

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN



"Lenten Labyrinth," by Mike Moyers, begins and ends with the dark path at the bottom—representing Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Themes depicted include covenant relationship, scripture, The Law, discipleship, betrayal, servanthood, readiness, patience, Christ's Passion, deliverance, abundance, provision, sacrifice, new life, and love.

February 22, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

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

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

The Haulenbeek Family

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

PRELUDE Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

All: **The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

All: **Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom shall you serve?

All: **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

*HYMN 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us we pray:

cover us with your grace,

feed us with the bread of life,

and re-create us in your image;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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. Dr. Fred G. Garry

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

During Lent, the Gloria is omitted as God's people reflect on the solemn, penitential nature of this season, in which we ask, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" The Gloria returns at Easter.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Amy Bertelsen Robles

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:1-11

Russ Dickow

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

ANTHEM We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Senior Choir

Undine Smith Moore

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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

SERMON

"Fighting Temptations"

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 775** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

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

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

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

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)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Unison

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 618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIS

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry, Moderator
Elders Charlie Day & Sandra Slobodien, Clerks of Session
Elder Bob Rosko, President of the Board of Trustees and
Elder Lori Kellner, Vice-President/Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Elder Brian Smith, Chair of Personnel Commission

CHARGE AND BLESSING

In keeping with the season of Lent, the postlude is omitted and will return at Easter.

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.

Undine Smith Moore was a composer, educator, and cultural advocate often called the “Dean of Black Women Composers.” She devoted much of her career to preserving and elevating African American spirituals through art music and choral settings. “We Shall Walk Through the Valley” draws on the spiritual tradition to express resilience and hope.

*Our greeter this morning is Nancy Regan, and the ushers are Joan Kenyon,
Reynolds Shaw, and Yunus Ruhukay.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Grace Hammesfahr in loving memory of her mother Margaretta McKnight, Jonathan Hollenbeck in loving memory of his parents Ralph and Darle Hollenbeck, and brother Chris Hollenbeck, and Ellen Van Horne in honor of her two mothers.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:1-11

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up^[a] as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

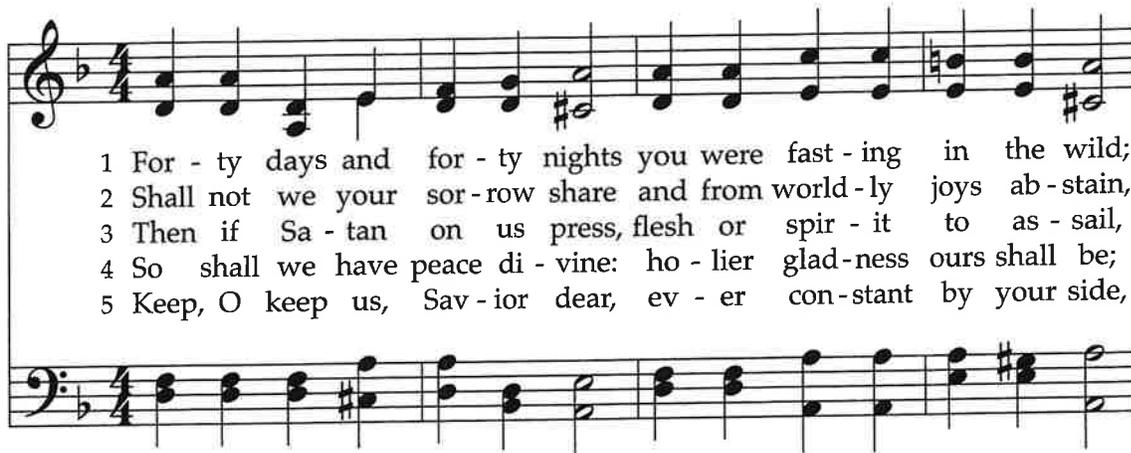
Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

