



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

February 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

**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

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

PRELUDE Joyance

Covenant Ringers

The Leardi Family

Ron Mallory

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100 adapted

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

All: **We will worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come into the house of the Lord;

Know the Lord is our God.

All: **We will enter these gates with thanksgiving;**

We give thanks and bless the Lord.

Leader: For God's love is steadfast and good;

All: **The love of God is from generation to generation.**

*HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSTION – Unison

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of steadfast love, hear our confession.

Forgive us for giving up -

For the people who needed more patience,

For the dream that needed more devotion,

For the friendship that needed repair.

Forgive us for giving up too soon;

Forgive us for letting malaise be our guide.

God of steadfast love, accept our confession. Amen.

*KYRIE

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Brian Smith, Chair of Personnel Commission

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children will proceed to the GLOW Room.

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1-8

Virginia Shaw

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

ANTHEM Psalm 139

Senior Choir

Allen Pote

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

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

SERMON

"A Tenacious Curiosity Makes You Better"

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

*CONFession OF FAITH (*from the Brief Statement*) – Unison

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

OFFERTORY

*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.**

*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)

ELDERS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Unison

Kristina Scoglio

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 300 We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Always Remember

Andraé Crouch

POSTLUDE

Throughout Black History Month, we share reflections on the composers of our choir anthems to honor the rich legacy of Black sacred music, highlighting the contributions of Black composers whose faith and artistry have shaped both the church and the wider musical world.

Andraé Crouch is widely regarded as a pioneer of modern gospel music, blending traditional gospel with contemporary styles that reached across the lines of genre. He wrote his first gospel song at age 14. A prolific composer, pastor, and producer, his songs have been sung in churches around the world and recorded by artists in many genres. “Always Remember,” today’s Choral Benediction, is featured in the African American Heritage Hymnal.

Our greeters this morning are Melissa and Mike Leardi, and the ushers are Tom Giordano, Gilly McKie, and Andrene Sinclair-Pennix.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Nancy Leardi for her 20 years of service to the church.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1-8

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right, for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him \serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)

Fm

(Bm) (Em)

Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am)

B♭m

(Em)

Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am)

B♭m

(Em)

Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C)

D♭

(Em)

Fm



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am)

B♭m

(Em)

Fm

(Am)

B♭m

(Bm)

Cm

(Em)

(Am/E) (Em)

Fm B♭m/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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.

Jackson Alcantara (<i>grandson of Lori Nielsen</i>)	*Susan Kozo
*Lynne Angley	*Patricia Lagay
John Bertelsen and family (<i>Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles</i>)	Jetty Mailangkay (<i>wife of Rev. Herby Moningka</i>)
Brad (<i>friend of Ingrid Hammond</i>)	Dennis Maiuro (<i>Colleen Walker's brother-in-law</i>)
Linda Burr (<i>June Young's sister</i>)	Patricia Maktal (<i>friend of Messina Family</i>)
Pat Byrne (<i>Sue Harmon's brother-in-law</i>)	*Ed Meyer
Dorothy Canary (<i>aunt of Sue Harmon</i>)	Elliot Miller (<i>Larrie Servino's brother</i>)
Luis Canton (<i>Laurie Toth's father</i>)	Michael Murach (<i>Kristina Scoglio's cousin</i>)
Art Cubbage (<i>father of Laura Draper</i>)	Virginia Newton (<i>Virginia Shaw's mother</i>)
*Mary Kay Dangremond	Jeff Rubin (<i>friend of June Keehbler</i>)
*Henry and Rita Dengah	*Dave Ryder
Darla Dimateo	Angela Sampoli (<i>friend of Dawn Adam</i>)
George Doerbecker (<i>friend of Kristina Scoglio</i>)	Cara Moskal Scacco (<i>niece of June Young</i>)
*Ruth Endicott	Karen Scoglio (<i>Kristina Scoglio's mother</i>)
Hank Frank, Jr. (<i>Deb Teall's partner</i>)	*Lorraine Sheaffer
*Marie Freeman	*Deb Sorensen
*Judy Fuller	Katie Strittmatter (<i>friend of Kozo-Mollison family</i>)
Marc Gale (<i>Marie Gale's husband</i>)	Bud Wilson (<i>friend of Niall Corbalis</i>)
*Marie Gale	David Wong
*Doris Gulotta	*Lynn Hendricks Wong
*Joey Hale (<i>Son of Matt and Laura Hale</i>)	
*Margaret Hathaway	
Jay and family (<i>friend of Ingrid Hammond</i>)	Names highlighted in boldface were recently added
Kalkan/Pondl family	
Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (<i>friend of the Hajjar family</i>)	*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 J. Henry 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 Leither, 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:

