



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

December 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

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

www.fpcweb.org

(732) 491-2300

GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

Beth Russian & Lorraine LeSter

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

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come) BWV 659


J.S. Bach

WELCOME & TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry


*INTROIT

Leader:



We light the Ad - vent can - dles as Christ, the King, draws nigh.____ For

All:



peace on Earth, we cry! Peace,___ peace,___ let there be peace on Earth.

Written for First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen by Jordan Klotz

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - PEACE

Gilly McKie and the Nguyen Family

Leader: Gather to the house of God
Made fair and adorned with gladness

All: **Let us light the candle of peace.**

Leader: Gather to the house of God.
The table is set and ready.

All: **May peace be in our hearts
As we gather to worship.**

*HYMN 82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus


HYFRYDOL

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION - Unison


Rev. Khayla Johnson

God of mercy, hear our prayer.
Stir us from resignation and fear.
Roust our hearts from timid dreams.
Strike a chord in our drear;
Ring the bell announcing life.
For today we remember not the toll
But the cessation of strife.
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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jennifer Thompson

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Pre-K to Kindergarten will meet in Room 108 for a story and craft.

1st Grade and older will meet in the GLOW Room for a mindfulness lesson with Mrs. Bertelsen- Robles.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 (Old Testament p. 640) Jim Thompson & Eddy Prasetyo

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

ANTHEM How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

John Stainer

Senior Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:22-30 (New Testament page 76)

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

SERMON

"Warren Zevon's Last Prayer"

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN** 101 No Wind at the Window

COLUMCILLE

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** (Apostle's Creed) – Unison

Rev. Khayla Johnson

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Khayla Johnson

OFFERTORY Thou Shalt Bring Them In

George Frideric Handel

Carol Dunkin, mezzo-soprano

*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

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

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN 357 The Days Are Surely Coming

LLANGLOFFAN

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 – 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.

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.

*HYMN 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE People, Look East!

arr. Kristina Langlois

*Our greeter this morning is Deb Teall, and the ushers are Beth Russian,
Yunus Ruhukay, and Reynolds Shaw.*

Serving communion are Niall Corbalis, Wendy Kukowski, Roland Staal, and June Young.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Amy Bertelsen-Robles in loving memory of her parents,
Roy and Agnes Bertelsen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. Once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Yesaya 11:1-10

Suatu tunas akan keluar dari tunggul Isai, dan taruk yang akan tumbuh dari pangkalnya akan berbuah. Roh Tuhan akan ada padanya, roh hikmat dan pengertian, roh nasihat dan keperkasaan, roh pengenalan dan takut akan Tuhan; ya, kesenangannya ialah takut akan Tuhan. Ia tidak akan menghakimi dengan sekilas pandang saja atau menjatuhkan keputusan menurut kata orang. Tetapi ia akan menghakimi orang-orang lemah dengan keadilan, dan akan menjatuhkan keputusan terhadap orang-orang yang tertindas di negeri dengan kejujuran; ia akan menghajar bumi dengan perkataannya seperti dengan tongkat, dan dengan nafas mulutnya ia akan membunuh orang fasik. Ia tidak akan men-yimpang dari kebenaran dan kesetiaan, seperti ikat pinggang tetap terikat pada pinggang. Serigala akan tinggal bersama domba dan macan tutul akan berbaring di samping kambing. Anak lembu dan anak singa akan makan rumput bersama-sama, dan seorang anak kecil akan menggigitnya. Lembu dan beruang akan sama-sama makan rumput dan anaknya akan sama-sama berbaring, sedang singa akan makan jerami seperti lembu. Anak yang menyusu akan bermain-main dekat liang ular tedung dan anak yang cerai susu akan mengulurkan tangannya ke sarang ular beludak. Tidak ada yang akan berbuat jahat atau yang berlaku busuk di seluruh gunung-Ku yang kudus, sebab seluruh bumi penuh dengan pengena-lan akan Tuhan, seperti air laut yang menu-tupi dasarnya. Maka pada waktu itu taruk dari pangkal Isai akan berdiri sebagai panji-panji bagi bangsa-bangsa; dia akan dicari oleh suku-suku bangsa dan tempat kediamannya akan menjadi mulia.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 13:22-30

Kemudian Yesus berjalan keliling dari kota ke kota dan dari desa ke desa sambil mengajar dan meneruskan perjalanan-Nya ke Yerusalem.

