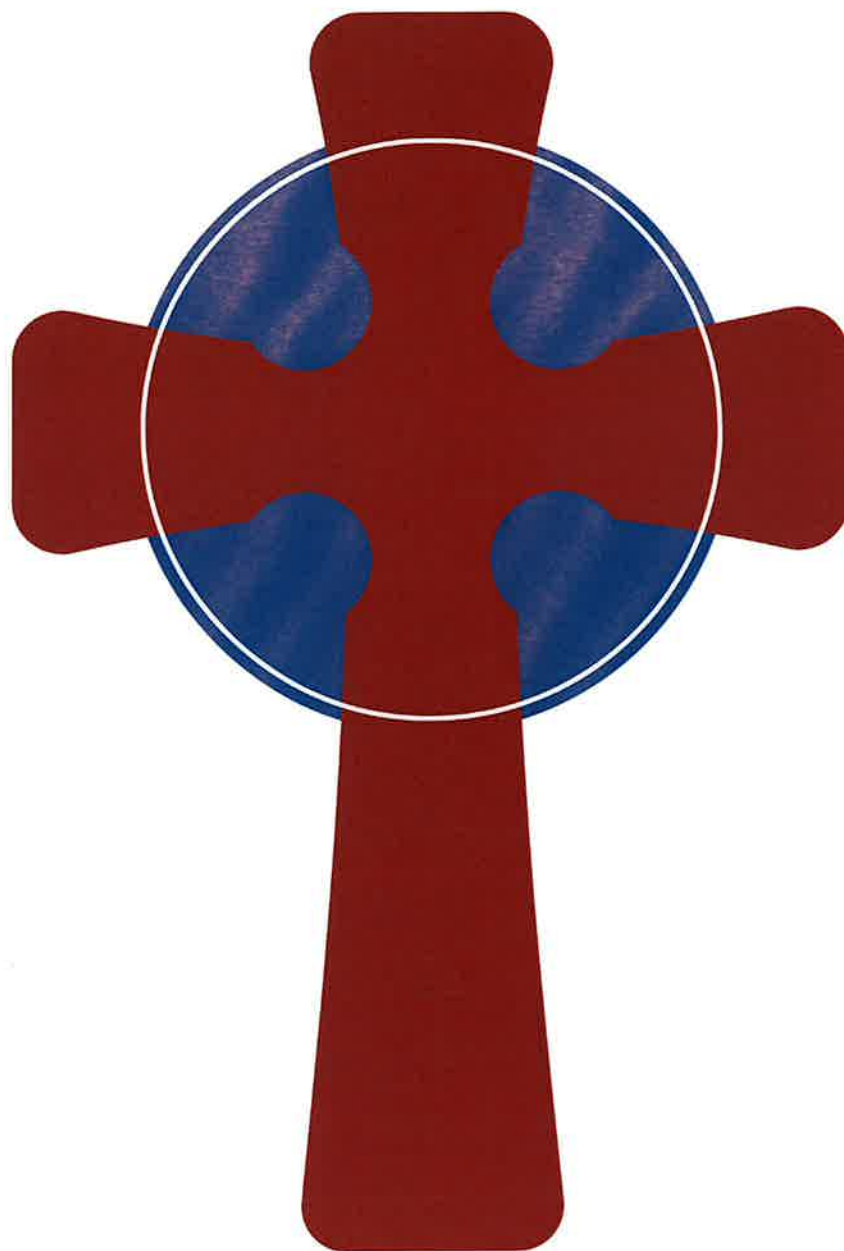


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN



Kirkin' O' the Tartan and Heritage Sunday
October 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
20th 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

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

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GATHERING

*PROCESSION

We commemorate the Word of God given to us in Scripture by processing behind a Beadle, the bearer of the Bible, and a piper. Join us at the corner of Woodbridge Avenue and Laureldale Avenue at 9:15, or line the entrance walk and greet the procession as it arrives. Please stand as able until seated by the Pastor.

Beadle: The Word of God for the People of God.

Diane Giordano

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

WELCOME & TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103, adapted

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me.

All: Bless the Lord and do not forget
All the benefits surrounding me.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives,
Who heals and binds the broken.

All: Bless the Lord, our redeemer,
Whose crown is steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: Let us seek our God in prayer.

All: May we enter the house of God with thanksgiving.

*HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Khayla Johnson

God of mercy, hear our prayer.
We are offered a path of virtue;
We are given a house of prayer;
We have ears to hear wisdom's counsel.
Forgive us when our delight was derision;
Forgive us for abiding in dread;
Forgive us for heeding anger's intent.
God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*KYRIE

Lord, _____ have _____ mer - - - cy up - on us.

Christ, _____ have _____ merc - - - cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer - - - cy up - on us.

