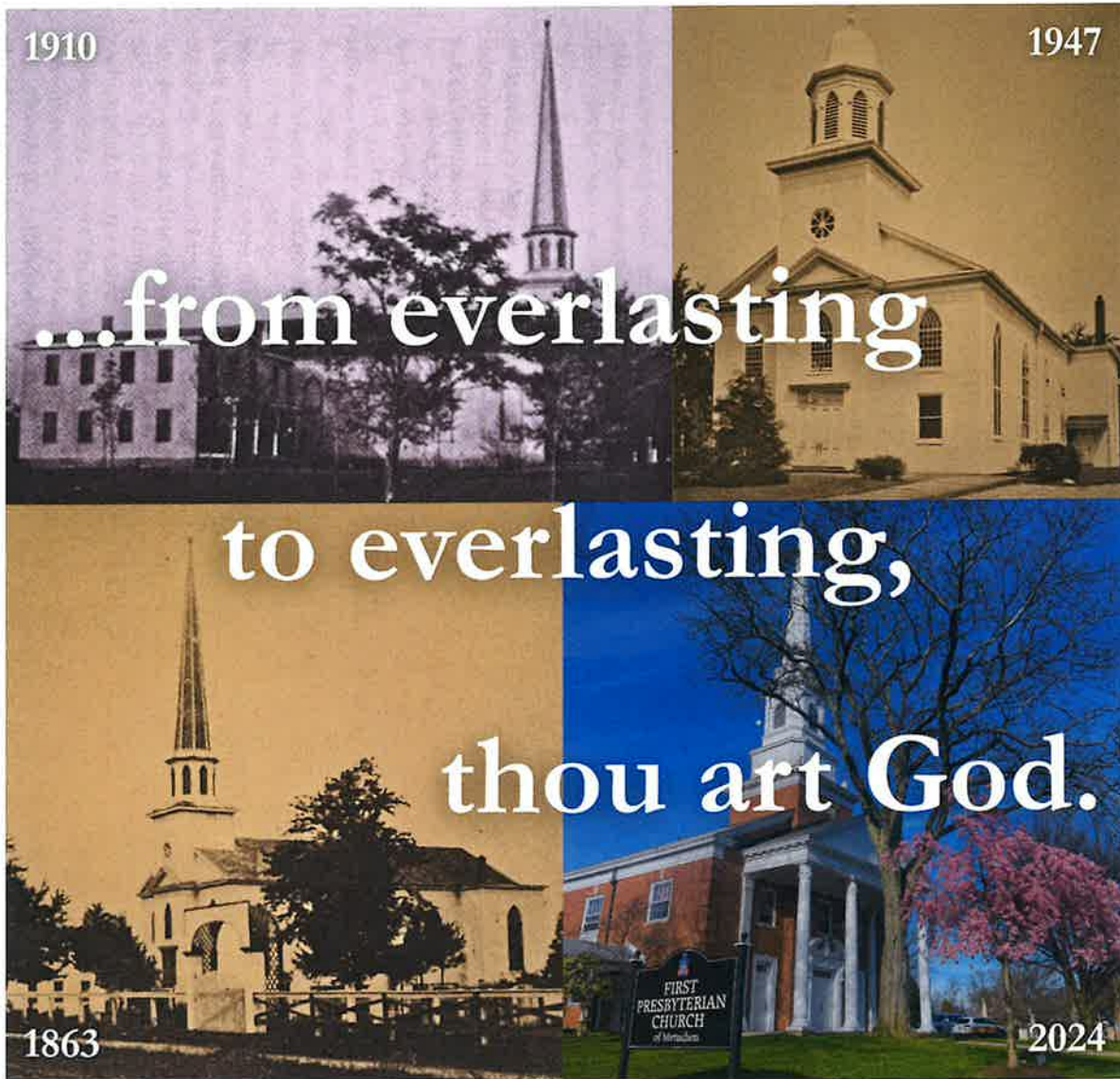


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November 2, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

21st Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

Our vision is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

Amy Bertelsen-Robles

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

PRELUDE Sonata No. 2 in C minor
I. Grave—Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME/TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 127, adapted

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

All: Those who toil labor in vain.

Leader: Unless the Lord stands watch,

All: We are left to the wiles of fate.

Leader: What good are our intents

All: If we do not trust the will of God.

Leader: Let us build the house of God;

All: Let our worship be our offering.

***HYMN** 325 By All Your Saints Still Striving

KING'S LYNN

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

Rev. Khayla Johnson

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

What gain is there for us in worry?

