

(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 Partita on Hyfrydol

Charles Callahan

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wally Cook

Leader: Hear and believe, this is the day the Lord has made.

All: We will sing and rejoice; we will be glad in it.

Leader: Hear and believe, the earth is the creation of God.

All: We will open our eyes to the glory of this "curious earth."

Leader: Hear and believe, time flies unto eternal life.

All: We will dream of a new heaven and a new earth.

***HYMN 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

***OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Forgive our selective memory.

We remember what we lost, and forget what we gained.

We remember what is lacking, and forget your providence.

We remember our fears stalking our days.

Remind us of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Remind us of your mercy, new every morning.

Remind us that what we have is from your hand.

Forgive our oblivion to all the good before us. Amen.

***KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy up on us.

Christ, have mercy up on us.

Lord, have mercy up on us.

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

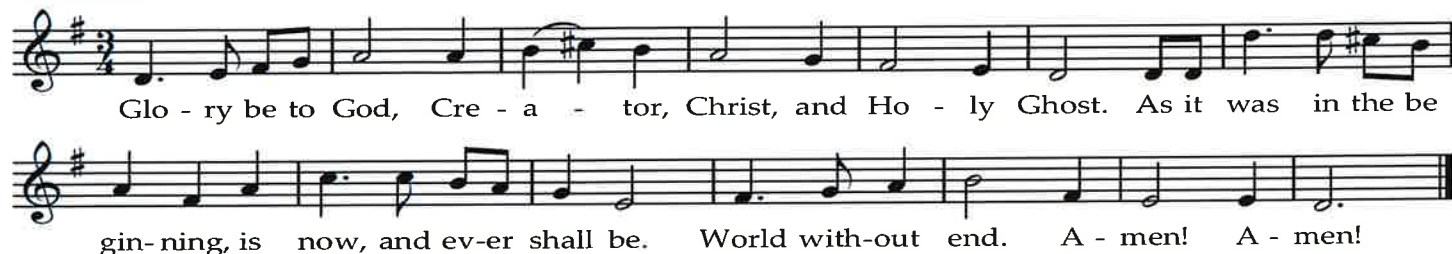
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*GLORIA



Written for Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY by James Kealey

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sue West

Nursery care is available in room 107. Children will exit the Sanctuary to the GLOW Room.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:13-16 (Old Testament page 50)

Maggie Dickow

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

ANTHEM Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark Miller

Senior Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-40 (New Testament page 84)

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

SERMON

All of Them are Alive

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

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

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

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.

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.

SENDING

***HYMN 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Jean Ostermueller, Gary's mother, on her birthday,
and Tom Ostermueller, Gary's brother, from Gary, Cathy, Jeff and Dan.*

*Our greeter this morning is Maggy Cook, and the ushers are Mark Haulenbeek,
Heather Koball, and Andrene Sinclair-Pennix.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:13-16

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

"Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt.'"

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-40

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

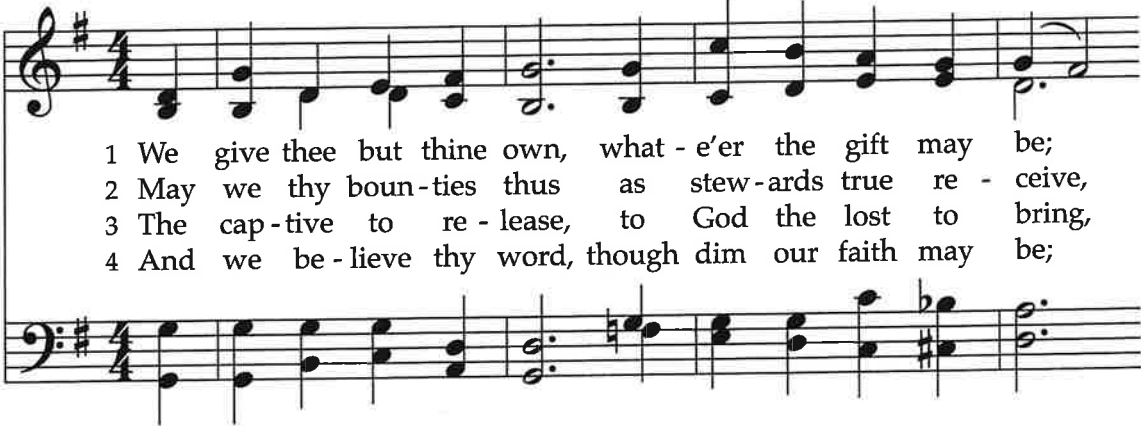
storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