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

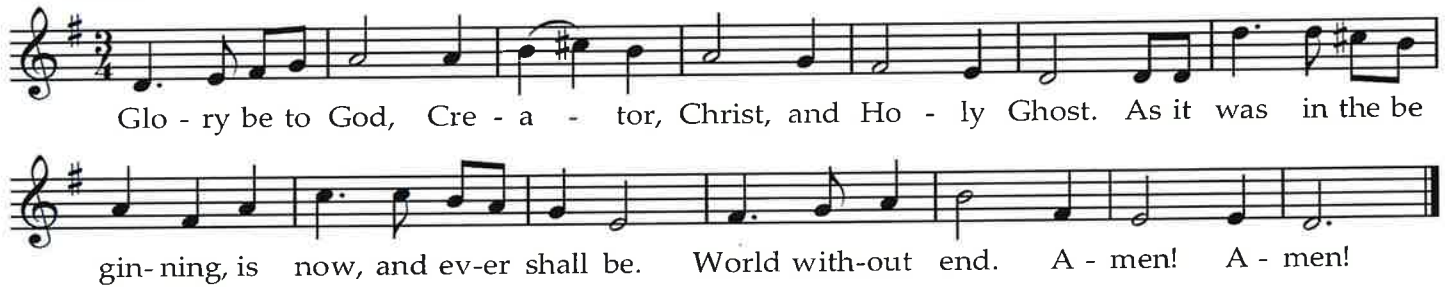
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Khayla Johnson

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA



Written for Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY by James Kealey

BLESSINGS OF THE TARTANS

If you have a tartan, please rise as you are able when bid by the Pastor. When you are called upon, speak the name of your tartan and bring it forward.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Nursery care is available in room 107. Children will join Mrs. Fischer in the GLOW Room for Lego Sunday.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 15:20-29 (*Old Testament page 598*)

Mike Draper

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

ANTHEM Gaelic Blessing

Senior Choir

John Rutter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:57-59 (*New Testament page 76*)

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

SERMON

"Judge For Yourself"

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*from The Scots Confession*) – Unison

As we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is,
and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk,
that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God,
who rightly worship and embrace Him by true faith in Christ Jesus,
who is the only Head of the Kirk,
even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.

RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE MEMBERS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Khayla Johnson

OFFERTORY Improvisation on a Scottish Theme

*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

Rev. Khayla Johnson

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*RESPONSE

When they build walls we will build bridge- es, o - pen up a dif-f'rent way, — when they
close their eyes, we will sing, — whe-ther you're a friend or a stran- ger, one
world we're travel - in' through, whe - ther you're
fear - ful — or in dan - ger, peace — be with you.

Written by Penny Stone (adapted)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Unison

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 321 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Highland Cathedral

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Thank you to our Bagpiper, Bill McEnvoy, to our Beadle, Diane Giordano, and to our crucifer, Bill Volz.

*Our greeter this morning is Gilly McKie, and the ushers are Eli Duhme, Heather Koball,
Betty Kopetz, and Andrene Sinclair-Pennix.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Eleanor and James Wilson
from their children and church family.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 15:20-29

A wise child makes a glad father, but the foolish despise their mothers.
Folly is a joy to one who has no sense, but a person of understanding walks straight ahead.
Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.
To make an apt answer is a joy to anyone, and a word in season, how good it is!
For the wise the path of life leads upward, in order to avoid Sheol below.
The Lord tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries.
Evil plans are an abomination to the Lord, but gracious words are pure.
Those greedy for unjust gain make trouble for their households, but those who hate bribes will live.
The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil.
The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:57-59

"And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? Thus when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to reach a settlement, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

① A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 ② Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 ③ And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 ④ That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -
 fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through
 mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this
 seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's
 armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

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 Anglely (*Lynne Anglely's son*)
John Bertelsen and family (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
Brad (*friend of Ingrid Hammond*)
Pat Byrne (*Sue Harmon's brother-in-law*)
Dorothy Canary (*aunt of Sue Harmon*)
Luis Canton (*Laurie Toth's father*)
*Lois Crespy
Art Cabbage (*father of Laura Draper*)
*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*)
George Doerbecker (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
*Ruth Endicott
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
*Marie Freeman
*Judy Fuller
Marc Gale (*Marie Gale's husband*)
*Marie Gale
*Doris Gulotta
*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
*Margaret Hathaway

*Ellen Haulenbeek
Jay and Barbara (*friends of Ingrid Hammond*)
Jan Johnson (*Gunsser's family friend*)
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*)
Deborah Ongaro (*Colleen Walker's friend*)
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
***Lorraine Sheaffer**
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 Ronald Davie who passed away on October 18. The memorial service and funeral was held October 24th.

