

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN



"The Visitation" by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1866

May 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
5th Sunday of Easter

**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

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(732) 491-2300

GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

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

PRELUDE 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

Concord Ringers

Anna Laura Page

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise God in the sanctuary.

All: Praise God in the earth and skies.

Leader: We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

All: We have seen the Lord's greatness.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

All: Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

*HYMN 33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

Merciful God, we confess we are not the people you hope us to be.

The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule.

The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate.

We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.

Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us.

May we open our hearts to the God who is with us,

and receive the gifts which have been offered to us. Thanks be to God. 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 J. Henry

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*** 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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Leardi

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Pre-K through 5th grade will exit to the GLOW Room.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 150 (Old Testament page 577) Jan Margolis & Bridget Sanger
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Simple Gifts

Senior Choir

Mack Wilberg

Helen Burr-Cackowski, flute; Jonathan Skobel, piccolo

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-45

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

SERMON

"Courage to Love"

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 324** For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

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

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 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

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. Khayla J. Henry

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***RESPONSE HYMN 399** God Welcomes All (*sing twice*)

THEMBA AMEN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Khayla Henry & Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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

COMMUNION HYMN 241 Woman, Weeping in the Garden

KINGDOM

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.
Amin.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE SHARING OF BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

*HYMN 346 For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS (Wade)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE Toccata on Old Hundredth

Michael Burkhardt

*Our greeter this morning is Lori Kellner, and the ushers are Andrene Sinclair-Pennix,
Beth Russian, and Bill Volz.*

Serving communion are Lorraine LeSter, Drew McCulley, Nancy Regan, and Sue West.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Elaine Hansen given in loving memory of her husband, Art, and
from Kenneth, Richard and Valerie given in loving memory of their mother, Marion Guthjahr.*

The flowers in the Niche are given in loving memory of Dee Bonner for her birthday today, from her family.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing
greatness!

Praise him with a trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with a clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise
the Lord! Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Mazmur 150

Haleluya!

Pujilah Allah dalam tempat kudus-Nya!

Pujilah Dia dalam cakrawala-Nya yang kuat!

Pujilah Dia karena segala keperkasaan-Nya,

pujilah Dia sesuai dengan kebesaran-Nya yang hebat!

Pujilah Dia dengan tiupan sangkakala,

pujilah Dia dengan gambus dan kecapi!

Pujilah Dia dengan rebana dan tari-tarian,

pujilah Dia dengan permainan kecapi dan seruling!

Pujilah Dia dengan ceracap yang berdenting,

pujilah Dia dengan ceracap yang berdentang!

Biarlah segala yang bernafas memuji Tuhan!

Haleluya!

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 1:39-45

Beberapa waktu kemudian berangkatlah Maria dan langsung berjalan ke pegunungan menuju sebuah kota di Yehuda. Di situ ia masuk ke rumah Zakharia dan memberi salam kepada Elisabet. Dan ketika Elisabet mendengar salam Maria, melonjaklah anak yang di dalam rahimnya dan Elisabet pun penuh dengan Roh Kudus, lalu berseru dengan suara nyaring: "Diberkatilah engkau di antara semua perempuan dan diberkatilah buah rahimmu. Siapakah aku ini sampai ibu Tuhanku datang mengunjungi aku? Sebab sesungguhnya, ketika salammu sampai kepada telingaku, anak yang di dalam rahimku melonjak kegirangan. Dan berbahagialah ia, yang telah percaya, sebab apa yang dikatakan kepadanya dari Tuhan, akan terlaksana.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,


an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."


324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b




1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b




days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^b7 E^b Cm




all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
 ¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
 cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -

on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
 nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.

