



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

May 24, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

**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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(732) 491-2300

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT Spirit of the Living God

Senior Choir

Daniel Iverson

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 72, adapted

Leader: On this day I will call unto God;

All: On this day our hearts are ready to listen.

Leader: On this day I will give praise and thanksgiving.

All: On this day we trust in the Lord and forevermore.

Leader: Come and worship the Lord our God.

All: We will shout with joy and praise.

***HYMN 277** Hail Thee, Festival Day!

SALVE FESTA DIES

***OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison**

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

What is the spirit we possess?

Is the spirit we trust born of fear?

Can we imagine the courage to give without expectation?

Can we forgive without the need of shame?

Help us to find the kingdom of God here and now;

Help us to live unto joy today.

Keep us looking to where your spirit leads;

Let us see the world in the light of your holiness.

Give us a loving spirit; give us your Holy Spirit.

God of grace, 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

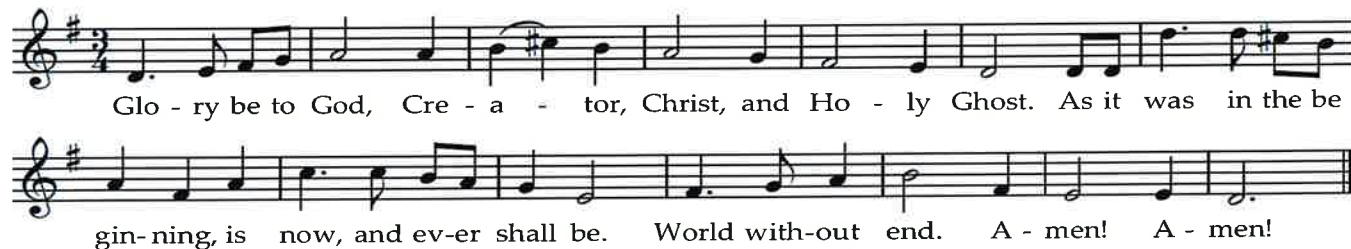
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 (New Testament page 141)

Gary Ostermueller

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

ANTHEM As the Wind Song

Senior Choir

Carol Lynn Mizell

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:20-37 (New Testament page 80)

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

SERMON

“Trust Makes You Better”

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 361** O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

***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**

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

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 291** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE

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

The sanctuary flowers are given by:

- *Grace Hammesfahr in loving memory of her parents, Nell & Dave McKnight,*
- *Izzy, Melissa, Madison and Mia with love and in loving memory of Pura Pensado, and*
- *Merry Matlock, her sister Rebecca Britton and her brothers Steven Johnson and David Johnson in loving memory of their mother, Muriel Johnson.*

The flowers in the Niche are given by Sue Harmon to honor and remember all the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom.

Our greeter this morning is June Young, and the ushers are Tom Giordano, Wendy Kukowski, and Gilly McKie.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:20-37

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." Then he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, 'Look there!' or 'Look here!' Do not go; do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so, too, it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed all of them; it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away, and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left." Then they asked him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the eagles will gather."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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Capo 5: (C) (G7) (Am)(D7) (G) (C) (D7) (G)
 Refrain F C7 Dm G7 C F G7 C



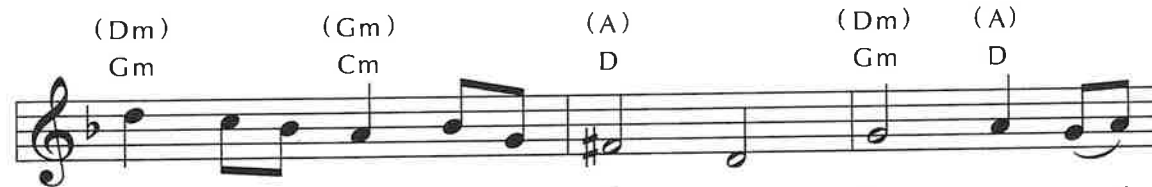
Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



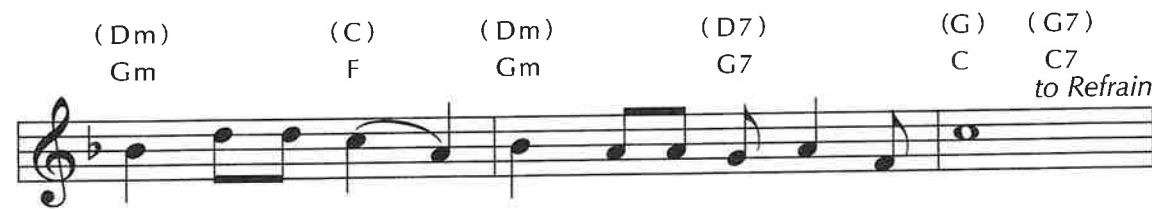
day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the
Ascension 1 He who was nailed to the cross, is
Pentecost 1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, on
 3 God the Al - mighty - y, the Lord, the
 5 Spir - it of life and of power, now



