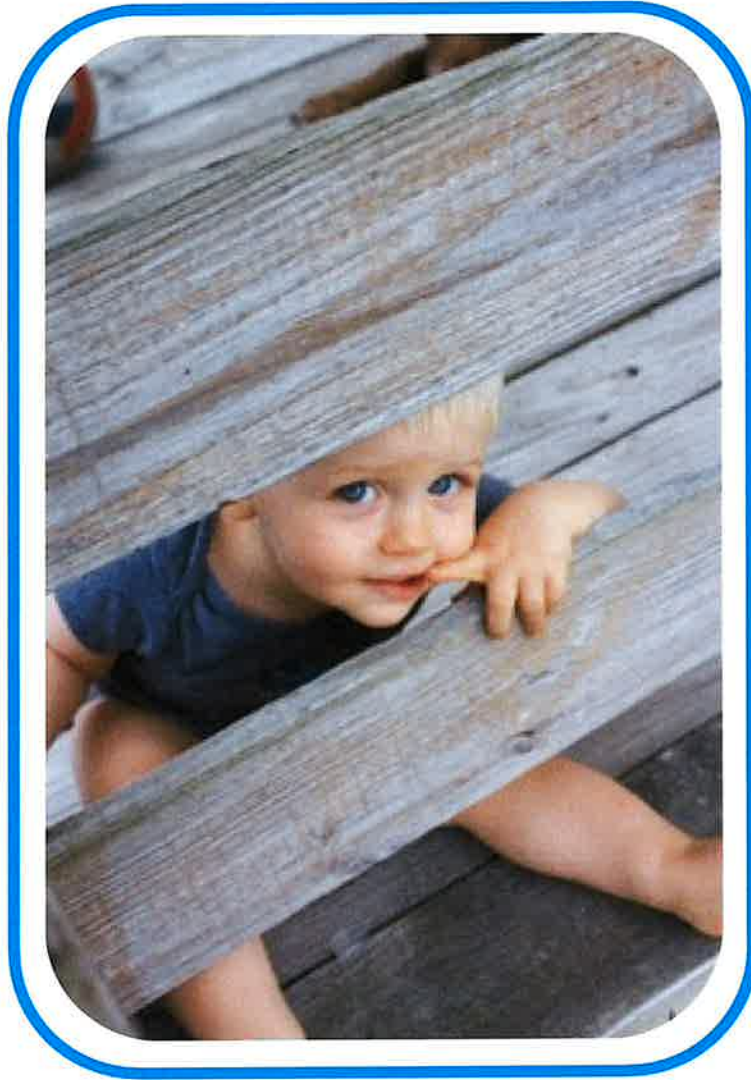




**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

June 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday after 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

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

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

PRELUDE Prelude on a Theme by Gustav Holst

Charles Callahan

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 23, adapted

Leader: You are standing in the fullness of grace.

All: The House of God is filled with mercy.

Leader: We pray trusting the Holy Spirit listens;

All: We love trusting the Holy Spirit is Love.

Leader: Here we find the darkest valley;

All: Here we find the pastures green.

Leader: Here a table spread without enmity;

All: Here the day of the Lord is forever.

Leader: Sing to God.

All: Love one another.

***HYMN 301** Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

***OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

What are the temptations we face?

Pride ruining dignity;

Lust turning love to rust;

Hatred deemed as justice—

destruction for destruction—

Lethargy disguised as patience;

Denying others as precaution;

Taking and taking with no compassion.

God of justice, rescue us. 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.

*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 MISSION

Capital Campaign Team

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

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

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 (New Testament page 175)

Virginia Shaw

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

SOLO Amazing Love! How Can It Be? Russ Dickow, saxophone

Lloyd Larson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:15-17 (New Testament page 81)

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

SERMON

Being a Child Again Makes You Better

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*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:

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

*Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY Improvisation

***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**

***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

ELDERS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Unison

Russ Dickow

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.

SENDING

***HYMN 804** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry, Moderator
Elders Charlie Day & Sandra Slobodien, Clerks of Session

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE Allegro non troppo e pesante

C.V. Stanford

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

Our greeter this morning is Tom Giordano, and the ushers are Reynolds Shaw, Nancy Regan and Bill Volz.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Gilly McKie in loving memory of her husband, Jim McKie.

