



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

July 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

6th 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

www.fpcweb.org

(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

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

All: **One thing I asked of the Lord,
I will seek to find, to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Leader: Our God will hide us in the shelter;
In the day of trouble we will set
High on a rock, in the cover of mercy.

All: **My heart is lifted up;
My soul rejoices with shouts of gladness;
I will sing and find the melody of grace.**

*HYMN 756 O God of Every Nation

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*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We must never seek to find violence,
seek suffering as our purpose.

Vengeance is not ours to make;

May the bitter cup never find our lips.

May we also not forget the sacrifice you made,
the life offered to set others free.

The gift of unmerited mercy, bought
with the humility seeking no return.

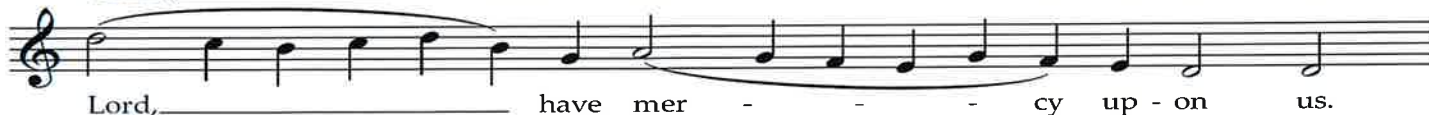
Let us remember your bread and cup;

Let us remember your call and direction:

Go and do likewise in remembrance of me.

God of mercy accept our prayer. Amen.

*KYRIE



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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nursery care is available in Room 107.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Old Testament page 616)
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

Maggie Dickow

DUET There Is a Time Betty Kiru & Dray Sequeira

Craig Courtney

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:31-34 (New Testament page 82)
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Understanding Suffering Makes You Better

Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 338** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

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

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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.**

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry & Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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

COMMUNION HYMN 530 One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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.

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 engkaulah yang punya Kerajaan, Kuasa dan
Kemuliaan sampai Se-lamat nya.
Amin.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Our greeters this morning are the Gunsser family, and the ushers are Andrene Sinclair Pennix,
Niall Corbalis, and Mark Haulenbeek.*

Serving communion are Niall Corbalis, Wendy Kukowski, Jan Margolis, and Sandra Laluw.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Grace Hammesfahr given in honor and in memory of the brave
World War II veterans of the 95th Bomb Group (H) Horham, England.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:31-34

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the gentiles, and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Pengkhotbah 3:1-8

Untuk segala sesuatu ada masanya, untuk apa pun di bawah langit ada waktunya.

Ada waktu untuk lahir, ada waktu untuk meninggal, ada waktu untuk menanam, ada waktu untuk mencabut yang ditanam;

ada waktu untuk membunuh, ada waktu untuk menyembuhkan; ada waktu untuk merombak, ada waktu untuk membangun;

ada waktu untuk menangis, ada waktu untuk tertawa; ada waktu untuk meratap; ada waktu untuk menari;

ada waktu untuk membuang batu, ada waktu untuk mengumpulkan batu; ada waktu untuk memeluk, ada waktu untuk menahan diri dari memeluk;

ada waktu untuk mencari, ada waktu untuk membiarkan rugi; ada waktu untuk menyimpan, ada waktu untuk membuang;

ada waktu untuk merobek, ada waktu untuk menjahit; ada waktu untuk berdiam diri, ada waktu untuk berbicara;

ada waktu untuk mengasihi, ada waktu untuk membenci; ada waktu untuk perang, ada waktu untuk damai.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 18:31-34

Yesus memanggil kedua belas murid-Nya, lalu berkata kepada mereka: "Sekarang kita pergi ke Yerusalem dan segala sesuatu yang ditulis oleh para nabi mengenai Anak Manusia akan digenapi. Sebab Ia akan diserahkan kepada bangsa-bangsa yang tidak mengenal Allah, diolok-olokkan, dihina dan diludahi, dan mereka menyesah dan membunuh Dia, dan pada hari ketiga Ia akan bangkit." Akan tetapi mereka sama sekali tidak mengerti semuanya itu; arti perkataan itu tersembunyi bagi mereka dan mereka tidak tahu apa yang dimaksudkan."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

