

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN



Women at the Empty Tomb, fresco by Fra Angelico, (circa 1395–1455)

**April 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
Resurrection 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

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

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GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

Leksmana Leonard & Isabella Novsima

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

PRELUDE Christ Lag In Todesbanden
An Easter Celebration
Toccata on O Filii et Filiae

Covenant Ringers

harm. J.S. Bach
arr. Robin Benton
Lynwood Farnam

WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness prevailed upon the land;

All: But the light of the morning has come.

Leader: The wounds of Jesus upon the cross are healed;

All: He has overcome the grave and lives!

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, hear our prayer of confession and adoration.

In our words, in our deeds, in our thoughts and prayers

We have lived in the fear of Good Friday and not the joy of Easter.

When we linger in shame, or wring our hands in worry

We remained in Gethsemane and not sought the empty tomb.

For the days we lived without hope when hope was all about you

Forgive us and make us ready to live unto the resurrection.

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy up on us.

Christ, have mercy up on us.

Lord, have mercy up on us.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

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

All: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA**

Glo - ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. World with-out end. A - men! A - men!

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM The Lord Is Risen! Carol Choir & Junior Choir Helen Kemp

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
Nursery care is available in Rm. 107. Children in Pre-K to 4th grade will exit to the GLOW Room. Parents may pick up their children in the GLOW Room after worship.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10 Janet Aspinwall & Denny Pangemanan
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Let Everything That Hath Breath Senior Choir Jeffrey Ames

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Resurrection Makes You Better" Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 246** Christ is Alive! TRURO

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Khayla Johnson

OFFERTORY Engkaulah Segalanya Indonesian Fellowship Choir Dennis Jernigan

***DOXOLOGY 609** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus, fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Khayla Henry & Rev. Leksmana Leonard

All are invited to receive the bread and the cup by coming forward. A server will hand you a piece of bread, which you will dip into the cup. Our servers sanitize their hands before serving. A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table; please ask a server for assistance.

COMMUNION HYMN 511 I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: **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.

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

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.

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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 ANTHEM Blessed Be the God and Father
Senior Choir

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN 826 Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony for Organ No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

*Special thanks to our Easter Brass Ensemble: Bruce Kung, trumpet; Alyx Martos, horn;
Isaac Schenider, trombone; and Andrew Hildinger, trombone.*

*Our greeters are Johanna Hoecker and the Gray family, and our ushers are Betty Kopetz, Lorraine LeSter,
Beth Russian, Yunus Ruhukay, Reynolds Shaw, and Bill Volz.*

Serving communion are MaryAnn Eide, Arthur Jemmy, Lori Kellner, and Wendy Kukowski.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Lester Sheaffer for his birthday,
with love from his wife Lorraine and children.*

*We are grateful for the Easter lilies and tulips that brighten our worship space,
donated by members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!

Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."

Then they remembered that he had said this. So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Matius 28:1-10

Setelah hari Sabat lewat, menjelang menyingsingnya fajar pada hari pertama minggu itu, pergilah Maria Magdalena dan Maria yang lain, menengok kubur itu. Maka terjadilah gempa bumi yang hebat sebab seorang malaikat Tuhan turun dari langit dan datang ke batu itu dan menggulingkannya lalu duduk di atasnya. Wajahnya bagaikan kilat dan pakaiannya putih bagaikan salju. Dan penjaga-penjaga itu gentar ketakutan dan menjadi seperti orang-orang mati. Akan tetapi malaikat itu berkata kepada perempuan-perempuan itu: "Janganlah kamu takut; sebab aku tahu kamu mencari Yesus yang disalibkan itu. Ia tidak ada di sini, sebab Ia telah bangkit, sama seperti yang telah dikatakan-Nya. Mari, lihatlah tempat Ia berbaring. Dan segeralah pergi dan katakanlah kepada murid-murid-Nya bahwa Ia telah bangkit dari antara orang mati. Ia mendahului kamu ke Galilea; di sana kamu akan melihat Dia. Sesungguhnya aku telah mengatakannya kepadamu." Mereka segera pergi dari kubur itu, dengan takut dan dengan sukacita yang besar dan berlari cepat-cepat untuk memberitahunya kepada murid-murid Yesus. Tiba-tiba Yesus berjumpa dengan mereka dan berkata: "Salam bagimu." Mereka mendekati-Nya dan memeluk kaki-Nya serta menyembah-Nya. Maka kata Yesus kepada mereka: "Jangan takut. Pergi dan katakanlah kepada saudara-saudara-Ku, supaya mereka pergi ke Galilea, dan di sanalah mereka akan melihat Aku."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 24:1-12