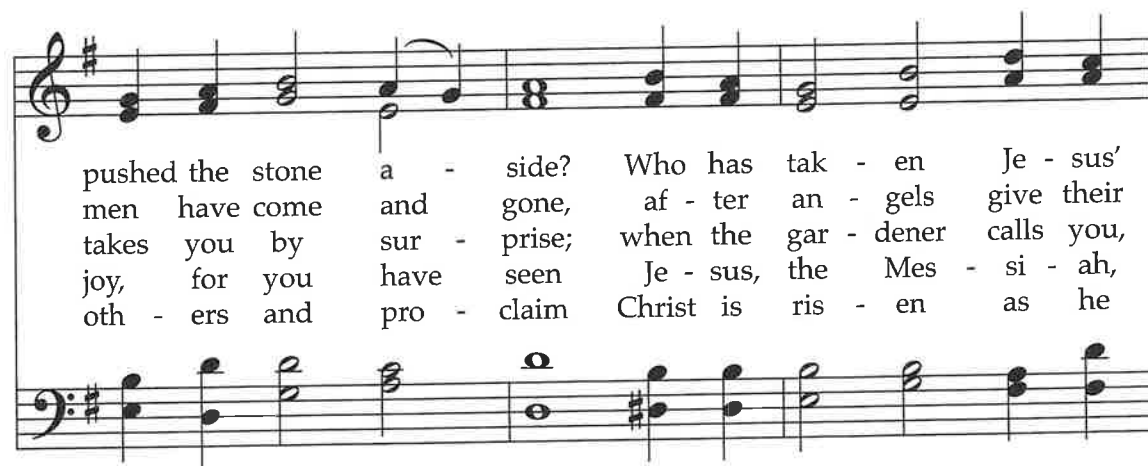
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
 O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.

work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
 Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

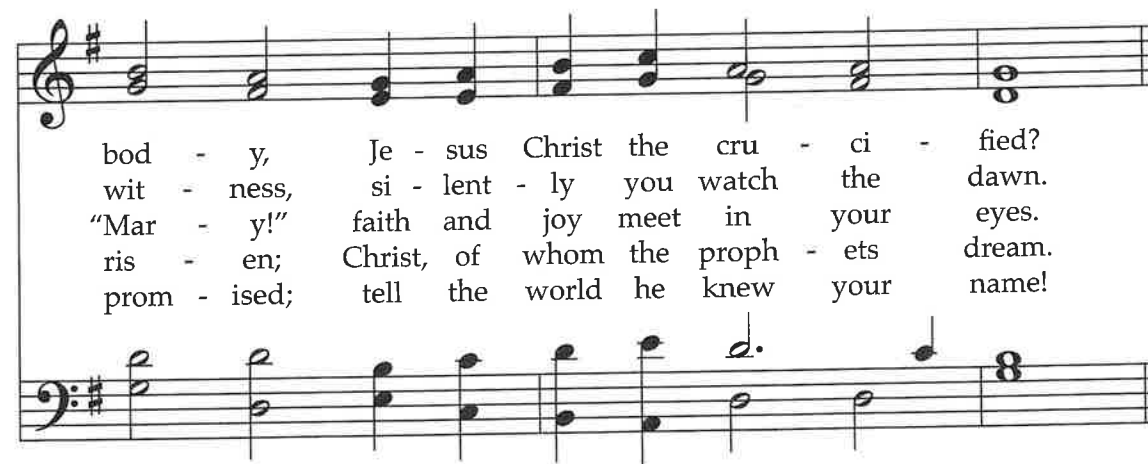
Woman, Weeping in the Garden 241



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



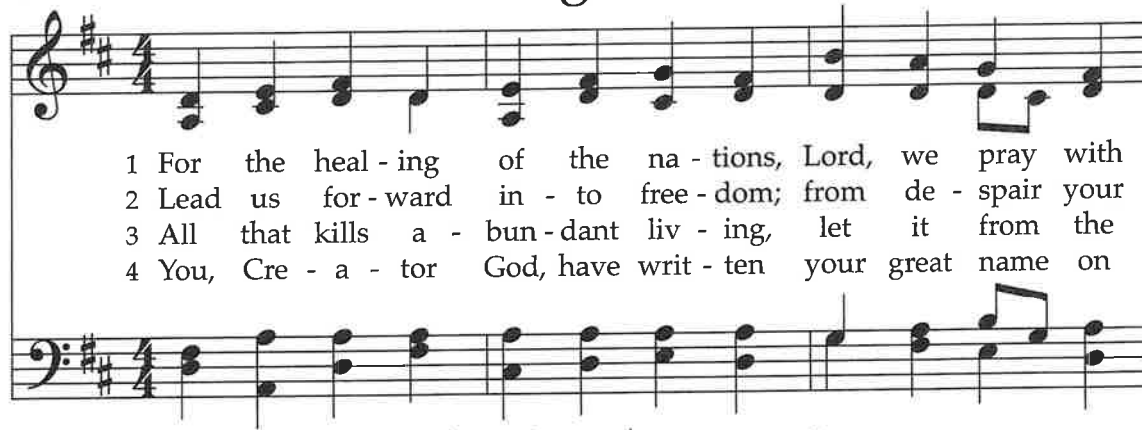
pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - dener calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