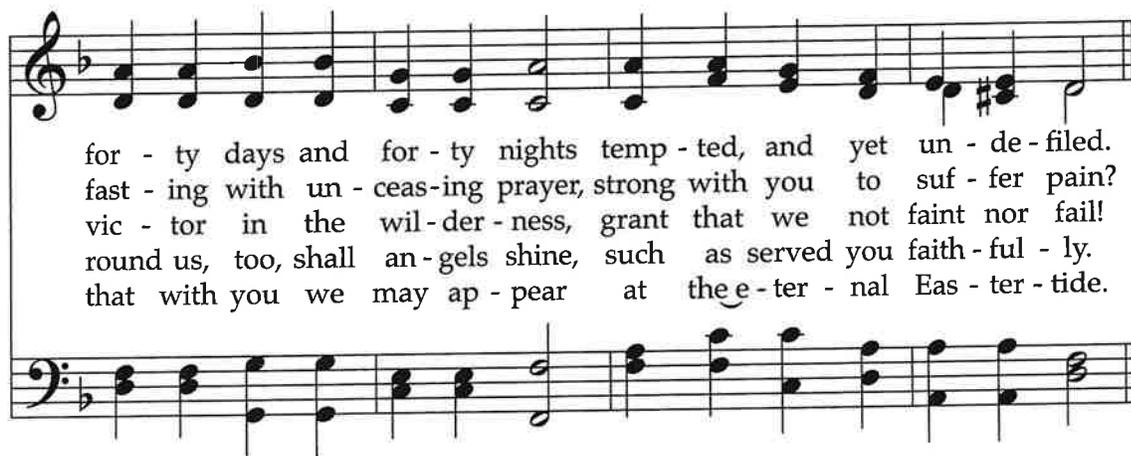
SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

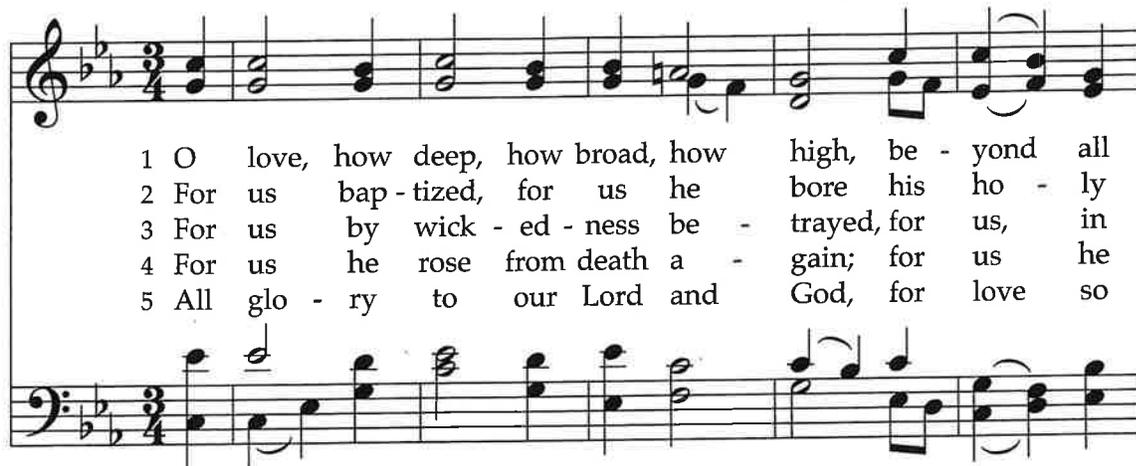
I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

