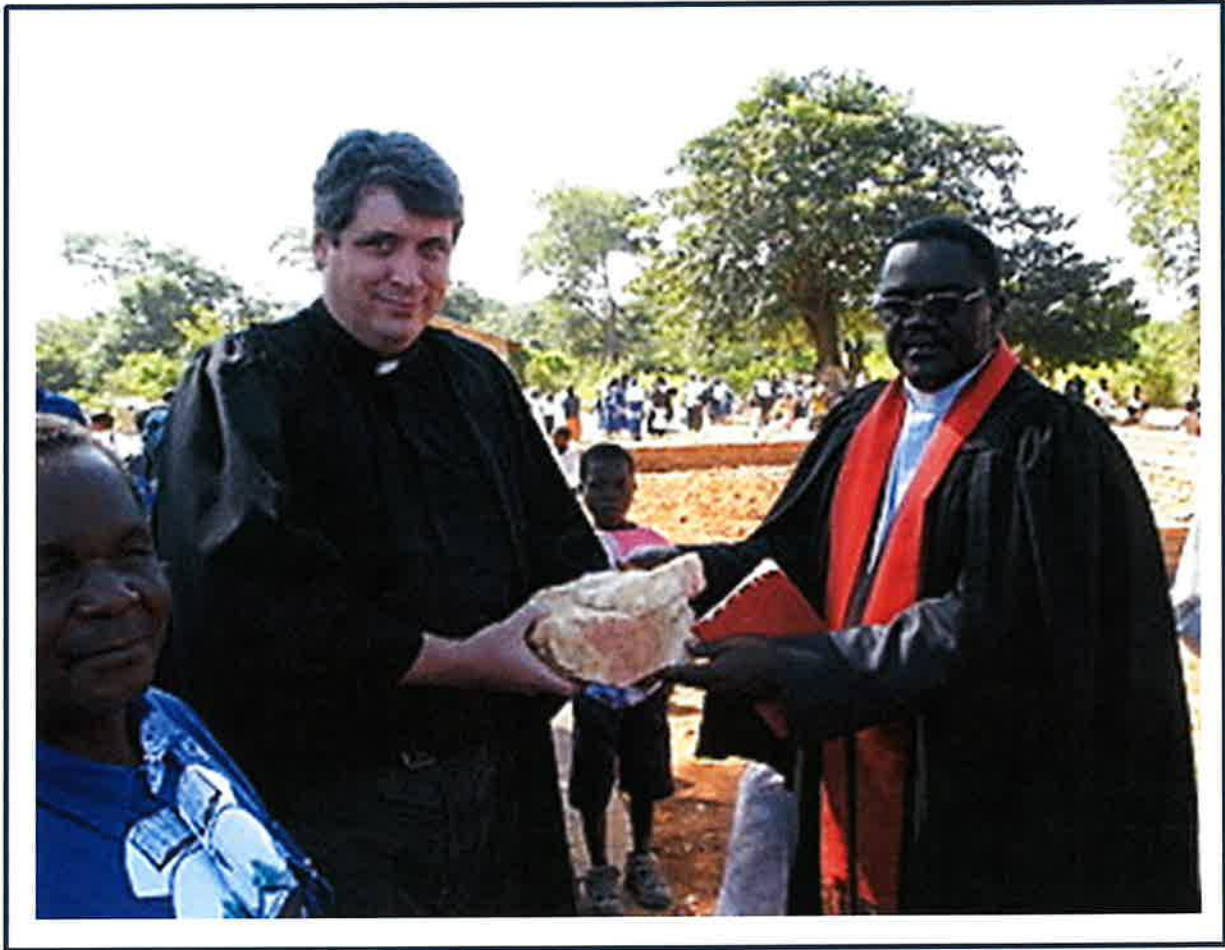




October 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
19th Sunday after Pentecost

**Our vision is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

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GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

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

PRELUDE How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

INTROIT My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Senior Choir

Virgil Thomson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we will pray, we will sing, and we will offer the hand of peace.

All: Here we will ask God's blessing and take up the charge of righteousness.

Leader: Today the word of God is proclaimed, and the good news is heard.

All: Here we find the courage to live what we believe and do justice.

Leader: Let our worship wash our hearts clean by your mercy.