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
 flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -



gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This three-occasion hymn has been extracted from a much longer Latin original of fifty-five two-line stanzas. Though it is doubtful that the entire text was used much, selections from it have flourished for centuries. This celebratory tune is one of the composer's most effective.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

(F) (B \flat) (C) (B \flat)
 B \flat E \flat F E \flat

Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
Ascension 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows a - dorned with the
Pentecost 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and

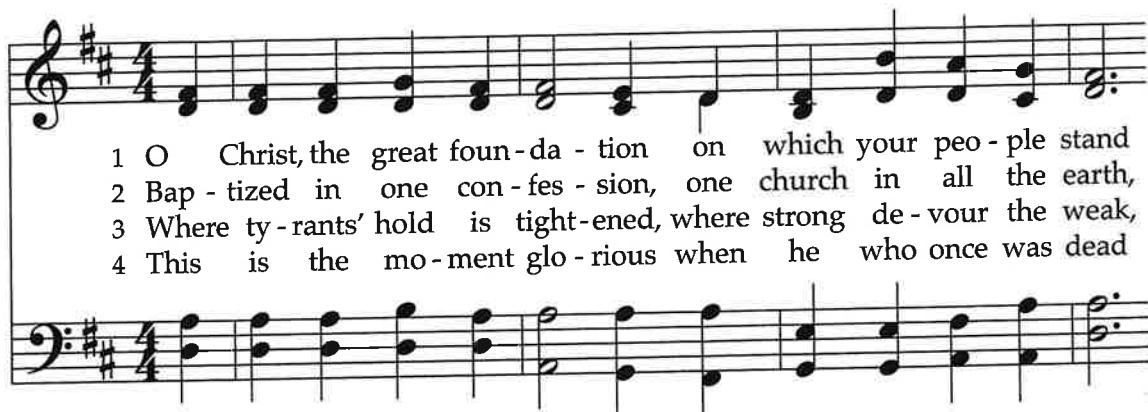
(F) (C) (F) (Dm)
 B \flat F B \flat Gm

life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
 glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
 minds, great Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our

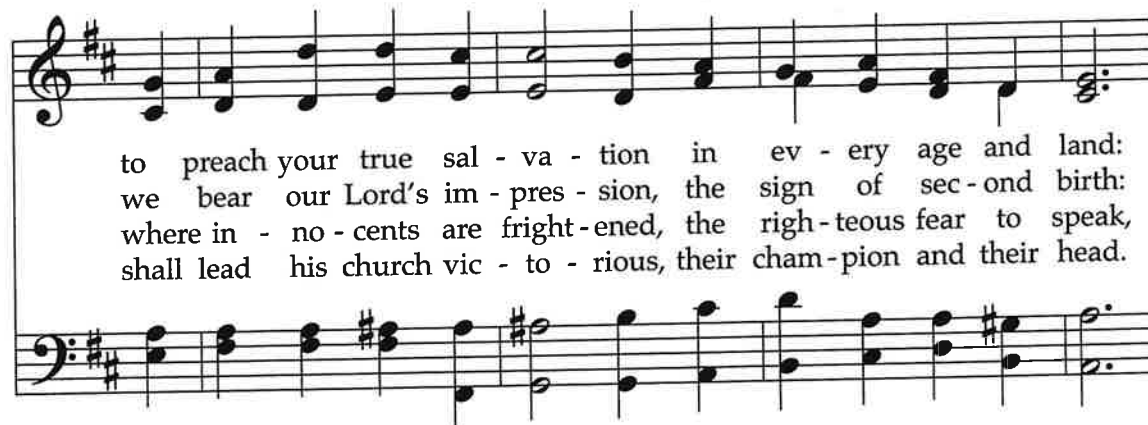
(Am) (F) (Am) (E) (Am) (G)
 Dm B \flat Dm A Dm C to Refrain

death, new life you give to us all:
 bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
 bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God:
 days; or - der our ways in your peace:

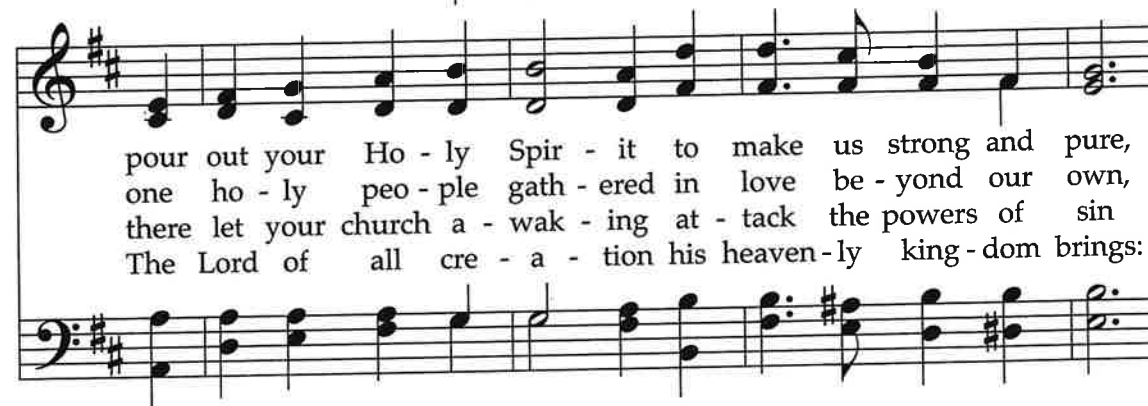
O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



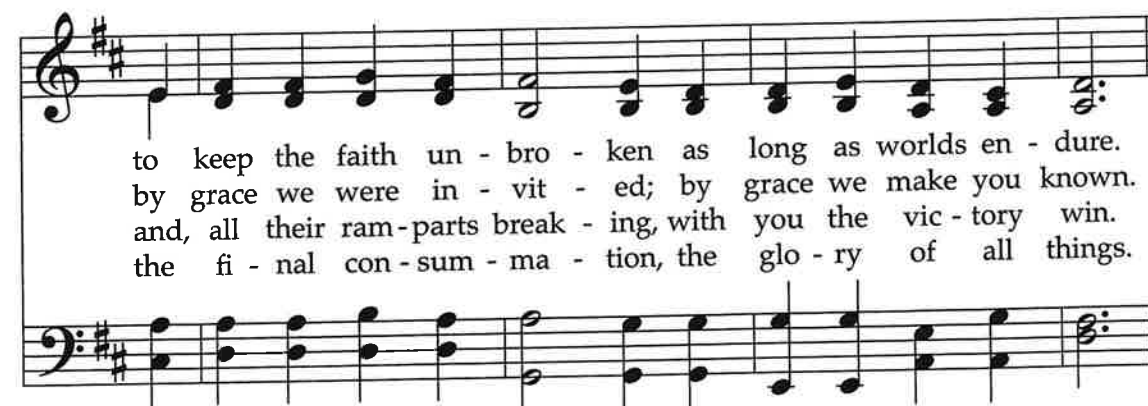
1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.



pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heav-en-ly king-dom brings:



to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

God Welcomes All

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

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

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN
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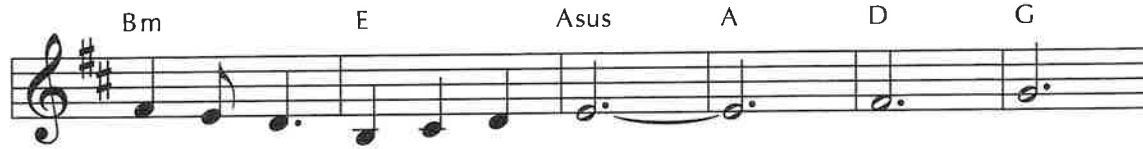
291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

Refrain



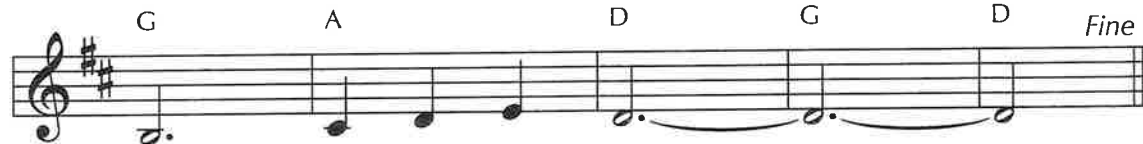
Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



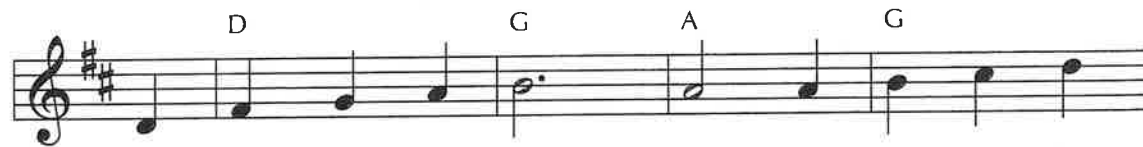
wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E Asus A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A *to Refrain*

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

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*)
Cheryl Doering (*friend of the Gunssers*)
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
*Susan Short
*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 Dr. Rev. 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:

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:

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

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, MAY 24

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

After Worship Refreshments – Chapel 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service - Sanctuary. Noon

MONDAY, MAY 25

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

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

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

Support Group – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

B & G Meeting – PW Lounge 8:00 a.m.