Tetapi pagi-pagi benar pada hari pertama minggu itu mereka pergi ke kubur membawa rempah-rempah yang telah disediakan mereka. Mereka mendapati batu sudah terguling dari kubur itu, dan setelah masuk mereka tidak menemukan mayat Tuhan Yesus. Sementara mereka berdiri termangu-mangu karena hal itu, tiba-tiba ada dua orang berdiri dekat mereka memakai pakaian yang berkilau-kilauan. Mereka sangat ketakutan dan menundukkan kepala, tetapi kedua orang itu berkata kepada mereka: "Mengapa kamu mencari Dia yang hidup, di antara orang mati? Ia tidak ada di sini, Ia telah bangkit. Ingatlah apa yang dikatakan-Nya kepada kamu, ketika Ia masih di Galilea, yaitu bahwa Anak Manusia harus diserahkan ke tangan orang-orang berdosa dan disalibkan, dan akan bangkit pada hari yang ketiga." Maka teringatlah mereka akan perkataan Yesus itu. Dan setelah mereka kembali dari kubur, mereka menceritakan semuanya itu kepada kesebelas murid dan kepada semua saudara yang lain. Perempuan-perempuan itu ialah Maria dari Magdala, dan Yohana, dan Maria ibu Yakobus. Dan perempuan-perempuan lain juga yang bersama-sama dengan mereka memberitahunya kepada rasul-rasul. Tetapi bagi mereka perkataan-perkataan itu seakan-akan omong kosong dan mereka tidak percaya kepada perempuan-perempuan itu. Sungguhpun demikian Petrus bangun, lalu cepat-cepat pergi ke kubur itu. Ketika ia menjenguk ke dalam, ia melihat hanya kain kapan saja. Lalu ia pergi, dan ia bertanya dalam hatinya apa yang kiranya telah terjadi.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

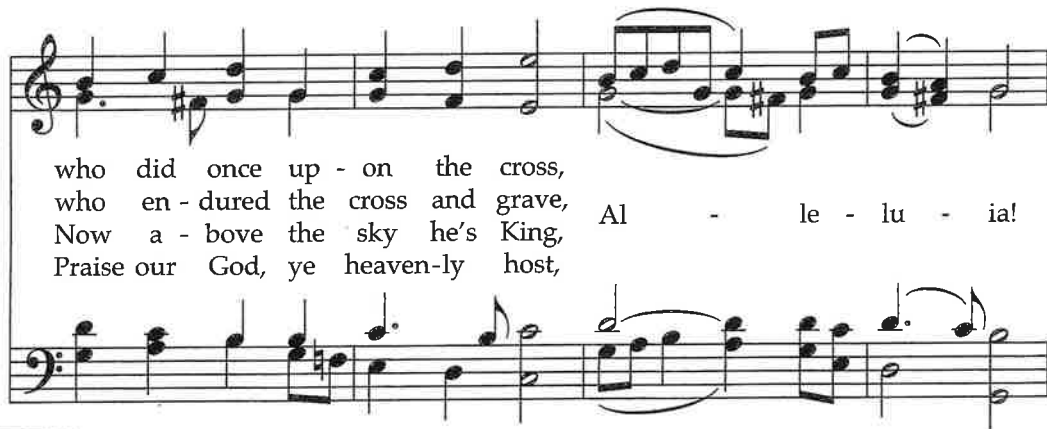
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