All: May our hearts be the gift we bring to the throne of God.

***HYMN 35** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBBE DEN HERREN

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of compassion, forgive our failure

To make justice our pursuit,

To speak the truth without fear,

To live in humility and patience.

God of compassion, forgive our confusion.

We see understanding as wisdom;

We hear lies and take them to heart;

We accept misdeeds as beyond change.

Change us; redeem us.

Let our failures become victories;

Let our confusion become clarity. 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

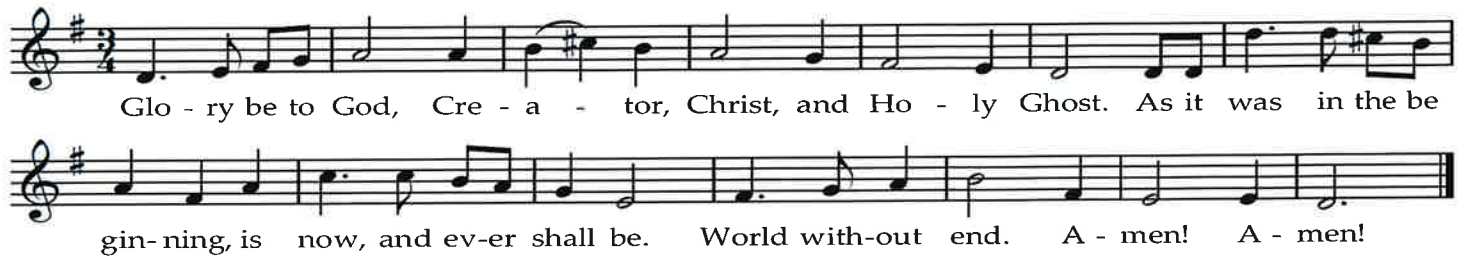
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Nancy Regan

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children in Pre-K to 2nd grade will exit to the GLOW room, and 3rd to 6th grade will be joining Chef Dan in the Social Center Kitchen for their Bible lesson.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23:23-26 (New Testament page 26)

Wally Cook

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

ANTHEM Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Senior Choir

C. H. Parry

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 20:41-47 (New Testament page 85)

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

SERMON

Religious in a Good Way

Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 700** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** (The Apostle's Creed)

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Khayla J. Henry & 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. Leksmama 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 selamanya nya.
Amin.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM I Am the Bread of Life

Arnold Sherman

Virginia and Jackson Shaw, duet
Brenda Day, piano

COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No End

BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on Thornbury

Charles Callahan

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
in loving memory of Doris Moskal, honoring her birthday today, with love from her family, and
from Andrene Sinclair-Pennix in honor of her daughter Victoria's birthday.*

*The flowers in the Niche are given by Gilly McKie in loving memory of her husband Jim
on their 45th wedding anniversary.*

*Our greeter this morning is Michelle O'Connor, and the ushers Sue Harmon,
Joan Kenyon, and Yunus Ruhukay.
Serving communion are Lori Kellner, Gilly McKie, Andrene Sinclair-Pennix, and Sandy Slobodien.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23:23-26

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside also may become clean."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:41-47

Then he said to them, "How can they say that the Messiah is David's son? For David himself says in the book of Psalms,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '

"David thus calls him Lord, so how can he be his son?"

In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes and who love respectful greetings in the market-places and the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Matius 23:23-26

Celakalah kamu, hai ahli-ahli Taurat dan orang-orang Farisi, hai kamu orang-orang munafik, sebab persepuluhan dari selasih, adas manis dan jintan kamu bayar, tetapi yang terpenting dalam hukum Taurat kamu abaikan, yaitu: keadilan dan belas kasihan dan kesetiaan. Yang satu harus dilakukan dan yang lain jangan diabaikan. Hai kamu pemimpin-pemimpin buta, nyamuk kamu tapiskan dari dalam minumanmu, tetapi unta yang di dalamnya kamu telan.

