



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

June 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

4th 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 Great Is the Lord

arr. Marilyn Ham

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For you, O lord, are good and forgiving.

All: Abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Leader: In the day of my trouble I call on you,

All: For you will answer me.

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things;

All: You alone are God.

Let us worship together.

*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Almighty God,

we confess we have taken Your commandments

and turned them into rules.

We criticize those who have fallen short

and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous.

We fail to understand the spirit of the commandments as the Way to live.

Forgive us for turning Your law into burdens instead of a Way to love.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*KYRIE

Lord, _____ have__ merc - - - cy up - on us.

Christ, _____ have__ merc - - - cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have merc - - - cy up - on us.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

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 Regan

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children PreK to 2nd grade are welcome to the GLOW Room.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 86:1-10 (Old Testament page 544)

Nikolai Ratzkovich

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 21:8-21 (Old Testament page 17)

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

SERMON

When I Gave Up

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

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

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

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 My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY**

**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

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.**

SENDING

***HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation**

FOUNDATION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Faye Lopez

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

*Our greeter this morning is Wendy Kukowski, and the ushers are Andrene Pennix,
Maggy Cook and Beth Russian.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Grace Hammesfahr in loving memory of her husband Ernest,
for his birthday on June 17.*

The flowers in the Niche are from Megan and Jeremy Campbell, in celebration of Pride month.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 86:1-10

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O
Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to
you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call
on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to
my cry of supplication. In the day of my
trouble I call on you, for you will answer
me.

There is none like you among the gods,
O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord, and
shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew and was weaned, and
Abraham made a great feast on the day
that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the
son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had
borne to Abraham, playing with her son
Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out
this slave woman with her son, for the son
of this slave woman shall not inherit along
with my son Isaac." The matter was very
distressing to Abraham on account of his
son.

But God said to Abraham, "Do not be
distressed because of the boy and because
of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says
to you, do as she tells you, for it is through
Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.
As for the son of the slave woman, I will
make a nation of him also, because he is
your offspring." So Abraham rose early in
the morning and took bread and a skin of
water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on
her shoulder, along with the child, and sent
her away. And she departed and wandered
about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she
cast the child under one of the bushes.
Then she went and sat down opposite him
a good way off, about the distance of a
bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look
on the death of the child." And as she sat
opposite him, she lifted up her voice and
wept. And God heard the voice of the boy,
and the angel of God called to Hagar from
heaven and said to her, "What troubles you,
Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard
the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift
up the boy and hold him fast with your
hand, for I will make a great nation of
him." Then God opened her eyes, and she
saw a well of water. She went and filled the
skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up;
he lived in the wilderness and became an
expert with the bow. He lived in the
wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a
wife for him from the land of Egypt.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinigí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íy da ní't'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

God Welcomes All

399

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.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.



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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.

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Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

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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*)
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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 21

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

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

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, JUNE 22

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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 29 – Jul 3 VBC Bug Zone

Aug 10 – 14 Music Camp

Aug 22 Blood Drive

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received June 14

Pledge	\$ 5,218
Non-pledge	\$ 910
Cash	\$ 149
Deacons Fund	\$ 75
CWS - Tools	\$ 580

TOTAL: \$ 6,932

OTHER RECEIPTS \$313

(Parking and Cemetery)

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!

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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!



We are counting down to Bug Zone!

There is still some time to register your kids if you have not done so. Use the QR code to register your child online or pick up a form from the Narthex or church office.

If you are interested to volunteer, and help make this year's VBC a memorable experience, feel free to contact Nancy Leardi. Whether you can help for a little or a week, we welcome you. Many hands make a great VBC!

Next week we are transforming the church into a Bug Zone. Join us Sunday, June 28th at 3:00 pm.

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



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.



July 19 to 25

FOOD DONATIONS

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 like office boxes for packing food
- Items we would like to borrow:** (Please label with your name so we know who to return to.)

- Large picnic coolers
- Bluetooth Speakers

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