Yet, we feed our heart anxious bread.

What do we find in anger and fear?

Yet, we search and hope for retribution.

What do we make upon the sand of vanity?

We make nothing that lasts, nothing worthy.

Forgive our time and toil wasted on dread.

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

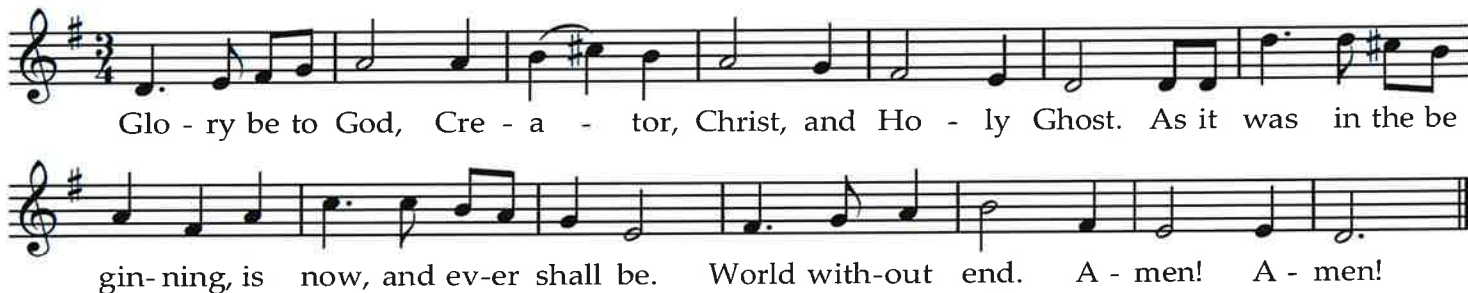
Rev. Khayla Johnson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*GLORIA



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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Jordan Klotz & Margo Gunsner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Khayla Johnson

Nursery care is available in Room 107. PreK to 2nd grade will join Ms. Bridget in Room 108. 3rd grade and older are invited to the GLOW room for a Mindfulness activity with Ms. Amy Bertelsen-Robles

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:12-21 (Old Testament page 591)

Claartje Ruhukay

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

ANTHEM I Shall Wear a Crown

Senior Choir

Brandon Waddles

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-5 (New Testament page 76)

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

SERMON

"Emily's Garden"

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*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.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 326 For All the Saints (verses 1-4)

SINE NOMINE

*NECROLOGY

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

A bell is rung for each member of our congregation who, since All Saints' Sunday 2024, has passed on from this life. The bell tolls three additional times for other departed loved ones.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** 326 For All the Saints (verse 5)

SINE NOMINE

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

OFFERTORY Bist du bei mir

Eleanor Rees, soprano

G.H. Stötzel

***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. Leksmana Leonard

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

Damai Kristus bersertamu. . . **Dan bersertamu juga.**

***RESPONSE**

Choir: All:

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)

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 511 Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Leader: 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 the one 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

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 engkau yang punya Kerajaan, Kuasa dan
Kemuliaan sampai Se-lamat nya.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Khayla Johnson

***HYMN 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm**

REPTON

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

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

*Our greeters this morning are Yunus & Claartje Ruhukay,
and the ushers are Gilly McKie, Reynolds Shaw, and Beth Russian.
Serving communion are Susan Hammer, Jan Margolis, Gilly McKie, and Jen Thompson.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Ellen Van Horn, in loving memory of her husband, Dennis.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:12-21

I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion.

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.

By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and prosperity.

My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, endowing with wealth those who love me and filling their treasuries.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-5

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Amsal 8:12-21

Aku, hikmat, tinggal bersama-sama dengan kecerdasan, dan aku mendapat pengetahuan dan kebijaksanaan. Takut akan Tuhan ialah membenci kejahatan; aku benci kepada kesombongan, kecongkakan, tingkah laku yang jahat, dan mulut penuh tipu muslihat. Padaku ada nasihat dan pertimbangan, akulah pengertian, padakulah kekuatan. Karena aku para raja memerintah, dan para pembesar menetapkan keadilan. Karena aku para pembesar berkuasa juga para bangsawan dan semua hakim di bumi. Aku mengasihi orang yang mengasihi aku, dan orang yang tekun mencari aku akan mendapatkan daku. Kekayaan dan kehormatan ada padaku, juga harta yang tetap dan keadilan. Buahku lebih berharga dari pada emas, bahkan dari pada emas tua, hasilku lebih dari pada perak pilihan. Aku berjalan pada jalan kebenaran, di tengah-tengah jalan keadilan, supaya kuwariskan harta kepada yang mengasihi aku, dan kuisi penuh perbendaharaan mereka.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 13:1-5