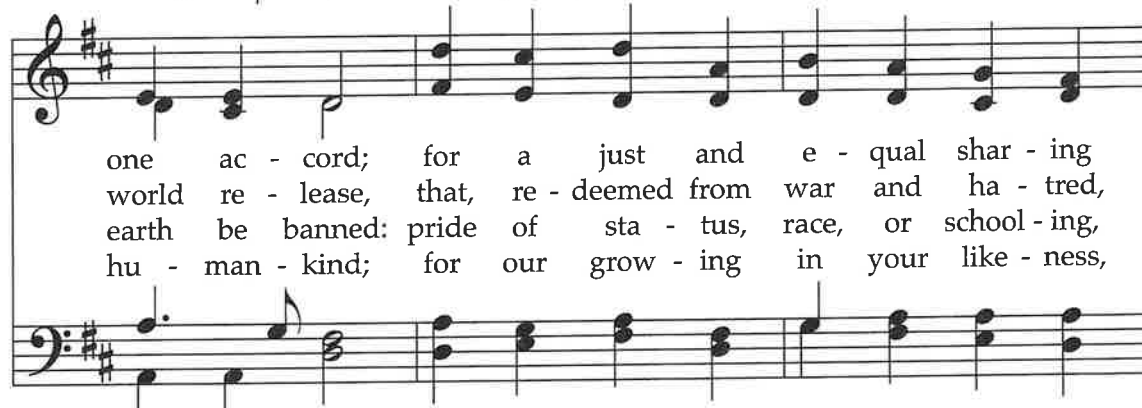
bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

This hymn focuses on Mary Magdalene, the first witness to Christ's Resurrection (John 20:1-18). Her frame of mind turns from sorrow and apprehension to joy and proclamation in the middle stanza when the supposed gardener calls her by name, and she recognizes the risen Christ.