Celakalah kamu, hai ahli-ahli Taurat dan orang-orang Farisi, hai kamu orang-orang munafik, sebab cawan dan pinggan kamu bersihkan sebelah luarnya, tetapi sebelah dalamnya penuh rampasan dan kerakusan. Hai orang Farisi yang buta, bersihkanlah dahulu sebelah dalam cawan itu, maka sebelah luarnya juga akan bersih.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Lukas 20:41-47

Tetapi Yesus berkata kepada mereka: "Bagaimana orang dapat mengatakan, bahwa Mesias adalah Anak Daud? Sebab Daud sendiri berkata dalam kitab Mazmur:

Tuhan telah berfirman kepada Tuanku: duduklah di sebelah kanan-Ku, sampai Kubuat musuh-musuh-Mu menjadi tumpuan kaki-Mu.

Jadi Daud menyebut Dia Tuannya, bagaimana mungkin Ia anaknya pula?"

Ketika semua orang banyak mendengarkan, Yesus berkata kepada murid-murid-Nya: "Waspadalah terhadap ahli-ahli Taurat yang suka berjalan-jalan memakai jubah panjang dan suka menerima penghormatan di pasar, yang suka duduk di tempat terdepan di rumah ibadat dan di tempat terhormat dalam perjamuan, yang menelan rumah janda-janda dan yang mengelabui mata orang dengan doa yang panjang-panjang. Mereka itu pasti akan menerima hukuman yang lebih berat."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

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One Bread, One Body

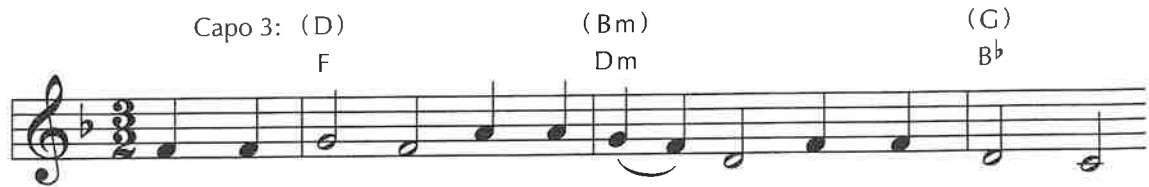
Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the
earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and
free, wom - an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

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.

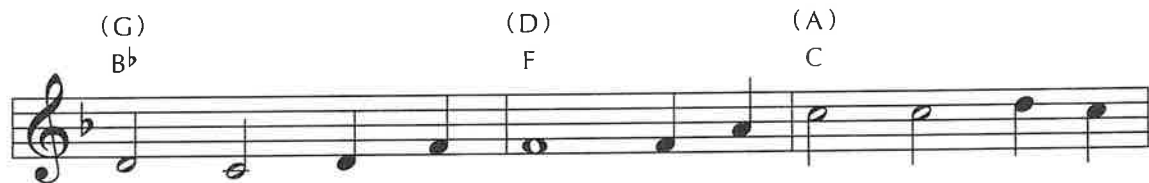
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



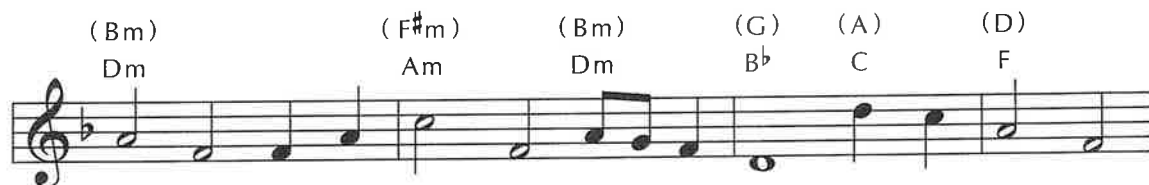
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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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*)

Timothy Freeman (*Marie Freeman's son*)

*Judy Fuller

*Doris Gulotta

*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)

*Margaret Hathaway

***Mark Haulenbeek**

*Noah Haulenbeek

Yesudas Jairaj & family (*brother of Rev. Glory Thomas*)

Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (*friend of the Hajjar family*)

Ed Kopetz (*Betty Kopetz's brother*)

*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 Keehler*)

*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

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*)

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, OCTOBER 4

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.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom 6:00 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge 11:00 a.m.

Carol Choir – Choir Room 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

1st Tuesday – GLOW Room 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting – Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

Youth Group BBQ Kick-Off – Ball Field 6:00 p.m.