Pada waktu itu datanglah kepada Yesus beberapa orang membawa kabar tentang orang-orang Galilea, yang darahnya dicampurkan Pilatus dengan darah korban yang mereka persembahkan. Yesus menjawab mereka: "Sangkamu orang-orang Galilea ini lebih besar dosanya dari pada dosa semua orang Galilea yang lain, karena mereka mengalami nasib itu? Tidak! kata-Ku kepadamu. Tetapi jikalau kamu tidak bertobat, kamu semua akan binasa atas cara demikian. Atau sangkamu kedelapan belas orang, yang mati ditimpa menara dekat Siloam, lebih besar kesalahannya dari pada kesalahan semua orang lain yang diam di Yerusalem? Tidak! kata-Ku kepadamu. Tetapi jikalau kamu tidak bertobat, kamu semua akan binasa atas cara demikian."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

NECROLOGY OF CHURCH FAMILY WHO DIED

November 2024 to Present



Marilyn Stokes

Ruth DeVries

Agnes Bertelsen

Beverly Cummings

Donald Lambdin

Deena Mikkelsen

Deborah Hassert

Lynn Stryjewski

Marion Guthjahr

Donald Clausen

Alethea Kinsey

Mary Kafcsak

Nikki Renee Walter

Eleanor Anne Wilson

Ronald Davie

Lois Crespy

By All Your Saints Still Striving 325

Capo 5: (Dm) (F) (Am) (G) (Dm)
Gm B $\flat$ Dm C Gm

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your
2 We praise you for the Bap - tist, fore - run - ner
3 All praise, O Lord, for An - drew, the first to
4 For Mag - da - lene we praise you, stead - fast at
5 We pray for saints we know not, for saints still

(F) (Am) (C) (Am)
B $\flat$ Dm F Dm

saints at rest, your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for -
of the Word, our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a
wel - come you, whose wit - ness to his broth - er named
cross and tomb. Your "Mar - y!" in the gar - den dis -
yet to be, for grace to bear true wit - ness and

(C) (F) (G) (C) (Am)
F B $\flat$ C F Dm

ev - er - more be blessed! For those passed on be -
high - way for the Lord. The last and great - est
you Mes - si - ah true. May we, with hearts kept
pelled her tears and gloom. A - pos - tle to the a -
serve you faith - ful - ly, till all the ran - somed

(F) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (Bm)
B $\flat$ Am F C Am Em

fore us, we sing our praise a - new and, walk - ing
proph - et, he saw the dawn - ing ray of light that
o - pen to you through - out the year pro - claim to
pos - tles, she ran to spread the word. Send us to
num - ber who stand be - fore the throne as - crite all

(Dm) (Am) (Em) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
Gm Dm Am Gm Am Dm

in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
friend and neigh - bor your ad - vent ev - er near.
shout the good news that we have seen the Lord!
power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected and adapted from a much longer hymn by the nephew of the famous naval hero whose name he shares; it was intended for use on saints' days observed by the Church of England. The tune name honors the Norfolk seaport town where the tune was collected.

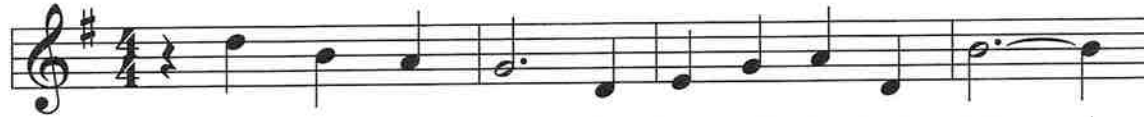
TEXT: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

KING'S LYNN
7.6.7.6.D

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

to stanza 4

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 All who trust in God be - long
 4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!
 at this ban - quet with this throng.
 here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
 come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!
 taste and see: the Lord is good.
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

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Give Thanks for Those
Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D) E^b (A) B^b (Bm) Cm (G) A^b

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D) E^b (A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (Em) Fm (A) B^b (F#m) Gm

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm) Cm (G) A^b (Em) Fm (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7) B^b7 (B) C (Em) Fm (G) A^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.