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

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
After Worship Refreshments – Deacons Room .. 10:30 a.m.
Youth Commission – PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAY
Puppeteers Retreat – GLOW Room 10:00 a.m.
Habitat Meeting – Office Conference Room 7:00 p.m.
DBSA Support Group – Deacons Room 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Carol Choir – Choir Room 4:00 p.m.
Social Justice – PW Lounge 7:30 p.m.
AA Support Group – Deacons Room 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

B & G Meeting – PW Lounge 8:00 a.m.
Pastoral Bible Study – PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 6:30 p.m.
Pizza Party for Youth and Trinity Ringers – Deacons Room 7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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.
Mom's Night Out – Dining Room 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

Feb 22	Congregation & Corporation Meeting – Sanctuary
Feb 22	2 nd Hour: Psalms – Chapel – 10:30 am
Feb 24	CARE Team – Office Conference – 3:00 pm
Feb 25	Lenten Concert – Sanctuary – Noon - 12:30 pm
Feb 25	Lunch and Games – Dining Room – 12:30-3:00 pm
Feb 26	Crafty Ladies – PW Lounge – 1:00 pm
Feb 28	Youth Day of Service – Social Center – 9:00 am (see details next page)
Mar 1	Baking Through the Bible – Kitchen – 9:40 am
Mar 1	2 nd Hour: Social Justice – Chapel – 10:30 am
Mar 2	Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom – 6:00 pm
Mar 3	1 st Tuesday – GLOW Room – 4:30 – 5:00 pm
Mar 3	Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
Mar 4	Lenten Concert – Sanctuary – Noon - 12:30 pm
Mar 5	Junior Club – GLOW Room – 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Mar 8	Habitat Pancake Breakfast – Dining Room – 10:30 am

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received February 8

Pledge	\$ 11,674
Non-pledge	\$ 522
Per Capita	\$ 1,941
Cash	\$ 129
Other funds	\$ 187

TOTAL: \$ 14,453

OTHER RECEIPTS \$940

(Building Rental and 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 J. Henry

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

Come Join The Team!

The Mission Commission is looking for more people to join our creative team to further our church's mission outreach. We will explore ways and means of generating projects, partnerships, and donations for local, statewide, national, and global organizations that could use our help.

We meet the 2nd Thursday each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Social Center.

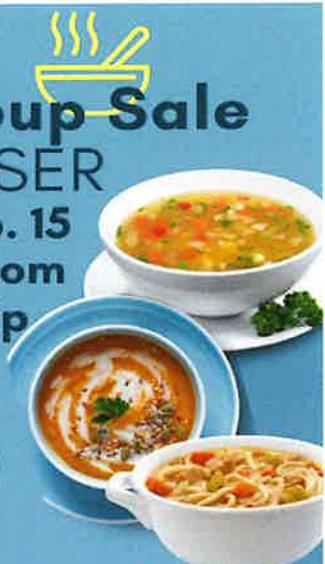
Learn more about the ways we expand our reach - check out our display in the bulletin board in room 109 during fellowship time. We hope you will rise up to the challenge and find fulfillment working with the Mission Commission.