Dan ada seorang yang berkata kepada-Nya: "Tuhan, sedikit sajakah orang yang diselamatkan?" Jawab Yesus kepada orang-orang di situ: "Berjuanglah untuk masuk melalui pintu yang sesak itu! Sebab Aku berkata kepadamu: Banyak orang akan berusaha untuk masuk, tetapi tidak akan dapat. Jika tuan rumah telah bangkit dan telah menutup pintu, kamu akan berdiri di luar dan mengetok-ngetok pintu sambil berkata: Tuan, bukakanlah kami pintu! dan Ia akan menjawab dan berkata kepadamu: Aku tidak tahu dari mana kamu datang. Maka kamu akan berkata: Kami telah makan dan minum di hadapan-Mu dan Engkau telah mengajar di jalan-jalan kota kami. Tetapi Ia akan berkata kepadamu: Aku tidak tahu dari mana kamu datang, enyahlah dari hadapan-Ku, hai kamu sekalian yang melakukan kejahatan! Di sanalah akan terdapat ratap dan kertak gigi, apabila kamu akan melihat Abraham dan Ishak dan Yakub dan semua nabi di dalam Kerajaan Allah, tetapi kamu sendiri dicampakkan ke luar. Dan orang akan datang dari Timur dan Barat dan dari Utara dan Selatan dan mereka akan duduk makan di dalam Kerajaan Allah. Dan sesungguhnya ada orang yang terakhir yang akan menjadi orang yang terdahulu dan ada orang yang terdahulu yang akan menjadi orang yang terakhir."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

December 7, 2025 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#82 COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1- Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2- Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

KYRIE

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

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#101 NO WIND AT THE WINDOW

1- No wind at the window, no knock on the door;
no light from the lampstand, no foot on the floor;
no dream born of tiredness, no ghost raised by fear:
just an angel and a woman and a voice in her ear.

2- "O Mary, O Mary, don't hide from my face.
Be glad that you're favored and filled with God's grace.
The time for redeeming the world has begun,
and you are requested to mother God's Son."

3- This child must be born that the kingdom might
come:
salvation for many, destruction for some;
both end and beginning, both message and sign;
both victor and victim, both yours and divine.

4- No payment was promised, no promises made;
no wedding was dated, no blueprint displayed.
Yet Mary, consenting to what none could guess,
replied with conviction, "Tell God I say yes."

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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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#357 THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING

The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise:
salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread
throughout the land
And you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

The days are surely coming, says Christ,
the promised one,
When you will read my warning
in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble,
stand up and do not fear,
For I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming when we will know at last
The fullness of God's presence,
God's promise come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice
Will spread throughout the land
And we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.

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#87 COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

1- "Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim
that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over."

2- For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,

calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.
O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting
and the hills bow down in greeting.

3- Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

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*)
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 family (*friend of Ingrid Hammond*)
Indonesian families impacted by recent natural disaster

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*)
Maureen Muggeo (*Carla Trolaro's mother*)
Michael Murach (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
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 Javier and Amy Bertelsen-Robles on the passing of Javier's sister, Dalila Robles, on November 26.

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, DECEMBER 7

Worship Service - Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
After Worship Refreshments - Deacons Room . . 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary 10:45 a.m.
Parents' Night Out - GLOW Room 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Community Dinner - Social Center 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Carol Choir - Choir Room 4:00 p.m.
PW Coordinating Team - PW Lounge 11:00 a.m.
Unicameral Board Meeting - Chapel/Zoom 7:30 p.m.
AA Support Group - Deacons Room 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Men's Breakfast - Dining Room 7:30 a.m.
Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke - PW Lounge . . 10:30 a.m.
Westminster Choir - Choir Room 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Room 201 7:30 p.m.
Labyrinth Walk - Auditorium 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

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.
Food Pantry Holiday Bazaar - Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
Mission Commission - PW Lounge 7:00 p.m.
Senior Choir - Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

CARE Team - PW Lounge

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

Dec 14 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:45-11:45 am
Dec 16 Personnel - Office Conf. Room/Zoom - 7:30 pm
Dec 16 Social Justice - PW Lounge - 7:30 pm
Dec 17 B & G - PW Lounge - 8:00 am
Dec 17 Finance Comm. - Office Conf. Room - 7:30 pm
Dec 17 Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec 17 Labyrinth Walk - Auditorium - 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Dec 18 Mission Volunteer Night - Auditorium - 7:00 pm
Dec 21 Service of Lessons and Carols
Dec 21 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:45-11:45 am
Dec 23 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary
4:00 pm
Dec 24 Christmas Pageant - Sanctuary - 5:00 pm
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received November 30