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

Lunch & Games – Dining Room Noon – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

FRIDAY, MAY 29

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Mission Volunteer Saturday – Auditorium 9:00 a.m.

Coastlands PW – Social Center 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Gender Affirming Closet – Social Center 2:00 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

<https://bit.ly/4emWby6>



COMING SOON

May 31 Cemetery Tour – Narthex – 11:00 am

May 31 Gender Affirming Closet – Social Center – 12 pm

June 2 Deacons meeting – Social Center – 7:30 pm

June 7 Church Picnic – Ballfield – After church

June 7 Mission Fest – Social Center – After church

June 7 Music Ministry Silent Auction – Social Center
– After church

June 9 Unicameral Board – Social Center – 7:30 pm

June 10 Habitat Parents’ Meeting – Social Center – 7 pm

June 14 Community Dinner – Social Center – 5 pm

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received May 17

Pledge	\$ 6,629
Non-pledge	\$ 716
Cash	\$ 223
CWS Tools	\$ 150
Other funds	\$ 121

TOTAL: \$ 7,839

OTHER RECEIPTS \$773

(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!

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

Presbytery of the Coastlands and Highlands
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING:

Dimensions of Women's Wellness

Saturday, May 30

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. FPC Social Center

Learn how a Wellness Recovery Action Plan can help you create the life and wellness you want. Discover simple, safe, and effective tools to create and maintain wellness. Gain support and stay in control, even in crisis.

Doors open at 9:00 am with a light breakfast, and lunch will be served. **Please send your RSVP by May 25 to pwcoastlands@gmail.com or call 908-432-6252.**

There is a suggested donation of \$10.



"In Their Words"

A Cemetery Tour
Sunday, May 31st

11:00 am

(Rain date: June 14th)

Join Laura Draper for another walking tour of our historic cemetery where we will more hear stories of some of the remarkable people interred here. Grab some coffee after worship and meet in the Narthex.



Honor your loved ones this Father's Day with a gift to Church World Service (CWS) Tools program.

Your gift provides seeds, tools, and hope—empowering families to grow their own food and build a sustainable future. Give today and help cultivate a Harvest of Hope. Your generosity makes this possible.

Those being honored will receive a card by mail in time for Father's Day. The donors' names and the people they are honoring and remembering will be in the Father's Day worship bulletin.

Forms are now available in the Narthex, church office foyer, and from our website:

<https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/>

FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE JUNE 8th



Join us on Sunday May 31st for Bible Sunday, a special time for children and families to celebrate God's Word. Each family will be invited to receive a new Bible, encouraging a lifelong connection to Scripture. Children's Bible translations

use clear, age-appropriate language to help the young understand and engage with God's truth. Whether you read daily, monthly, or on special Christian holidays, making time for Scripture helps build faith and lasting spiritual habits.

Bible Sunday is an invitation to start—or renew—a meaningful journey in God's Word together.

Email Nancy Leardi if you know of the specific Bible you would like your family to own - Nleardi@fpcweb.org

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC
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MUSIC MINISTRY
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LEARN ABOUT FPC'S
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Sunday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.
SOCIAL CENTER & BALL FIELD
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN
270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Please join us for our church picnic and more on **Sunday, June 7**, immediately following worship. All are welcome, and we hope everyone can attend for food, fellowship, and fun. If you are able to help with setup or donate food for the picnic, please contact Reynolds Shaw.

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of
2026

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

We will recognize all high school, college, and graduate-school graduates in worship on June 7.

Graduates will be listed in the next *Parish News*. Please email a photo and the following details by June 1 to Heather Koball (hkoball@fpcweb.org) or Vicky Lacson (vlacson@fpcweb.org):

- graduate's name
- degree/program completed
- school
- and future plans



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 about what this camp offers.

Registration is open.

Simply scan this QR code to register.



Pride Flowers for the month of June



The Social Justice Commission invites you to honor Pride Month by donating a flower arrangement for the Niche on one of the Sundays in June (the 7th, 14th, 21st, or 28th). These flowers serve as a visible sign of our church's welcome, love, and commitment to inclusion for all of God's children.

To donate an arrangement or reserve a date, please call, text, or email Deb Teall at: **908.917.3990** or **debteallditor@gmail.com**. Thank you for helping us make our church a place of beauty and belonging.

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!



Bug Zone needs you! Adult volunteers are needed to help make this year's VBC Bug Zone a fun and memorable experience for our kids and teens! We are looking for helpers to assist with:

- 🎯 A game leader on the field to help Wally Cook
- 🎨 Decorating the Bug Zone- Sunday June 28th @3pm
- 🍎 Donations of snacks and water for kids and teens
- 🧹 Before-and-after setup and clean up

Whether you can help for a little while or the whole event, your support makes a difference. Many hands make a great VBC!

Please contact Nancy if you are able to help in any way:

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