

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN



June 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

One Church Together: An Intergenerational Worship Service

**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

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

The Garcia Family

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

PRELUDE Cello Suite No. 6, BWV 1012: V. Gavottes I & II

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & TIDINGS

BJ & Taylor Welsh

INTROIT Love Is Love Is Love

Combined FPC Choirs

Abbie Betinis

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118, adapted

Todd & Colin Ryder

Leader: Come to the house of prayer;

All: Let us join our hearts in song.

Leader: Give thanks for the beauty of creation;

All: Let us be thankful we are artfully made.

Leader: Take and eat, all of you,

All: For we are gathered at the table of mercy.

Leader: Let us worship with one voice;

All: May we find the power of humility together.

*HYMN 409 God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Our mistakes and misdeeds,

our faults and our failures

are too many to count,

yet we must hold each other to account.

Words misspoken and fearful silence,

hopes dashed with disdain,

all lead us to tear down

the hearts we have vowed to lift up.

Remind us: in the bread and cup

we offer ourselves as Jesus did.

God of compassion, free us from fault. 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. Leksmana Leonard

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

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Deb Teall

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kat Davis & The Presbyterian Puppeteers

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Pre-K through 2nd grade will exit to the GLOW Room.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING James 1:2-11 (New Testament page 228) Tracy & Lexington Donahue
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM The Heavens Are Telling Senior Choir Franz Joseph Haydn

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 (New Testament page 81) Gertrude Kibiru &
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.** Phoebe Gathigia

SERMON Being Wrong Makes You Better Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 450** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** (from the *Brief Statement of Faith*) 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:**

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

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

The Berman Family

OFFERTORY Rubrics IV. The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Andrene Pennix

***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 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

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

*SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM Total Praise Senior Choir Richard Smallwood

COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

MOMENT FOR SAFETY Pete Bellisano

POSTLUDE Rubrics V. The People Respond – Amen Dan Locklair

Our greeters this morning are the O'Neill family, and the ushers are Julia & Will Hajjar, and Julia Teti.

Serving communion are JoAnne Bedenek, Izzy Garcia, Jennifer Thimpson, and Sue West.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Ellen Van Horn, in loving memory of her husband Dennis on his birthday, her son John, and her two fathers, and from Kathy Kovach and Rob Orr with gratitude to God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the Niche are given by the Wagner family with love and acceptance for Pride Month.

Thank you to Liz Wright, violinist, for joining us in worship this morning.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:2-11

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Yakobus 1:2-11

Saudara-saudaraku, anggaplah sebagai suatu kebahagiaan, apabila kamu jatuh ke dalam berbagai-bagai pencobaan, sebab kamu tahu, bahwa ujian terhadap imanmu itu menghasilkan ketekunan. Dan biarkanlah ketekunan itu memperoleh buah yang matang, supaya kamu menjadi sempurna dan utuh dan tak kekurangan suatu apa pun. Tetapi apabila di antara kamu ada yang kekurangan hikmat, hendaklah ia memintakannya kepada Allah, – yang memberikan kepada semua orang dengan murah hati dan dengan tidak membangkit-bangkit –, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadanya. Hendaklah ia memintanya dalam iman, dan sama sekali jangan bimbang, sebab orang yang bimbang sama dengan gelombang laut, yang diombang-ambingkan kian ke mari oleh angin. Orang yang demikian janganlah mengira, bahwa ia akan menerima sesuatu dari Tuhan. 8Sebab orang yang mendua hati tidak akan tenang dalam hidupnya. Baiklah saudara yang berada dalam keadaan yang rendah bermegah karena kedudukannya yang tinggi, dan orang kaya karena kedudukannya yang rendah sebab ia akan lenyap seperti bunga rumput. Karena matahari terbit dengan panasnya yang terik dan melayukan rumput itu, sehingga gugurlah bunganya dan hilanglah semaraknya. Demikian jugalah halnya dengan orang kaya; di tengah-tengah segala usahanya ia akan lenyap.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 18:9-14

Dan kepada beberapa orang yang menganggap dirinya benar dan memandang rendah semua orang lain, Yesus mengatakan perumpamaan ini: "Ada dua orang pergi ke Bait Allah untuk berdoa; yang seorang adalah Farisi dan yang lain pemungut cukai. Orang Farisi itu berdiri dan berdoa dalam hatinya begini: Ya Allah, aku mengucapkan syukur kepada-Mu, karena aku tidak sama seperti semua orang lain, bukan perampok, bukan orang lalim, bukan pezinah dan bukan juga seperti pemungut cukai ini; aku berpuasa dua kali seminggu, aku memberikan sepersepuluh dari segala penghasilanku. Tetapi pemungut cukai itu berdiri jauh-jauh, bahkan ia tidak berani menengadah ke langit, melainkan ia memukul diri dan berkata: Ya Allah, kasihanilah aku orang berdosa ini. Aku berkata kepadamu: Orang ini pulang ke rumahnya sebagai orang yang dibenarkan Allah dan orang lain itu tidak. Sebab barangsiapa meninggikan diri, ia akan direndahkan dan barangsiapa merendahkan diri, ia akan ditinggikan."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Terjemahan Baru Bible © Indonesian Bible Society 1974, 2018