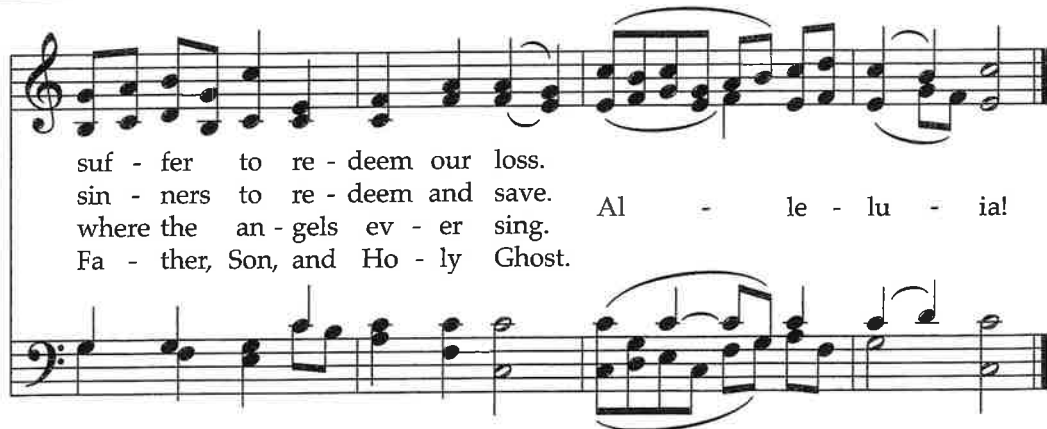
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

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).

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

We thank our friends and members of the congregation for the Easter plants that adorn our Sanctuary.

GIVEN BY	IN LOVING MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	IN GRATITUDE
Dawn Adam	Irene Adam Steve Adam William Gonzalez Angela Hernandez Joseph Kowalczyk Deanna Rogers		
Mark & Ann Behrens	Our Parents	Our Family	
Amy & Pete Bellisano	Joan Senese Don & Ruth Hume Angelina & Peter Bellisano, Sr.	Lt. Col. Matthew McQueeney	
The Bourne Family	Helen Creitz Jay Woloshen Jennifer Freeman		
Carol Carr		Amy Bellisano LindaLee Mundy Nancy Leardi	
Russ & Maggie Dickow	Alice & Ray Dickow Bob Bass Madlyn Bass		
Ernie Docs	Rosalind Docs Albert & Elizabeth Docs Albert Docs, Jr.	Clergy and Staff of FPC	
The Donahue Family	Judith W. Coffey		
The Draper Family	Ernest L. Draper, Sr. William Arthur Cabbage, Jr. Jackie Draper Byczko		
Marie Freeman	Elizabeth & Harry Mullaney		
The Garcia Family	Pura Pensado Clare Pensado		
Ryan, Jack & Alex Hale	Richard and Ruth Hale	Bob and Linda Hale	
Susan & Thomas Hammer	Our Parents		
Grace Hammesfahr	Ernest J. Hammesfahr Grace Howe Col. David T. & Grace McKnight Dave & Margaretta McKnight Ernest & Lillian Hammesfahr George & Madeline McKnight Spargo		
The Hammond Family	GG		
Sue Harmon & George LaTorre	Phyllis & Arthur Harmon Connie & Dominic LaTorre		
The Harmon Family	Justin Harmon		
Mark & Ellen Haulenbeek	Anna & John Simon Frances & Jacob Haulenbeek		
Marie Hoffsommer		Heidi Hoffsommer	