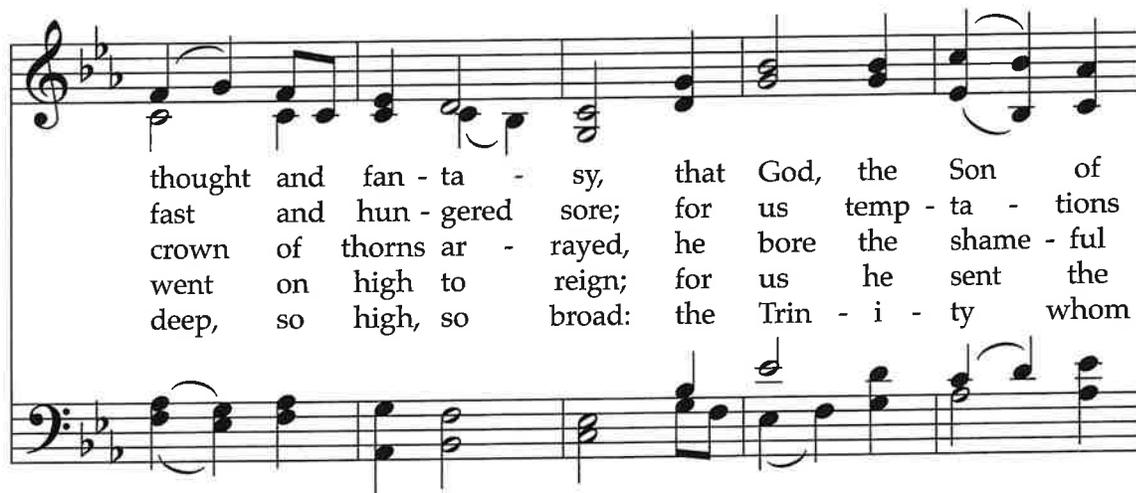
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

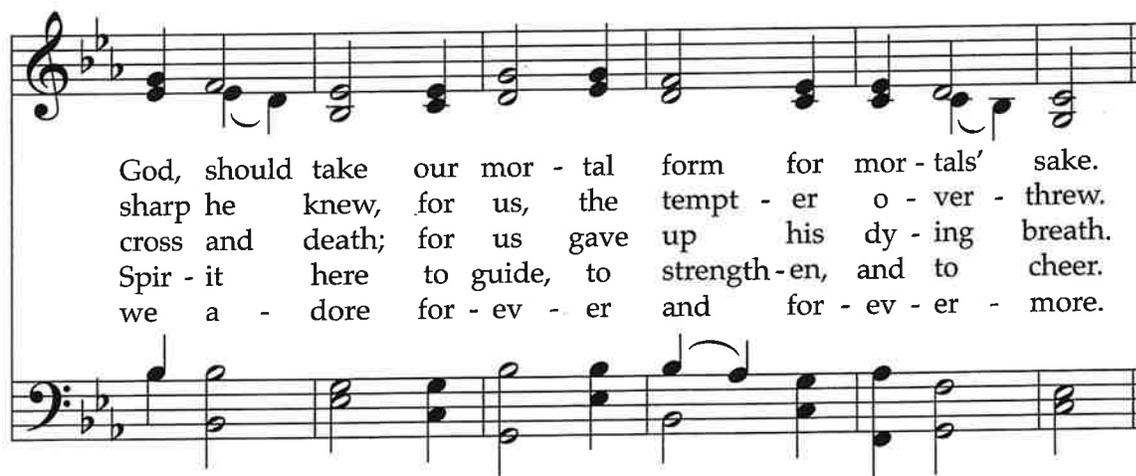
618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

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 (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)
*Lynne Angley
John Bertelsen and family (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
Brad (*friend of Ingrid Hammond*)
Linda Burr (*June Young's sister*)
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*)
Judy Coffey (*mother of Tracy Donahue*)
*Mary Kay Dangremond
Darla Dimatteo
George Doerbecker (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
*Ruth Endicott
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
*Judy Fuller
Marc Gale (*Marie Gale's husband*)
*Marie Gale
*Doris Gulotta
*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
*Margaret Hathaway
Jay and family (*friend of Ingrid Hammond*)
Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (*friend of the Hajjar family*)
*Susan Kozo
*Patricia Lagay
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*)
The Naan/Kowalski/Lepore families
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Lisa Qualben (*friend of Nancy Leardi*)
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
Cara Moskal Scacco (*niece of June Young*)
Karen Scoglio (*Kristina Scoglio's mother*)
*Lorraine Sheaffer
*Deb Sorensen
Katie Strittmatter (*friend of Kozo-Mollison family*)
Bud Wilson (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)
David Wong
*Lynn Hendricks Wong

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family of long-time member and former Deacon, Bill Nann, who passed away on February 15. A funeral and committal service was held yesterday.