All interested should call or see Russ Dickow.
Email Russ at: mdickow12@aol.com

Choir Soup Sale FUNDRAISER

Sunday, Feb. 15
Deacons' Room
After worship

Prices:
\$8 / 32 oz
container
\$15 / 2x 32 oz
containers



Delicious containers of homemade soup! Vegetarian and vegan options will be available and the ingredients of each soup will be listed.

Don't miss out on this - see any of our choir members to support the Soup Sale. There are many payment options available to make it easy for you - Cash, credit card, check and PayPal will be accepted.

A Fool's Boast

Fred Garry

Pauline Letters in
Pericopes

Rev. Garry's new book is offered as a Lenten devotional with hopes to build you up and mend what has been torn down. These letters of the Apostle Paul to churches presented in pericopes are to be "read with appreciation and care, with caution and trust, with devotion and critique," to bring peace. Get your copy now from the Narthex or the church office for a suggested donation of \$5.

LUNCH AND GAMES

February 25
12:30 – 3:00 PM
Social Center
Dining Room

Here's a time to hang out and enjoy some time of fellowship. Bring a bagged lunch and your favorite board or card game.

This event is open to everyone.

We thank our deacons for hosting Lunch and Games.



FPC METUCHEN

YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE

February 28, 2026

9:00 am



Join us on Saturday, February 28th as we pack sandwiches for Elijah's Promise, and visit where they are distributed. We will begin in the Social Center at 9 AM, and then head to New Brunswick to learn more about the work of Elijah's Promise. Transportation, snacks and lunch will be provided. For more information contact Rev. Khayla J. Henry at kjohnson@fpcweb.org. Register by scanning the QR code!



- NOTICE -

Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
22 February 2026
Immediately following Sunday morning
Worship Service

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive the Annual Financial and Calendar Year Reports for 2025.
- Receive the 2026 FPC-M Operating Budget.
- Approve the Annual Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor and the Associate Pastor
- Act on any other business that may properly come before such a meeting.

FPC FAMILY SCOOP

All the information you need in one place!



If you have a child or youth participating in any of our various programs, including music, THIS IS FOR YOU!

Early in the school year we introduced the FPC Family Scoop, a way to streamline eblasts so at a glance, families can view what is the schedule for the upcoming week. We also have a section for what's ahead to help families plan their schedule.

Simply scan the QR code to take you to the sign up, and once you have filled this with your email and name, you will be instantly subscribed!

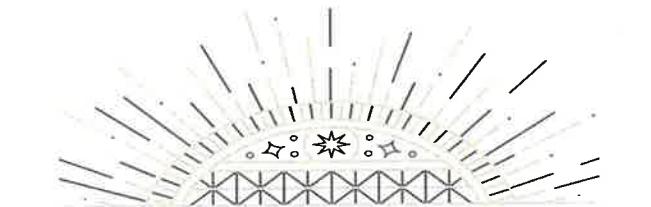
Questions?

See Rev. Khayla Henry, Nancy Leardi or Jordan Klotz.



As we usher in the season of Lent, we invite everyone, our children and youth included, to join us in solemn worship and communion.

Trinity Ringers will meet on Ash Wednesday at 6:30 pm, instead of 7:00. This will be followed by a pizza and salad dinner in the Chapel! Youth Group is also invited for pizza at 7:00 pm. Together they are welcome to stay for the Ash Wednesday service. Come for a fun dinner before we sit together (in the Youth Pew!) during this service as we begin our Lenten Journey.



LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

February 25	Diane Bruce, violin Brenda Day, piano
March 4	Ethan Draper, organ
March 11	Jordan Klotz, organ
March 18	Lyndon Ji, piano
March 25	Eleanor Rees, soprano

The Lenten Concert series will again be offered. Join us for some peace and calm in your day, each Wednesday of Lent. For only half an hour, refresh yourself with beautiful music for quiet reflection.

Admission is FREE!