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Lin Hrycenko	Mike Hrycenko Karen Protopapas		
June Keebler and family	Jim Keebler Ruth and Howard Bowers Helen and Herman Keebler		
Emily Kertscher	Harry Kertscher Cheryl Venable Emily and Walter Weber		
Betty Kopetz	Jill Kopetz Bill Kopetz	Nancy Leardi	Deb Teall
Karen Kowalski	Aunti and Carol Kowalski		
Wendy Kukowski	Oscar Zanoni Anne Kukowski Grasso		
The Lacson Family	Lydia & Onofre Sague Pacita & Carlos Lacson Ira Lacson Ken Naparsteck		
Grandchildren TJ & Madison	George Ladd		
LindaLee & Jonathan Mundy	BarbaraLee & Fred Runyon Irma Kerrison		
The O'Neills	Robert O'Neill Eric Vowinkel		
Cathy & Gary Ostermueller	Gerrie Bishop		
Mary Jane & Sax Palmeter	Jack & Peg Turner Saxon & Jane Palmeter		
The Pennix Family	Joyce Vargo Doris Ramsay Hector Ramsay Byron Hayden		
Karen Rubarski	Michael S. Rubarski Capt. Richard W. Herold		
The Ryder Family		Our Church Family	
Kristina Scoglio	Millie Reeder Janet Osak	Karen Scoglio	The Hajjar Family
Lorraine Sheaffer	Lester E. Sheaffer, Sr.		
Deb Teall	Carol Frank		Betty Kopetz
The Thompson Family	Elaine Luther Carl & Scarlett Woolver Bill & Patricia Thompson David Thompson Cindy Thompson		
The Trolaro Family	Benedetto Muggeo Jean Montanari		
Diane Tropila	The Tropila family Other Loved Ones		
Sue West	Dave West		
June Young	C. Jerry Young Doris Moskal	Christine Young Helmstetter	

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*)
*Fred Bergholz
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*)
Sophie Culton (*friend of the Reed family*)
*Mary Kay Dangremond
Darla Dimatteo
George Doerbecker (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
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
*Noah Haulenbeek
Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (*friend of the Hajjar family*)

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

*Susan Kozo
*Patricia Lagay
Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
*Ed Meyer
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
Joseph Neupauer (*Marie Hoffsommer's brother*)
Alvin Newton (*Virginia Shaw's brother*)
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Lisa Qualben (*friend of Nancy Leardi*)
Diane Riddle
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
Cara Moskal Scacco (*niece of June Young*)
Johanne Servil (*friend of Margo Gunsser*)
*Lorraine Sheaffer
*Deb Sorensen
Katie Strittmatter (*friend of Kozo-Mollison family*)
Art Wegg
Bud Wilson (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)
David Wong
*Lynn Hendricks Wong

PASTORAL CARE:

If you or a family member is in the hospital, please contact 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:

Jeremy B. – US Air Force, Currently deployed (*Son of Andrene Pennix's co-worker*)
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*)
Lt. Col. Matthew McQueeney, USAF, Pilot and D.O., deployed (*Son/Stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)
LT John Alexander Petr, U. S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Pennix Family friend*)
Mark Robinson, 82nd Airborne Division, deployed (*son of Steve and Moggie Davis's 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, APRIL 5

Easter Sunrise Service – Cemetery 7:00 a.m.

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

Easter Egg Hunt – Front Lawn 10:30 a.m.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge 11:00 a.m.

Deacons Meeting – Chapel 7:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room 7:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Local Mission – Auditorium 11:45 a.m.

Mission Commission – PW Lounge 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

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

- Apr 12 2nd Hour: Disability - Chapel – 10:30 am
- Apr 12 Community Dinner – Social Center – 5:00 pm
- Apr 14 Personnel Comm – Zoom – 7:30 pm
- Apr 15 B & G – PW Lounge – 8:00 am
- Apr 15 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm
- Apr 16 Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium – 7:00 pm
- Apr 16 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
- Apr 19 Youth Commission – PW Lounge – 10:30 am
- Apr 19 Midnight on the Water – Sanctuary – 7:00 pm
- Apr 21 Unicameral Board – Chapel/Zoom – 7:30 pm
- Apr 20-23 Spring Rummage Sale Set-up – See flyer
- Apr 24 Spring Rummage Sale – Social Center
– 4:00 to 8:00 pm
- Apr 25 Spring Rummage Sale – Social Center
– 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received March 29

Pledge	\$ 6,935
Non-pledge	\$ 310
Loose Plate	\$ 413
Per Capita	\$ 445
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,325
Other funds	\$ 270

TOTAL: \$ 9,698

OTHER RECEIPTS \$415

(Building 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

Easter Egg Hunt

TODAY, April 5th

11:00-11:30 a.m.