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 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, FEBRUARY 22

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

Congregation & Corporation Meeting – After worship

2nd Hour: Psalms – Chapel 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Book Club – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

CARE Team – Office Conference Room 3:00 p.m.

Carol Choir – Choir Room 4:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Pastoral Bible Study – PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Concert – Sanctuary Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch and Games – Dining Room 12:30 -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, FEBRUARY 26

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, FEBRUARY 27

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Youth Day of Service – Social Center 9:00 a.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 J. Henry

Pastor Emeritus Rev. Robert A. Beringer

Parish Associate Rev. Dr. Glory J. Thomas

COMING SOON

- Mar 1 Baking Through the Bible – Kitchen – 9:40 am
- Mar 1 2nd Hour: Social Justice – Chapel – 10:30 am
- Mar 1 Organ Recital – Sanctuary – 1:00 pm
- Mar 2 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom – 6:00 pm
- Mar 3 1st 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
- Mar 10 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge – 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 10 Unicameral Board – Chapel/Zoom – 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 11 Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am
- Mar 11 Lenten Concert – Sanctuary – Noon - 12:30 pm
- Mar 12 Local Mission – Auditorium – 11:45 am
- Mar 12 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
- Mar 15 2nd Hour: A Fool’s Boast – Chapel – 10:30 am
- Mar 15 Youth Commission – PW Lounge – 10:30 am
- Mar 15 Community Dinner – Social Center – 5:00 pm

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received February 15

Pledge	\$ 19,495
Non-pledge	\$ 522
Per Capita	\$ 2,556
Memorial Music	\$ 500
Other funds	\$ 372

TOTAL: \$ 23,445

OTHER RECEIPTS \$750

(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!

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



- NOTICE -

**Meeting of the
Congregation and Corporation**

**First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
TODAY, 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.

**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**

Enjoy some time of fellowship after the Lenten concert. 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**



Our youth will 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!

FPC FAMILY SCOOP

All the information you need in one place!

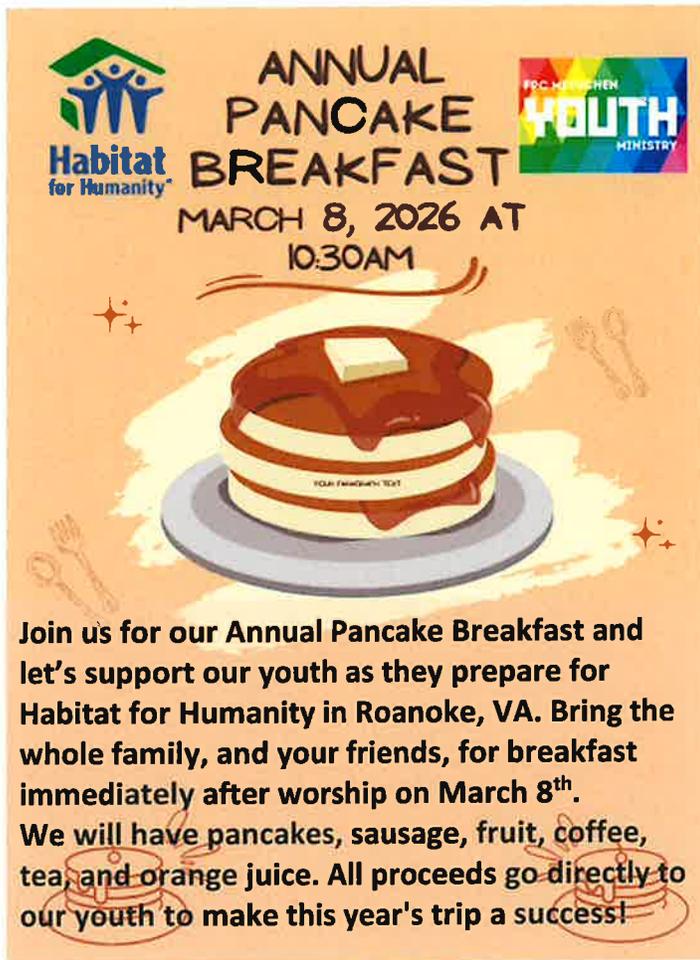
If you have a child or youth participating in any of our various programs, including music, THIS IS FOR YOU!