*The flowers in the Niche are given by Beth and Lorraine in honor of Pride Month,
celebrating the beauty and worth of all God's children.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



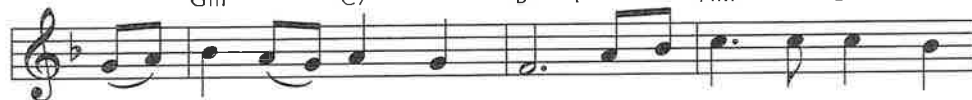
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

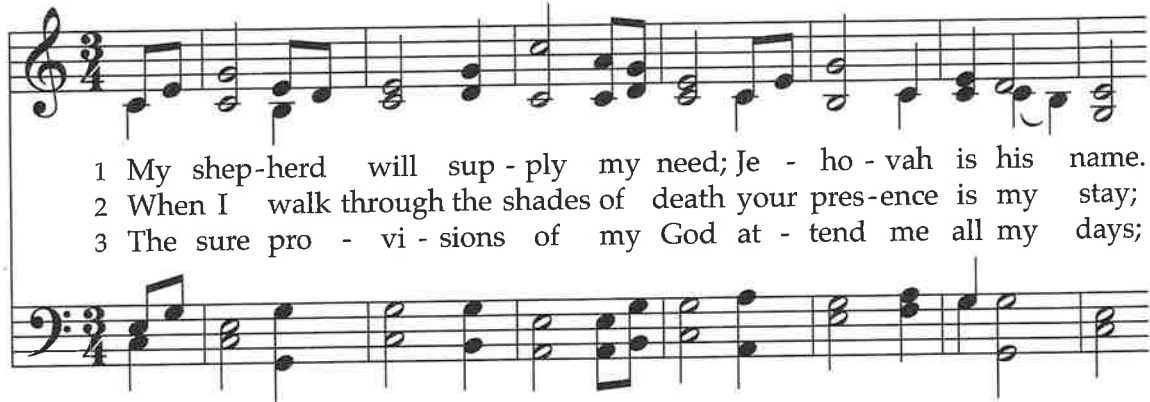
(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F C7



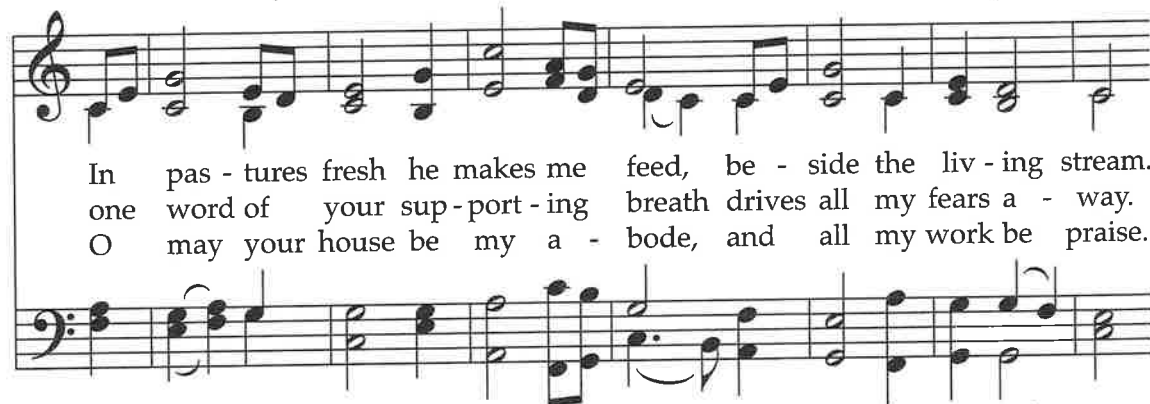
all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

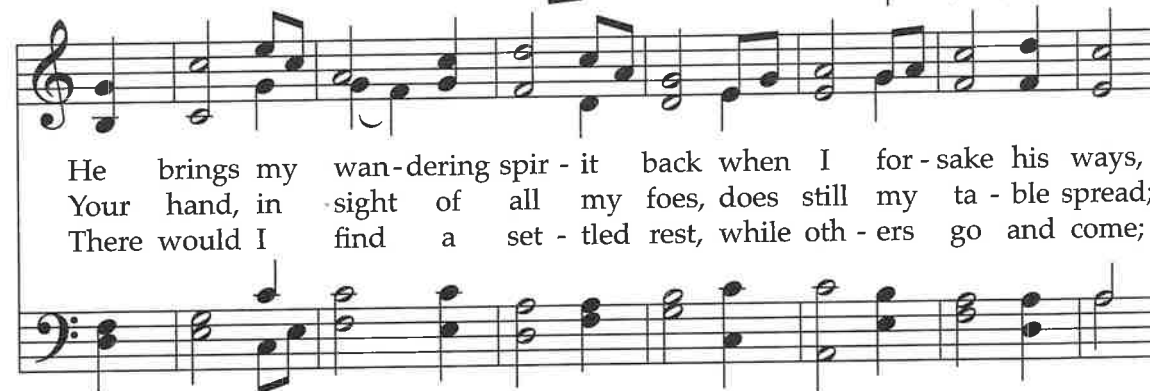
(Psalm 23)