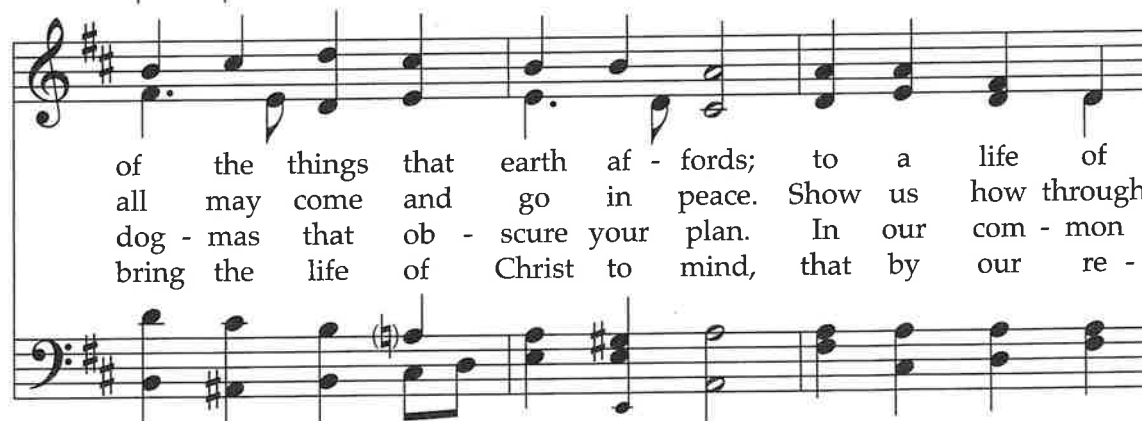
346 For the Healing of the Nations



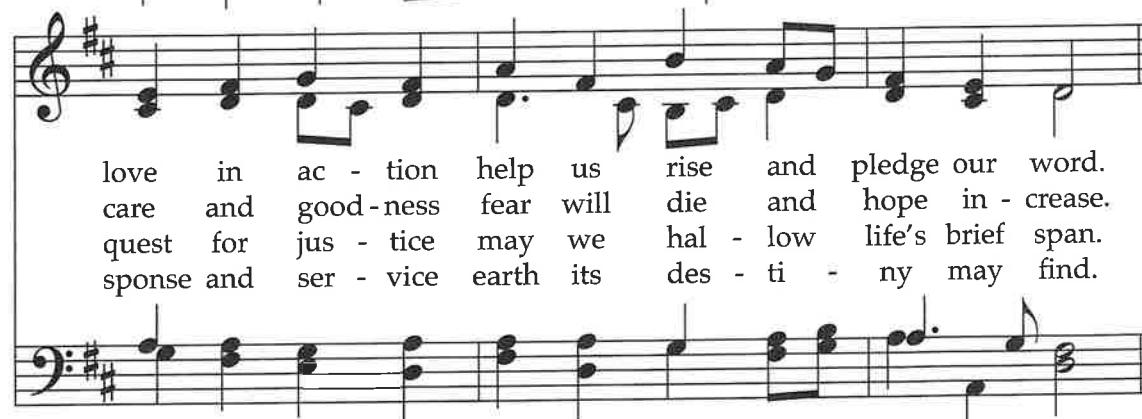
1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on



one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,



of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -



love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

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 Anglely
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*)
*Abby Kozo
*Brad Keller

*Susan Kozo
*Patricia Lagay
Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
Joseph Neupauer (*Marie Hoffsommer's brother*)
Alvin Newton (*Virginia Shaw's brother*)
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Diane Riddle
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)
*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

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

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, Chicago, IL (*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, MAY 3

Worship Service - Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Commission – PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
 After Worship Refreshments – Chapel 10:30 a.m.
 Community Dinner – Social Center 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/ Zoom 6:00 p.m.
 DBSA Support Group – Chapel 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Carol Choir – Choir Room 4:00 p.m.
 First Tuesday – GLOW Room 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
 Deacons Meeting – Dining Room 7:30 p.m.
 Support Group – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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, MAY 7

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, MAY 8

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Mother’s Day Car Wash – Church Parking Lot
 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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

May 10 Lego Sunday
 May 12 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge - 11:00 am
 May 12 Unicameral Board – Dining Room/Zoom – 7:30 pm
 May 13 Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am
 May 13 Pastoral Bible Study resumes
 May 14 Local Mission – Auditorium – 11:45 am
 May 14 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
 May 16 Social Justice Movie Night – Sanctuary – 7:00 pm
 May 17 2nd Hour: Capital Campaign – Sanctuary – 10:30 am
 May 20 Finance Comm – Office Conference Rm – 7:00 pm
 May 20 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm
 May 27 B & G – PW Lounge – 8:00 am

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received April 26

Pledge	\$ 4,385
Non-pledge	\$ 265
Per Capita	\$ 420
Cash	\$ 143
Blankets & Tools	\$ 2,065
Other funds	\$ 43

TOTAL: \$ 7,331

OTHER RECEIPTS \$947

(Parking and Bldg. Rental)

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

CINCO DE MAYO

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Today, May 3, 5:00 p.m.
Social Center Dining Room

Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on tacos for Cinco de Mayo - a choice of beef or chicken, and toppings such as corn salad, rice and beans, and Mexican brownies and ice cream for dessert.



We have a place at the table for you.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Catch the bug this summer!

2026 Vacation Bible Camp



JUNE 29 to July 3, 2026

9:00 to 11:45 am

For children K to 6th Grade (by Fall 2026)

Summer will soon be here, and so will our VBC! Registration is now ongoing. Scan the QR code to sign up your kids!