We are streamlining our 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, Jordan Klotz, or Nancy Leardi.





Habitat for Humanity

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MARCH 8, 2026 AT 10:30AM

FPC MEMPHIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for our Annual Pancake Breakfast and let's support our youth as they prepare for Habitat for Humanity in Roanoke, VA. Bring the whole family, and your friends, for breakfast immediately after worship on March 8th. We will have pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and orange juice. All proceeds go directly to our youth to make this year's trip a success!

Questions? Email Rev. Khayla kjohnson@fpcweb.org

The CARE Ministry thanks our Congregation for the 90 birthday cards for Rev. Beringer's 90th birthday, which were mailed to him, in addition to a Prayer Shawl.



Rev. Bob Beringer writes –

“Dear Friends in Christ, I write this letter to express my heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of your love in the shower of birthday greetings I received on my 90th! I just loved hearing from all of you, and I deeply appreciate the gift of the very beautiful prayer shawl.

Serving as Pastor of FPC was one of the greatest joys of my life! Together we faced many changes in our world and in our nation. Through it all, your love, your prayers, and your support made those years so very special for me. I never expected to reach my 90th year, but your lovely gift touched my heart in so many ways, and brought back so many good memories. Thank you all for such a gracious and thoughtful gift.

May God continue to bless all of you and your ministry.”



LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

**WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
IN THE SANCTUARY**

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 FREE Lenten Concert series kicks off this week. 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.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER MARCH 15, 5:00 PM SOCIAL CENTER DINING ROOM

It's St. Patrick's Day, and we are excited to serve for everyone's enjoyment corned beef and cabbage, vegetarian shepherd's pie, salad, rolls and butter, and a homemade dessert! Join us in community and fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We have a place for you!

If you are interested to volunteer, we welcome the extra hands – before, during and after the dinner. Please email Gilly McKie, gilly@mckie.com or call the church office.



Sunday, March 1st 10:30 a.m., Chapel

The Social Justice Committee invites you to an informative session and discussion to be led by the Rev. Dr. Shannon Smythe. She serves in a validated ministry of the Presbytery of the Coastlands and on the Social Witness and Restorative Justice Committee of the presbytery.

Learn about the situation at Delaney Hall in Newark, which is the largest immigration detention center on the East Coast, and ways to get involved to help immigrants in our community.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING AND FISH BANKS



Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we become the household of God. We extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat.

By bringing home a Fish Bank you allow your children to be part of One Great Hour of Sharing while training them to be caring and generous givers to work for a better world. Fish Banks may be picked up at the Narthex, GLOW Room or the CE office. Please take one (or more) for your family for coin collections for the 2026 One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Fish Banks will be collected on March 29, Palm Sunday. Let's be generous in sharing to others.



Pathway to Easter: A Simple Family Practice

We invite our families to pick up their Lenten kit from the Narthex.

What is the Lenten kit and why does it matter?

With this kit, you and your family together will fill the path with words and stones that tell the story of Jesus' journey—and your family's walk of faith alongside Him.

This visual practice helps children and adults alike reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. Faith becomes something they can see, touch, and remember, not just hear about. It also gently builds the rhythm of daily Scripture reading and conversation, without pressure or perfection.

Your Christian Education office has Lenten resources for all ages to borrow. You will find them outside the GLOW room. Other faith at home resources are available from PC (USA): Lent at Home Family Devotional. Simply go to <https://pcusa.org/resource/lent-home-family-devotional>

The Middlesex Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents:

Hear the pipe organ with instrumentalists and singers as our members and their guests perform

ORGAN+

Sunday, March 1

3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
270 Woodbridge Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Free and open to the public