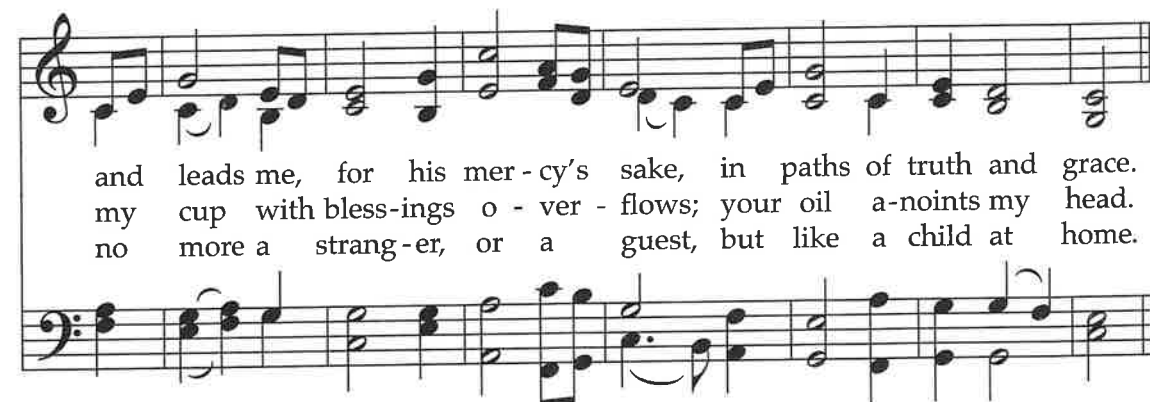
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

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.

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

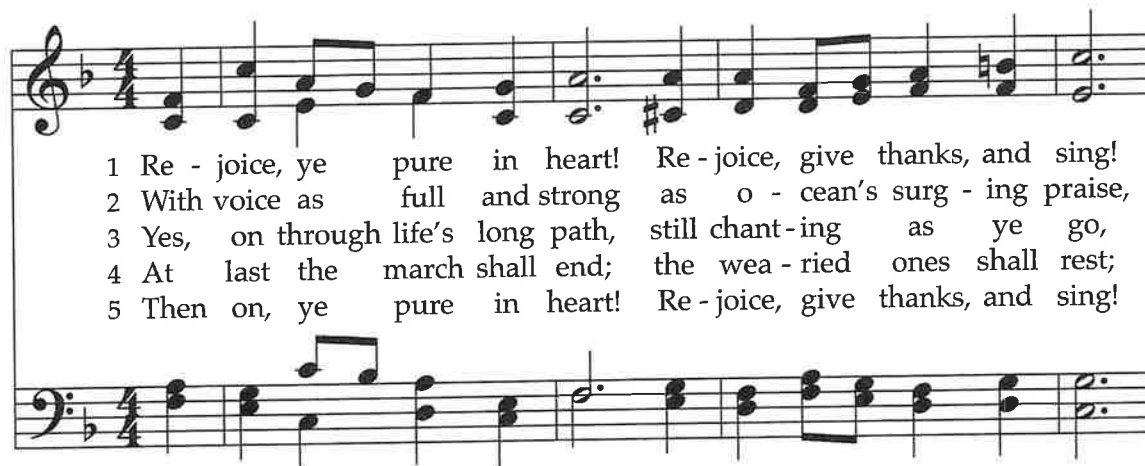
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
 cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -

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 es - cu - ri - dad.