Church Front Lawn

We invite our families to join us in the front lawn after worship for the traditional egg hunt. Families are encouraged to walk their child onto the lawn.



Johnsonburg
Camp & Retreat Center



PW's Nancy's Campership is for FPC youth entering grades 1 to 12 attending Camp Johnsonburg this summer.

As you plan for summer camps, take advantage of Nancy's Camperships by filling out a form available in the Narthex, Church office, or look for and download from our website the application for campership
[:https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/](https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/)

Camperships are given in memory of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis, an advocate for Camp Johnsonburg. To learn more about the 2026 Summer camp offerings of Camp Johnsonburg, visit <https://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/>.

FORMS ARE DUE ON MAY 27, Wednesday.

This is YOUR year!



Could 2026 be YOUR year to serve our church?

Do you see yourself serving as an Elder, Deacon, Audit Committee, All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC), Youth Elder, Youth Deacon, or on any of our many Commissions and Committees?

The ACNC is beginning the search to fill many positions within our church and we need your help. We need your voice, and we need your God-given gifts to continue our impact in the community, and grow our outreach. Are you ready to lend your time and talents to serve our church?

We would love to hear from you.

Contact Carol Carr (908) 930-6748 or the church office for more information or to volunteer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, April 8

7:30 a.m.

Social Center Dining Room
Salty eggs, bacon and lively, relevant conversations continue around the table. SEE YOU!



FREE

COMMUNITY DINNER

APRIL 12, 5:00 PM

SOCIAL CENTER DINING ROOM

Join us in community and fellowship this month as we serve a meal with Asian flare. There will be Asian BBQ chicken, veggies, rice, crisp Asian slaw, and a homemade dessert.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We have a place for you!

We can always use the extra hands – before, during and after the dinner.

Please email Gilly McKie, gilly@mckie.com or call the church office.



Save the date!

Children entering grades 1-10 are invited to attend FPC's first ever Summer Choir and Music Camp, Monday, August 10 to Friday, August 14. More details to come.

JOIN US!

Music Ministry Gala

Saturday, May 9, 6:00 PM | Tickets: \$50
First Presbyterian Church Social Center

Live music, wine, hors d'oeuvres, plus a silent auction & 50/50 raffle!



Save the date for a special evening planned by our Music Ministry.

Presbyterian Women 2026 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

April 24, Friday
4:00 – 8:00 PM



April 25, Saturday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Start cleaning out your closets— it's time for the Spring Rummage Sale!

**WE WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS! PLEASE NOTE
THE DROP-OFF TIMES WHEN THEY WILL BE
ACCEPTED:**

April 20-22 Monday & Wednesday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday only, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

April 23 Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM ONLY

PLEASE NOTE: Old TVs and computers will **NOT** be accepted; please contact your local Department of Public Works for correct disposal. We welcome hangers and shopping bags.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO VOLUNTEER?

As with all rummage sales, volunteers are the heart of each and contribute to the success of the rummage sale.

Volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm to receive donations, sort and set up and during sale hours on Friday night and Saturday. Friday dinner will be provided to all volunteers at 3 pm before the sale begins. Saturday our traditional Hot Dog Lunch will be served!

Volunteer Perks: Purchase in advance before we open to the community!



PW is partnering with Help Others Mission, a local non-profit, and PICKUP PLEASE.

At the end of the sale, all charitable donations will go to Help Others Mission, to benefit the Metuchen Fire Department, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

CONTACT US: Cindy O'Neill mimabook@aol.com or Lori Kellner lgkellner@gmail.com