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

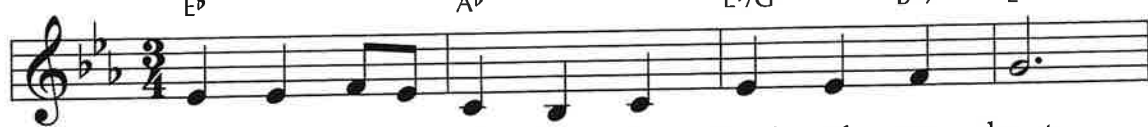
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



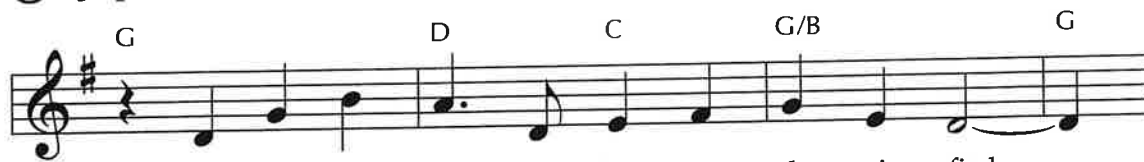
earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



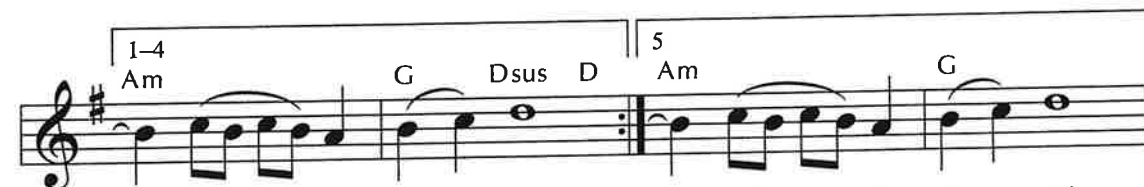
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.

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*)
Diane Cassidy (*Susan Kozo's cousin*)
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 Keehbler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
Cara Moskal Scacco (*niece of June Young*)
*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, Stationed in Arkansas (*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, JUNE 7

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

Fire Drill – After Worship

Church Picnic – Ball Field 10:30 a.m.

Mission Fest / Music Ministry Silent Auction

Social Center 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Unicameral Board Meeting – Social Center 7:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

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

Habitat Parents’ Meeting – Social Center 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

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



COMING SOON

Jun 14 Congregation and Corporation Meeting – Sanctuary
– After worship

Jun 14 Community Dinner – Social Center – 5:00 pm

Jun 16 Social Justice – PW Lounge – 7:30 pm

Jun 17 B & G Meeting - PW Lounge – 8:00 am

Jun 18 Finance Commission – Office Conf. Room – 7:00 pm

Jun 20 Father’s Day Car Wash – Church Parking Lot
- 9:00 am – Noon

Jun 20 Metuchen Disco Soup – Social Center – 2:00-6:00 pm

Jun 29 – Jul 3 VBC Bug Zone

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received May 31

Pledge	\$ 5,424
Non-pledge	\$ 1,080
Cash	\$ 176
Deacons Fund	\$ 100
Per Capita	\$ 84
Other funds	\$ 175

TOTAL: \$ 7,039

OTHER RECEIPTS \$880

(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

FUN FOR EVERYONE



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

FOOD. GAMES. MUSIC. FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC MINISTRY



SILENT AUCTION

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MISSION FEST
LEARN ABOUT FPC'S
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

TODAY, June 7, 10:30 a.m.
SOCIAL CENTER & BALL FIELD



CWSTOOLS

Be a **partner**
in the heavy lifting

June 21st
Father's Day

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

Forms are available in the Narthex, church office foyer, and our website: <https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/>

Return form and payment to the Church office by tomorrow, Monday, JUNE 8th

The Vision for our Church Building

On Sunday, May 17, we held a presentation after worship, updating the congregation as our leadership discerns a vision for our church building. This vision would require us to raise funds through a capital campaign.

We've partnered with Horizons Stewardship to assess our church's readiness to move forward and raise funds for these critical needs. **In the next few days, members will receive a survey link from Horizons.**

Your confidential responses will only be viewed by the staff at Horizons. We are requesting every member household to complete the survey.

Thank you!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 PM

Social Center Dining Room

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen



Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on baked BBQ chicken, three bean salad, potato salad, bread rolls, salad and a delicious homemade dessert.

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

Contact us in the church office if you would like to volunteer.



JUNE 29 to July 3, 2026

9:00 to 11:45 am

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

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 memorable experience for our kids and teens!

We are looking for helpers to assist with:

- 🐛 **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 or the whole week, your support makes a difference. Many hands make a great VBC!

Please contact Nancy if you are able to help in any way:
nlearidi@fpcweb.org



– NOTICE –

**Meeting of the
Congregation and Corporation
First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
Sunday, June 14, 2026
Immediately following Sunday morning
Worship Service**

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive the report of the All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC) and to elect Elders and Deacons
- Receive the annual program year narrative reports
- Recognize retiring Officers of the Church, and
- Act on any other business that may properly come before such a meeting.