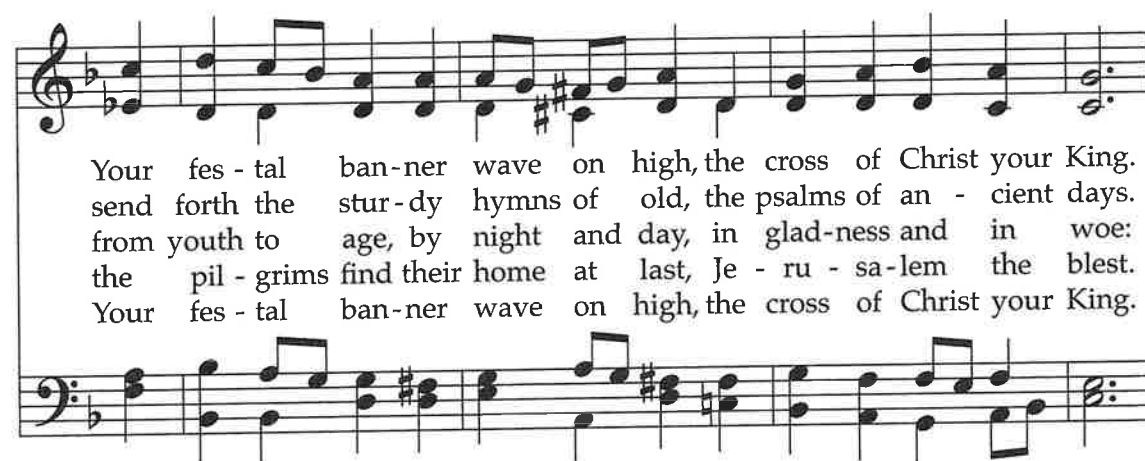
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
 O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.

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.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain


Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

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
*Cameron Hayes-Durina
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*)
Marian Pflaumer (Relative of Dan & Maggy Cook)
Diane Riddle
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
*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 14

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

Congregation and Corporation Meeting – Sanctuary

. After Worship

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

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

Community Dinner – Social Center 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Social Justice – PW Lounge 7:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

B & G Meeting – PW Lounge 8:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Finance Comm. – Office Conference Rm/Zoom . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Father’s Day Car Wash – Church Parking Lot

. 9:00 a.m.- Noon

Metuchen Disco Soup – Social Center 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

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



COMING SOON

Jun 21 Youth Commission – PW Lounge – 10:30 am

Jun 29 – Jul 3 VBC Bug Zone

Aug 10 – 14 Music Camp

Aug 22 Blood Drive

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received June 7

Pledge	\$ 8,136
Non-pledge	\$ 370
Cash	\$ 57
Deacons Fund	\$ 253
Other funds	\$ 126

TOTAL: \$ 8,942

OTHER RECEIPTS \$1,060

(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



**Meeting of the
Congregation and Corporation
First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
TODAY, 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.

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.

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 about what this camp offers.

Registration is open.

Simply scan this QR code to register.



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:
nleardi@fpcweb.org



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

Use the QR code to register for this event.

Questions? Email metuchenfoodhub@gmail.com



To volunteer, visit: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/342624642047/false#/invitation>



Our Youth are heading back to Roanoke, VA, from July 19 to July 25, for our annual Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip. We are thrilled to have 28 youth and 9 adult chaperones signed up for this trip. Thank you for your prayers and support of our work.

We could use help and welcome the following donations in support of our mission trip:

- Boxed cereals, regular or snack-pack size
- Peanut butter, smooth only
- Jelly (grape, raspberry, strawberry)
- Nutella
- Marshmallow Fluff
- Condiments: Mayonnaise, Brown mustard, Salsa
- Penne Pasta
- Pasta Sauce, in plastic containers only (Marinara or Alfredo)
- Iced Tea and Lemonade Mix (canisters)
- Snacks, individually packed: goldfish, chips, granola bars, cookies, fruit snacks
- Cases of bottled Gatorade
- Bleach wipes

- Paper towels
- Gallon Ziploc baggies
- Lidded boxes for packing food (office paper boxes are great!)

Items we would like to borrow for the trip. (Please label with your name so we know who to return to.)

- Large picnic coolers
- Construction/ Bluetooth Speakers

Please label your donations with H4H. You may drop off your donations at the Church office until July 15. Thank you!



FATHER'S DAY CAR WASH

**June 20th, Saturday
9:00 am to Noon
Church Parking Lot**

This Father's Day, give our youth a chance to add sparkle to your cars as they wash cars while raising funds to allow us serve our best as we travel to the Roanoke Valley. Bring your car, invite your friends, and celebrate Dad by giving back to a great cause.

Questions? Email Rev. Henry.kjohnson@fpcweb.org