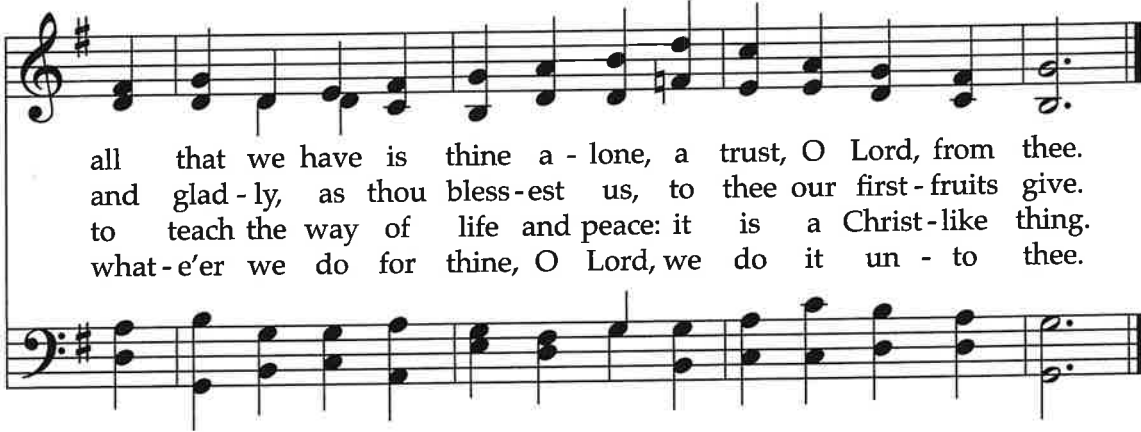
6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

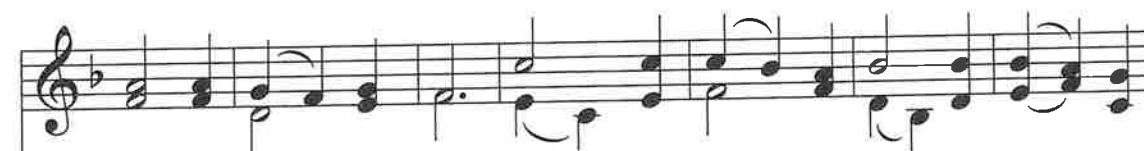
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