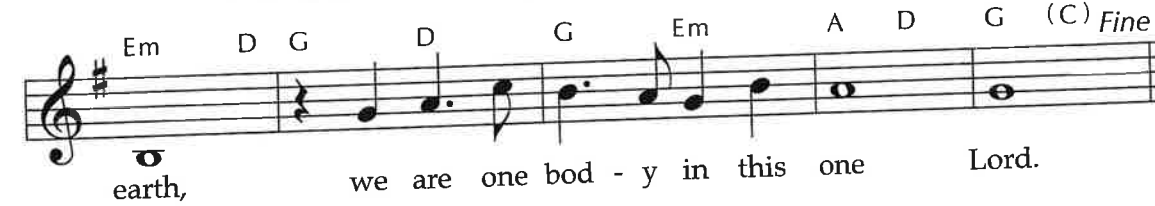
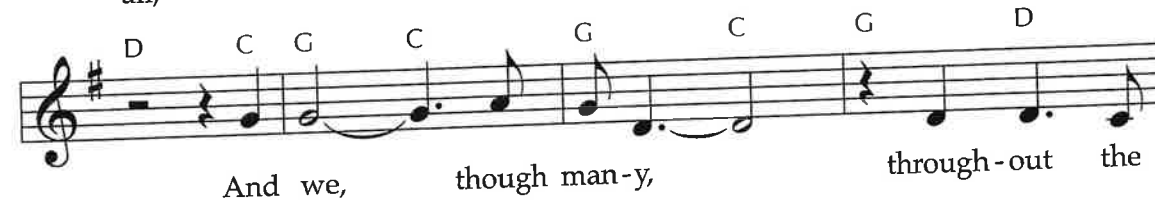
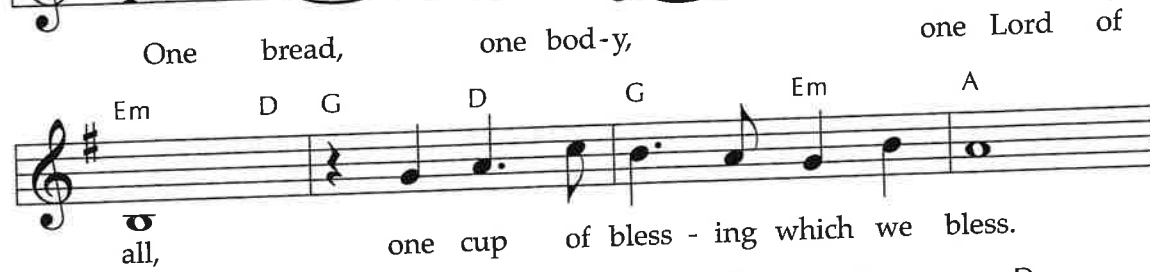
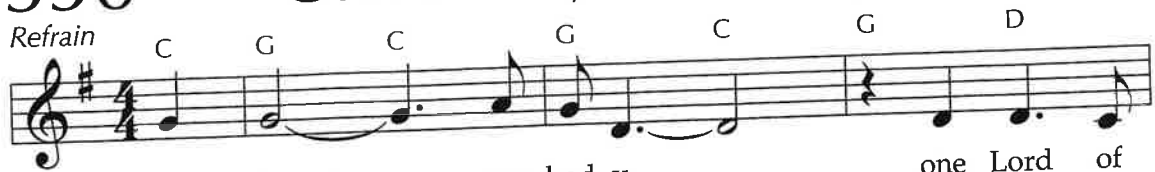
*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain



- 1 Gen - tile or Jew,
- 2 Man - y the gifts,
- 3 Grain for the fields,

man - y the
scat-tered and

to Refrain



works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

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*)
Rosemary Cuffaro
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*)
*Brad Keller

*Abby Kozo
*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*)
*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, JULY 5

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF 4TH OF JULY

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 9

FRIDAY, JULY 10

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Indonesian Food Bazaar – Social Center . . . Noon – 5:00 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

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



COMING SOON

Aug 10 – 14 Music Camp

Aug 22 Blood Drive

Aug 29 Joint Elders and Deacons Retreat
Social Center - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received June 28