HORIZON BIBLE STUDY

Finding our Identity: Remembering Jesus' Baptism

Monday, May 4th

6:00 pm in the PW Lounge / Zoom

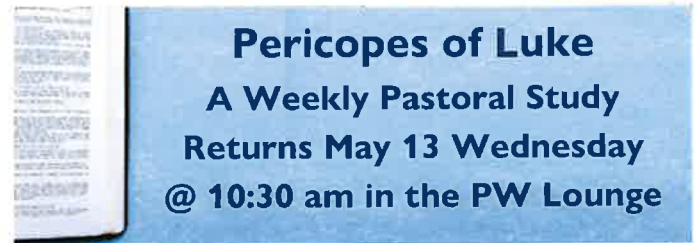
This month's study takes us to the story of Jesus' baptism found in all four gospels. The lesson defines our identity as "God's own children charged to serve faithfully, justify, and lovingly," an identity established in our baptism.

Lesson 8 of the Horizon Bible study as well as the Zoom link may be found in the resources page of our website:

<https://fpcweb.org/resources/study-resources/>

Questions?

Contact Deb Teall debteallditor@gmail.com



Pericopes of Luke

A Weekly Pastoral Study

Returns May 13 Wednesday

@ 10:30 am in the PW Lounge

The weekly Bible Study with Rev. Garry returns soon! **May 13** is when the weekly Pastoral study on the Pericopes of Luke returns.

SECOND HOUR: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Sunday, May 17th 10:30 am

in the Sanctuary

For over 300 years, First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen has been used by God to make a meaningful impact on our community and beyond. But we know that there is more that we can do to fulfill our mission. Over the past several months, our church leadership has been developing a new vision to help guide us into our future. This vision includes projects that would require that we engage in a capital campaign.

Please join the capital campaign leadership team for a congregational informational session after worship on Sunday, May 17 in the sanctuary.



MOTHER'S DAY CAR WASH

**May 9th, Saturday
9:00 am to Noon
Church Parking Lot**

Join us this Mother's Day weekend for a special Car Wash Fundraiser to support our Habitat for Humanity youth trip! Give our youth a chance to add sparkle to your cars as they wash cars while raising funds to help us serve communities in need.

Bring your car, invite your friends, and celebrate Mom by giving back to a great cause. Donations are appreciated, and every contribution helps us get one step closer to building homes and hope. Thank you for your support!



For those attending Camp Johnsonburg this summer, PW is again offering Nancy's Camperships for FPC youth entering grades 1 to 12 in the Fall. Camperships are given in memory of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis, an advocate for Camp Johnsonburg. To learn more about the 2026 Summer camp offerings, you may visit <https://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/>.

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

FORMS ARE DUE ON MAY 27, Wednesday.

FPC METUCHEN



August 10-14, 2026

Give your child a week of exceptional, and joyful music-making program this summer. Choose from:
Young Voices Track **Entering Grades 1 – 3**
9:00 am – 1:00 pm \$75/child, includes snacks
After Care 1:00 – 3:00 pm \$75/child (on request)

Choir and Bells Track **Entering Grades 4 – 10**
9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Mon. – Thurs.), 1:00 pm (Fri.)
\$150/child, includes lunch and snacks

Register by May 15 to enjoy a \$25 early-bird discount. Families registering more than one child also receive a discount.

A faculty of music professionals, teachers, and dedicated volunteers will lead the camp. Pick up a brochure to learn more of what this camp has to offer.

Registration is open.
Simply scan this QR code to register.



CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2026

**A special note to the Class of 2026:
Congratulations on your achievement!**

We will be recognizing all graduating seniors from high school, college, or graduate studies in worship on June 7.

The list of graduates will be published in our next Parish News. Please send in the names by June 1st and we ask that you also provide the following information with the church office by emailing: Heather Koball hkoball@fpcweb.org and/or Vicky Lacson vlacson@fpcweb.org:

- Name of the graduate
- Completed study
- School
- Future plans