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 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, October 26

Kirkin' O' the Tartan Worship Service and Heritage Sunday
 Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
 Per Capita Drawing – Deacons Room After Worship
 2nd Hour: Chancel & Organ Renovation – Choir Room
 10:30 a.m.
 After Worship Refreshments – Deacons Room . . 10:30 a.m.
 Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Carol Choir – Choir Room 4:00 p.m.
 AA Support Group – Deacons Room 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke – PW Lounge . . 10:30 a.m.
 Lunch and Games – Dining Room Noon – 3:00 p.m.
 Westminster Choir – Choir Room 6:30 p.m.
 Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group – Room 201 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft 9:30 -10:15 a.m.
 Junior Choir – Choir Room 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
 Joy Ringers – Bell Loft 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

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>



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

COMING SOON

Nov 2 Mindfulness Sunday – GLOW Room
 Nov 2 2nd Hour: Theology on Disability – Chapel -10:30 am
 Nov 2 New Member Class – Session Room – 10:30 am
 Nov 3 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom – 6:00 pm
 Nov 4 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
 Nov 9 Mindfulness Sunday – GLOW Room
 Nov 9 Community Dinner – Social Center – 5:00 pm
 Nov 11 PW Coordinating Team- PW Lounge -11:00 am
 Nov 11 1st Tuesday – GLOW Room – 4:30-5:00 pm
 Nov 11 Unicameral Board – Chapel/Zoom – 7:30 pm
 Nov 12 Men's Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received October 19

Pledge	\$ 4,069
Non-pledge	\$ 776
Cash	\$ 127
Special Funds	\$ 100

TOTAL: \$ 5,072

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!

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

TODAY'S 2ND HOUR
Chancel & Organ Renovation

Today, October 26 @ 10:30 a.m.
In the Chapel

Join Gary Ostermueller and Dan Cook in the Chapel for a second hour forum to receive **an update on the sanctuary renovation** after worship today.

**2ND Hour: Theology of Disability and
A Call for Disability Justice**
November 2, 10:30 a.m., Chapel

How do our theology and our practices as a church community fully include and celebrate people with disabilities? At this 2nd Hour, we will explore how our understanding of God's image, the body of Christ, and beloved community is deepened when we actively welcome and learn from the disability community. We will reflect on how moving beyond mere accessibility to true belonging is not just an act of service, but a vital part of our collective faith journey and a powerful witness to God's inclusive love for all. Isabella Novsima will lead this conversation.



In coordination with the American Legion Metuchen Post, we are looking to helping our veterans.

The American Legion Post is sending out care packages to over 180 overseas Service people.

Please consider donating personal care items for men and women such as the following:

Deodorant Disposable razors
Toothpaste and Combs and hairbrushes
toothbrushes

or FUN stuff like cards and crossword puzzle books
Drop off your donations in a marked container in the Narthex.

We will be collecting until November 16th.

Sincerely,
The Mission Commission



Church and CNS families are welcome to participate in our annual Christmas Pageant. To participate:

- Children must be 4 years old or older by Oct. 1
- Children must attend rehearsals at the church on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21, from 10:45 to 11:45 am, and the dress rehearsal on December 23 at 4:00 pm.
- Adult volunteers are needed as please sign up to help!

Visit FPC website or scan the QR code to sign up.

Questions? Email fpcpageant@google.com



**November 2nd
10:30 a.m.
in the Session Room**



Here's another opportunity for you to explore what it means to be Presbyterian, the various ministries and how to be part of ministry, or simply to get your questions answered. Meet also some of our elders and deacons as they join Rev. Garry and Rev. Johnson at this time.

A reception to recognize and welcome our new members is still being finalized.

Celebrating our Heritage Members

We celebrate the following who have been faithful members for over 50 years. Your faithful presence in our church family is a gift to our congregation.

50 years (1975-2025)

Joan Gore
Jonathan Hollenbeck
Brad Keller
Jim Krauszer

51 years (1974-2025)

Diane Giordano
Norma Ferber
Estelle Hugger
Jane Milone

60 years (1965-2025)

Mary Jane Palmeter
Geraldine Walters
Shirley Lombardo

61 years (1964-2025)

Elizabeth Kennedy
June Young

61 years continuation

Joan Boyce
Robert Boyce
Betty Buzzi

62 years (1963-2025)

Bob Hale
Linda Lee Mundy
Saxon Palmeter

63 years (1962-2025)

Marie Hoffsommer
Doris Zeitz

65 years (1960-2025)

Fred Bergholz
Nancy Burns
Lois Gehrum
Grace Hammesfahr
Linda Kubiak

66 years (1959-2025)

Mark Behrens
Jonathan Mundy
Marnie Smith

68 years (1957-2025)

Linda Amato
Barbara George
Margaret Hathaway

72 years (1953-2025)

Bill Bashew

73 years (1952-2025)

Marie Bills

76 years (1949-2025)

Elsie Dancs

METUCHEN-EDISON AREA INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION (MEAICA)

WALK TO END HUNGER



The Mission Commission invites you to partner with MEAICA for their annual 5K Hunger Walk geared to replenish the shared funds for neighbors in need. Traditionally, 70 percent of pledges are earmarked to neighbors in need, and 30 percent to an interfaith global non-profit. Over the past four years that has been **"Rise Against Hunger,"** a highly rated interfaith non-profit that fights hunger in developing nations.

Wendy Kukowski and Caitlin Mollison will be in the Deacons Room (109) after worship to answer your questions, or you may also sign up at that time.

Please invite family members, friends and coworkers to participate for a fun yet meaningful walk, which will start and end at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Sunday, November 2, 2:00 pm
Centenary United Methodist Church
200 Hillside Avenue, Metuchen, NJ

For more information, text: (609) 937-4565