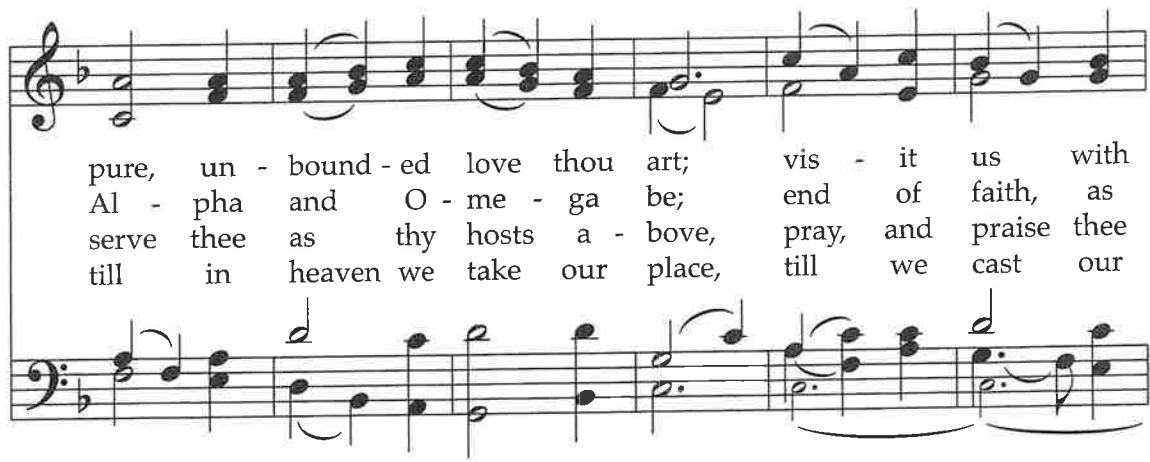


earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and 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
 Christine Whalen Bender (*friend of Allison Brennan*)
 John Bertelsen and family (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
 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*)
 Michael Cook (*Dan Cook's brother*)
 Sophie Culton (*friend of the Reed family*)
 *Mary Kay Dangremond
 George Doerbecker (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
 Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
 *Judy Fuller
 *Doris Gulotta
 *Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
 *Margaret Hathaway
 *Noah Haulenbeek
Yesudas Jairaj & family (brother of Rev. Glory Thomas)
 Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (*friend of the Hajjar family*)
 Ed Kopetz (*Betty Kopetz's brother*)

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

*Susan Kozo
 Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
 Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
 *Jan Margolis
 Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
 Jean Miller (*Allison Brennan's aunt*)
 Joseph Neupauer (*Marie Hoffsommer's brother*)
 Alvin Newton (*Virginia Shaw's brother*)
 Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
 Joan Niederer (*friend of the Gunsser's*)
 Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
 *Dave Ryder
 Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
 Katie Strittmatter (*friend of Kozo-Mollison family*)
 Art Wegg
 Bud Wilson (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)
 Janice Wojcik (*sister of Karen Keithler*)
 David Wong
 *Lynn Hendricks Wong

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial & Committal Service for Bill Aspinwall, Janet's brother, will be held on Thursday, October 1, at 11:00 am here at FPC Metuchen. After the burial, there will be a repast at Janet's home in Edison.

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*)
 PFC Daniel Eide, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona (*grandson of Mary Ann Eide*)
 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, Commander, Kadena AFB, Okinawa (*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, SEPTEMBER 27

Worship Service - Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
 After Worship Refreshments - Chapel 10:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Class - Senior High Room 10:30 a.m.
 Indonesian Worship Service - Sanctuary Noon
 PW Fall Potluck - Dining Room 5:00 p.m.
 Candlelight Concert - Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

CARE Team - Office Conference Room 3:00 p.m.
 DBSA Support Group - Chapel 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Carol Choir - Choir Room 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Support Group - Chapel 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Pastoral Bible Study - PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
 Lunch and Games - Dining Room Noon - 3:00 p.m.
 Westminster Choir - Choir Room 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Trinity Ringers - Bell Loft 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Junior Choir - Choir Room 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
 Joy Ringers - Bell Loft 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Support Group - Chapel 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Covenant Ringers - Bell Loft 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Senior Choir - Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

Oct 4 Community Dinner - Dining Room - 5:00 pm
 Oct 5 Horizon Bible Study - PW Lounge/Zoom - 6:00 pm
 Oct 6 PW Coordinating Team - PW Lounge - 11:00 am
 Oct 6 1st Tuesday - GLOW Room - 4:30-5:00 pm
 Oct 6 Deacons Meeting - Dining Room - 7:30 pm
 Oct 7 Youth Group BBQ Kick-off - Ball Field - 6:00 pm
 Oct 10 Empty Bowls Fundraiser - Dining Room
 Between 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Oct 11 Lego Sunday
 Oct 13 Unicameral Board - Dining Room/Zoom - 7:30 pm
 Oct 15 Junior Club - GLOW Room - 5:30 pm
 Oct 16 PW Fall Rummage Sale - Social Center - 4:00-8:00 pm
 Oct 17 PW Fall Rummage Sale - Social Center
 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received September 20

Pledge	\$11,204
Non-pledge	\$ 870
Cash	\$ 180
World Communion	\$ 95
Other funds	\$ 131

TOTAL: \$12,480

OTHER RECEIPTS \$325

(Parking)

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.