Pledge	\$ 6,364
Non-pledge	\$ 675
Cash	\$ 165
Food Pantry	\$ 250

TOTAL: \$ 7,454

OTHER RECEIPTS \$1,275

(Parking and Building Rental)

A Note from our Treasurer, Kevin Trolaro

For those who use pledge envelopes, your 2026 giving envelopes have arrived. Please take time to pick up your box from the Narthex. They are arranged alphabetically.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kevin:

Email ktrolaro@fpcweb.org

Call (732) 491-2301

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

FREE Community Dinner
Sunday, December 7
5:00 PM, Social Center Dining Room



We have a place at the table for you!

Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on homemade lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, and a delicious dessert.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

***Partner with us in preparing our worship space
this Christmas season!***

Remember and celebrate your loved ones with your orders of poinsettias and luminaries.



POINSETTIA ORDERS.

For poinsettia orders, the donors and names of those remembered and honored will be listed in the December 21st Lessons and Carols worship bulletin.

The order form is due on December 8th.

LUMINARY ORDERS.

On Christmas Eve, the paper luminaries and votive candles are sure to beautifully welcome everyone attending the service. Similarly, the listing of donors and those remembered and honored will be listed in the 9:30 PM December 24th worship bulletin.

Orders should be submitted to the office by December 18th.

Order forms for both poinsettias and luminaries are now available from the Narthex and the Church office Foyer.

Be sure to submit your orders with your payment to the Church office by the due date. Call us in the office if you have questions: (732) 491-2300



Offered by PYW

= PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

***For kids 3 years and older**

Today, December 7th

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Room 109 & GLOW Room

Treat yourselves to a relaxing afternoon while your kids are cared for by our Presbyterian Young Women (PYW) as a fundraiser for their activities. **There is a requested donation of only \$15 per child to cover pizza, fun and games.** Fill out a form and RSVP if interested. See Nancy Leardi if you have questions.

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK



Experience beauty and peace this Advent through labyrinth walking; this is for adults and children alike. The Dec. 10 schedule is a Family Labyrinth Night with a create-your-own labyrinth craft and lesson. And food will be provided!

- **Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 – 8:00 pm Family Labyrinth Night**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm Labyrinth Walk** featuring reflective music by Karen Stern, harpist

**A Note from Heather Koball,
Director for Operations**

Please note an important update on building safety.

Each Sunday, effective this week, we are locking the exterior back CNS door from 9:45 am to 10:30 am. Anyone who wishes to enter during this time should use the main front doors of the Church, entering through the doors by the Narthex.

SPREAD SOME WARMTH AND LOVE THIS



**GIVE THE
GIFT OF
HAPPY FEET
BY
DONATING
NEW SOCKS.**

Socks will be distributed to the clients of the Food Pantry.

The Deacons will be collecting socks

until Sunday, December 21st

Drop off new socks for men, women, and kids in the marked collection boxes in the Narthex and Social Center Foyer.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our Deacons.

This year marks
**FPC's 10th participation
in the Jersey Cares'
Annual Coat Drive!**

Let's again make it a
success!



Please consider donating new or gently-used, **CLEAN** winter coats in all sizes for adults, children, and infants. **Only coats are being collected, NOT other winter accessories.**

You may drop off at the Social Center Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday 8:30 am-12 pm **until January 11, 2026.**

Volunteers are also needed to help sort the coats. Feel free to contact NJ Cares at 973-533-1993 if you have questions.

Bring joy by fulfilling a Christmas wish.



*Be an Angel for someone
this Christmas!*

There are still some angels waiting to be picked from the Christmas trees in the Narthex and Social Center.

To be an angel, simply:

- Select an Angel(s).
- Take note of the gender of the recipient:
M—Male F—Female
- Some angels have a generic dolls and cars/trucks for children ages 4 years old.
- All gifts may be wrapped and/or placed in gift bags.
- Be sure to **SECURELY** attach the advent angel you picked when you return the gift bag or wrapped gift.
- If you are providing a gift card, give this to the church office.

Return your gift(s) under the Advent Angel Tree no later than 9:30 am, Sunday, December 14.

Our Deacons will deliver the gifts to arrive in time for Christmas.

If you have any questions, please call or text:

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