Pledge	\$ 5,099
Non-pledge	\$ 230
Cash	\$ 427
Deacons	\$ 225
Melko	\$ 170

TOTAL: \$ 6,151

OTHER RECEIPTS \$1,065

(Parking and Building 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

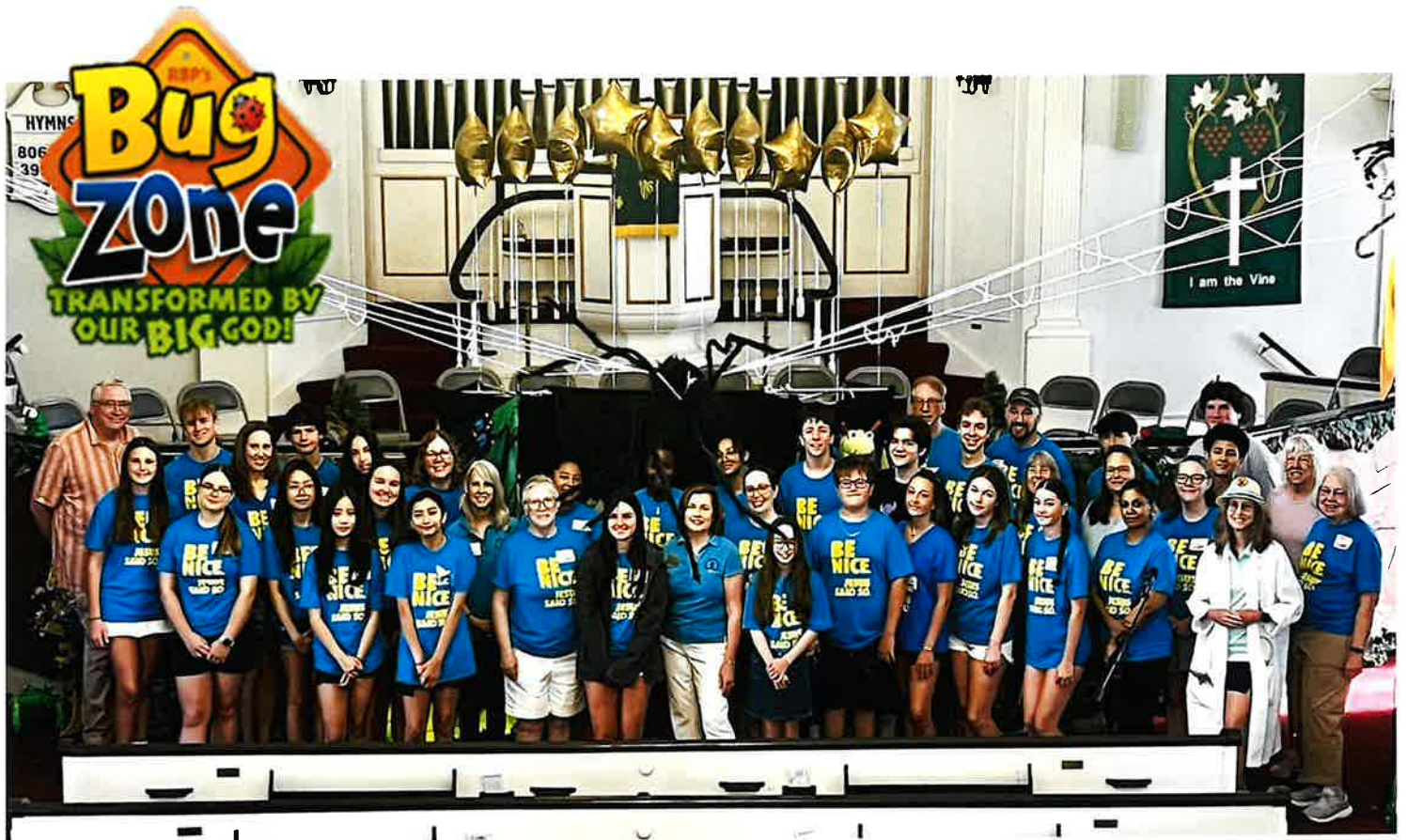
Parish Associate Rev. Dr. Glory J. Thomas

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



The 2026 Vacation Bible Camp just ended, with close to 60 kids transformed by our big God! We are grateful and blessed by our many volunteers that made our Vacation Bible Camp a success. They deserve a big round of applause for powering through the week.

THANK YOU, and enjoy the rest of the summer!



Habitat
for Humanity
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. Please label your donations with H4H.

- 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

Donations may be dropped off at the Church office until July 15. Thank you!



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN
INDONESIAN FELLOWSHIP**

FOOD BAZAAR



5 for \$10

SATE BABI

Pork Satay



6 for \$10

SATE AYAM

Chicken Satay



\$8

TINUTUAN

Manadonese porridge



\$13

NASI KUNING

Yellow Rice



\$15

NASI JAHE

Ginger rice



\$6

ES CUKUR

Shaved Ice with Peanuts



5 for \$10

KUE CUCUR

Fried palm sugar cake

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

LOCATION: SOCIAL CENTER

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN
270 WOODBRIDGE AVE, METUCHEN, NJ 08840**

Contact:

Putri (973) 563-8959

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