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



**Presbyterian Women's
International
Fall Potluck
TODAY, September 27
5:00 p.m.
FPC Social Center
270 Woodbridge Ave., Metuchen, NJ**

**Please RSVP to: pw@fpcweb.org
or scan the QR code below.**

*Building community,
one plate at a time.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Potluck Sign Up

Share a meal, a smile, and a story with your church family! Bring your favorite dish – homemade or store-bought, savory or sweet so together we can enjoy a feast.

AN EVENING OF BAROQUE FLUTE AND HARPSICORD

**TODAY at 7:00 pm
In the Church Sanctuary**

The first of the Candlelight Concert Series kicks off with Michael Alampi, altus flute, and Jordan Klotz, harpsicord, for a program featuring music of lesser known baroque composers.

The concert conveniently follows after the PW Fall potluck dinner. So come to both, and invite your friends!

Tickets are available by suggested donation at the door or by scanning the QR code.



General: \$22
Senior: \$15
17 & under: Free



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT SERIES

YOUTH GROUP & JUNIOR CLUB

BBQ KICKOFF



**7th OCTOBER
6:00 PM**



SOCIAL CENTER

**Join us as we celebrate
the beginning of the
year with food, fun and
fellowship! For more
information contact
Nancy Leardi or
Rev. Johnson.**



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

**Sunday, October 4
5:00 pm**

**Social Center
Dining Room**

**270 Woodbridge Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08840**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



An Oktoberfest menu is planned for all to enjoy! Join us in community and fellowship as we serve brats, pretzels, potatoes, red cabbage, cucumber salad, and a delicious homemade dessert.

If you would like to help in any way – before, during or after the dinner – please let us know. Call or email the church office: (732) 491-2300 and fpc@fpcweb.org

This year, the children in Sunday GLOW will be learning about *BELONGING* with 1 John 3:1 as the focus verse.

*See what love the LORD
has given us, that we
should be called children
of God; and that is what
we are.*

1 JOHN 3:1



AARP® SMART DRIVER COURSE

**Oct. 26, Monday & Oct. 28, Wednesday
8:30 am to 12:15 pm in the PW Lounge**

The AARP Smart Driver course is designed to help you refresh your driving skills and may help you save on auto insurance. There is a nominal fee of \$25 to register, and can be paid the day of. The course will be handled by Rob Orr. Register to save a spot; call Heather Koball in the church office: (732) 491-2268.



OCTOBER 4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PEACE is active, not passive;
PEACE is doing, not waiting.

On October 4, as we gather at the Lord's Table in celebration of World Communion Sunday, let us be reminded that we are part of one global family of faith. The World Communion Offering is a response to the prophet Micah's call to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." Our Mission Commission invites us to prayerfully participate in this special offering with the letter you have received. **Please use the enclosed envelope and drop in the offering plate on October 4.**

Please give generously... for when we ALL do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,
...to love kindness*

And to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Presbyterian Women 2026 FALL RUMMAGE SALE



**October 16, 4:00 – 8:00 PM
October 17, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Social Center

Start cleaning out your closets—
it's time for the Fall Rummage Sale.

NOTE: Only children's books will be accepted at this time. Old TVs, computers, mattresses and bulky furniture will **NOT** be accepted as well.

DROP OFF OF DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

Mon. Oct. 12 to Wed. Oct. 14 from 9 AM to 5 PM*

***TUESDAY, Oct. 13** Drop off extended till 7 PM

Thursday, Oct. 15th from 9 AM to 3 PM

Call for Volunteers: Volunteers are needed Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm to receive donations, sort and set up, and during sale hours on Friday night and Saturday. All volunteers are invited to a Friday dinner at 3 pm before the sale begins. Saturday our traditional bagel breakfast and hotdog lunch will be served. If you never "worked" the Rummage Sale, it's a great time to serve and fellowship!

Volunteer Perks: Purchase in advance before we open to the community! Our **volunteers** will again enjoy perks such as:

- Snacks provided all week of set up
- Dinner before the Friday sale, and bagel breakfast and the traditional hotdog lunch on Saturday, and
- Be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a raffle basket by BB!

Questions? Contact Cindy O'Neill mimabook@aol.com or Lori Kellner lgkellner@gmail.com