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.



Our hats off to all for persevering through your studies and finishing well. May you find your God-given purpose and place in this world, with joy and blessings!

Dylan Casey, son of Heather and Jim Casey, graduated with BA History and Secondary Education with a minor in Law, Politics & Philosophy from The College of New Jersey, and will start a full time teaching position in the Fall.

Ryan Casey, son of Heather and Jim Casey, graduated with MAT Business Education from Rider University, and he will begin a full time teaching position in the Fall.

Ethan Draper, son of Laura and Mike Draper, graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a bachelor's degree in Sacred Music and Organ Performance. He is Minister of Music and Organist at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Ronan Gray, son of Johanna Hoecker and Evan Gray, is graduating from Metuchen High School and will enroll at Rutgers University in the Fall.

Joon Lee, son of Sarang Kim and Hyun Lee, is graduating from Metuchen High School and will enroll at Cornell in the Fall to study Government.

Maya Pennix, daughter of Michael and Andrene Pennix, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science double major in Animal Behavior Ecology Conservation (ABEC), and Psychology. She plans to pursue graduate studies to be a school psychologist.

Kayleigh Rohrer, daughter of Nina Rohrer, is graduating from South Plainfield High School and will attend Muhlenberg College in Bethlehem, PA to double major in Communication & Media and Dance. She will also be joining Muhlenberg's Dance Team.

Nicole Trolaro, daughter of Kevin and Carla Trolaro, graduated with honors from Virginia Tech and earned a B.S. in FinTech and Big Data Analytics with a minor in Statistics. She plans to work as a data analyst or financial analyst.

Keira Walker, daughter of Colleen and Tice Walker, graduated from Penn State with a degree in B.S. in Food Science, and will be working as a lab technician for DeLoach Family Vineyards in Santa Rosa, CA.

METUCHEN DISCO SOUP

JUNE 20TH 2-6PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
METUCHEN FOOD PANTRY

LIVE DJs • MASTER GARDENERS
CHEF LAUREN OWENS • ICE CREAM

TURNING 200LBS OF RESCUED VEGETABLES
INTO A SHARED MEAL FOR ALL



Tiny Onion



SIGN UP:



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension
of Middlesex County
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station



CHOP. DANCE. EAT. REPEAT.



@METUCHENFOODHUB



METUCHENFOODHUB@GMAIL.COM

Who knew that raising awareness to reduce food waste could be such a fun event!

FPC Food Pantry, in partnership with the Metuchen Food Hub, is hosting the first-ever "Metuchen Disco Soup," a fun gathering where volunteers will chop, and dance the hours away.

Spearheading this FREE community project is Metuchen Food Hub, in partnership with other non-profit organizations such as our Food Pantry, REPLENISH, Share My Meals, and others.

This free event will culminate in a community feast as the volunteers turn 200 pounds of rescued vegetables into a delicious, shared meal by Chef Lauren Owens for 300 guests, all while dancing to live DJs.

Throughout the afternoon, participants will:

- ✦ Explore interactive partner displays about reducing food waste
- ✦ Watch Chef Lauren at work
- ✦ Learn about composting
- ✦ Tour FPC gardens
- ✦ Dance the night away!

Sign up to participate using the QR code above.

If you are also interested to volunteer (whether to chop or help that day), look for the link when you register.

Sign up to volunteer :

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/342624642047/false#/invitation>



With great praise the Christian Education would like to thank the many adult and youth volunteers who have supported the Children's programming.
 We enjoyed a great year!
 May you be refreshed and renewed over the summer.

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
GLOW Leaders and Assistants for Program Year 2025-2026

Christian Education Director: Nancy Leardi
 Christian Education Commission Chair: Helen Burr Cackowski
 Office Youth: Collin Casey
 Drama Consultant: Kat Davis
 Photographer: Jack Teti

Grades	Leadership	Assistants
Nursery - Pre-School Care team:	Julia Hajjar Erika Knehans Caitlyn Sanger	Continued: Madison Garcia Carli James Lewis Brynn Gawronski
Pre K – Kindergarten, 1 st & 2 nd	Deb Teall Kelsee Young Mia Garcia Emma Staal	Betty Olivia K Olivia Valeros Dray Sequeira
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th and 6 th	Bridget Sanger Bella Staal	Cameron Hayes Durina Johannes Staal
Lego Sunday	Laura Fischer	Kelsee Young Will Hajjar
Special program Sundays	Dan Slobodien Amy Bertelsen-Robles	Jennifer O'Neill Casey Laura Pellicano Shane Casey
Recreation Team	Jack Thompson Alex Perez Cameron Hayes Durina Myles Bourne /Eli Bourne	
	Sunday Leadership Substitutes	
Andrene Pennix	Wally Cook	JoAnne Bedenek
Jennifer Thompson	Jim Thompson	Gertrude Kibiru
Allison Brennan	Melissa McCulley	MaryJane Palmeter