Rose in Remembrance

All Saints' Sunday

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ



Roses were donated by friends and members of the congregation in loving memory of:

Irene and Steve Adam

Walter Aikens

Lillian Alexander

Bob Anderson

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Harry Kertscher

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Walter Weber
Jay Woloshen
C. Jerry Young
Oscar Zanoni

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*)
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

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family of Lois Crespy who passed away on October 29. Lois was formerly a PW Moderator. We will share plans of a Memorial Service soon as it is available.

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, NOVEMBER 2

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

Mindfulness Sunday – GLOW Room

2nd Hour: Theology on Disability – Chapel 10:30 a.m.

New Member Class – Session Room 10:30 a.m.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge /Zoom 6:00 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Deacons Meeting – Chapel 7:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

Crafty Ladies – PW Lounge 1:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft 9:30 -10:15 a.m.

Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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 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

Nov 13 Local Mission Meeting – Auditorium – 11:45 am

Nov 13 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:30 pm

Nov 15 CARE Ministry – PW Lounge – 11:00 am

Nov 16 2nd Hour: 911 System – Chapel – 10:30 am

Nov 16 Youth Commission – PW Lounge – 10:30 am

Nov 20 Junior Club – Venue TBA – 5:30-6:15 pm

Nov 23 Baking with Chef Dan – Kitchen – 10:45 am

Nov 24 Packing of Thanksgiving Baskets – Auditorium
7:00 pm

Nov 29 Mission Volunteer Saturday – Auditorium – 9:00 am

Nov 30 Candlelight Concert: Peace on Earth – Sanctuary
7:00 pm

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received October 26

Pledge \$ 9,235

Non-pledge \$ 726

Cash \$ 129

Per Capita \$ 40

Special Funds \$ 272

TOTAL: \$10,402

OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 80 (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!

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

2ND Hour: Theology of Disability and A Call for Disability Justice

TODAY, 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.



**TODAY, 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. Join us even if you missed the first session. A reception to recognize and welcome our new members is still being finalized.



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

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



The Hunger Walk is today, and we hope to see you in solidarity with the partner churches of Metuchen-Edison Interfaith Clergy in their efforts to fight hunger



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 Dec. 23 at 4:00 pm.
- Adult volunteers are needed as well; please sign up to help!



Visit FPC website or scan the QR code
to sign up. Questions? Email fpcpageant@fpcweb.org

THANK YOU FOR YOU FAITHFUL GIVING!

The Stewardship Mission conducted the final Per Capita Draw last Sunday October 26, and we want to congratulate the following winners:

- Linda and Kevin Boughton won a \$50 Visa gift card
- Samantha Aldinger won a \$50 AMC gift card

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM Community Nursery School

In compliance with the licensing requirements for CNS, a "barrier" will be put up in addition to the existing fence to further prevent exposing kids to vehicles during children outdoor play.

Starting October 28, the CNS parking lot will be blocked and closed to all traffic during the children outdoor time. This will be from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 to 11:30 am. Please note that cars will not be allowed to enter or exit the CNS parking lot during these times.

We appreciate your understanding and full support with this new requirement. If you have any questions, please feel free to email cns@fpcweb.org

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, November 9, 5:00 p.m.

Social Center Dining Room

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen



Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on roast turkey with all the fixings, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green salad, green bean casserole, crusty rolls, and delicious apple and pumpkin pies for dessert!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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
presents

HOLLY FAIR / BAKE SALE Volunteer Bakers

You are the icing on the cake!

Our Coffee Bar and Bake Sale was so successful last year that we are showcasing it at the Holly Fair on December 6.

You are welcome to drop off your baked goods between November 26th to December 2nd in the Social Center kitchen, and marked "PW." Also, please remember to sign on the Bakers Sign In sheet.

For the month of November, bakers are invited to stop by The Deacons Room during Coffee Hours to pick up FREE decorative boxes and bags for your baked goods.

NEW A special gift awaits each baker as a thank you for their donation.

2025 HOLLY FAIR

Saturday, December 6th 9 AM - 2 PM

Picture/Gift with SANTA! 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Social Center Dining Room

Gourmet Bake Sale * Café Coffee Bar * Jewelry Galore
New & Vintage Purses * Scarves, Accessories and more!
VISIT OUR BOUTIQUE!

For yourself or for gift giving, check out the extensive holiday merchandise, and the array of pocketbooks, new and gently used! Enjoy the teas and hot cocoa at the Café.

Donate new or gently used vintage and contemporary jewelry only. **You may drop off your donations at the Church office until NOVEMBER 25th!**

Questions? Email Cindy O'Neill or Lori Kellner
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