Westminster Choir – Choir Room 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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 9

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Empty Bowls Fundraiser – Social Center . . . 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

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



COMING SOON

Oct 11 Lego Sunday

Oct 11 Adult Education: Discovering Devotional Classics
Room 106 - 10:30 am

Oct 13 Unicameral Board - Chapel/Zoom – 7:30 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 - 2:00 pm

Oct 18 Youth Commission – PW Lounge – 10:30 am

Oct 22 Men's Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am

Oct 22 Junior Club – GLOW Room- 5:30-6:15 pm

Oct 22 Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium – 7:00 pm

Oct 25 Kirkin O' the Tartan Service

Oct 25 Harvest Fall Festival – Social Center – 3:30-8:00 pm

Oct 27 Trivia Night – Dining Room – 7:00 pm

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received September 27

Pledge	\$ 5,838
Non-pledge	\$ 364
Cash	\$ 412
World Communion	\$ 195
Other funds	\$ 297

TOTAL: \$ 7,106

OTHER RECEIPTS \$360

(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.

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

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

TODAY, 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 our deacons serve brats, pretzels, potatoes, red cabbage, cucumber salad, and a delicious homemade dessert.



**TODAY, OCTOBER 4
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

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

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 prophet Micah calls on us to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. The World Communion Offering is a response to that call. Our Mission Commission invites us to prayerfully participate in this special offering with the letter you have received.

Please use the enclosed envelope if you brought it today and drop in the offering plate. We hope that you will 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)



*United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other*

**NEW! Horizon Bible Study
October 5, Monday
6:00 pm in the PW Lounge**

What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it? *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other"* explores Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, giving guidance on how to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection even through conflicts. The 1st lesson- Unity in Christ, Wisdom from God - will explore the first 2 chapters.

All the lessons may be found from FPC website - <https://fpcweb.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/>
Come in person or join by Zoom. Please call, text or email Deb Teall for the Zoom link, or if you want a copy of the study: debteallditor@gmail.com or (908) 917-3990

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.**





In support of FPC's Food Pantry, a group of artists are coming together to create an art event that will feed the soul and, literally, feed the body, too.

Your \$50 ticket includes a soup meal of FPC Metuchen's famous soup, with bread, salad and dessert, a handcrafted ceramic bowl to keep, and live entertainment. Plus, explore a wide array of artworks for purchase.

Use the QR code to get your tickets through Eventbrite or visit friendsofmetuchenarts.org

Need info?

Email info@friendsofmetuchenarts.org



SMART DRIVER COURSE

Oct. 26, Monday & Oct. 28, Wednesday

Arrive 8:30 am to register

Class is from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm
in the PW Lounge

Defensive driving may look a little different today than when we first got our licenses—and *it's not just about wearing a seatbelt.*

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. Giving the refresher course is Rob Orr.

Register to save a spot. Call Heather Koball in the church office: (732) 491-2268.

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 and sold this time. FOR ALL OTHER BOOKS, there will be a book drop off bin during the week of the rummage sale.

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!

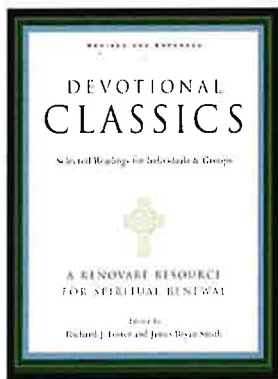
Questions?

Contact Cindy O'Neill mimabook@aol.com

Lori Kellner lgkellner@gmail.com



Tickets for the Deacons' Fish-n-Chips (with option for chicken) are now on sale! See Gilly McKie.
 Tickets are: Adults \$25 and Children 12 & under \$15



Discovering Together:
Devotional Classics
 October 11, Sunday
 10:30 am in Room 106

This fall, Adult Education invites you to gather for a relaxed and meaningful journey through select readings from *Devotional Classics*, a compilation from beloved Christian devotional writers. Each session will take a somewhat different approach as a different leader shares their own reflection of their selected writer. Come for one Sunday – or for the whole series. Come for a refreshing time and spiritual renewal.

October 11	Gilly McKie	Featuring: John Baille
November 8	Rev. Bob Beringer	
December 13	Pete Beillisano	St. Francis
January 17	Brian Smith	George Buttrick
February 21	TBA	
March 21	TBA	
April 18	Heather Koball	Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Christmas Pageant Sign-Up

- Children must be 4 years old or older by Oct. 1, 2026
 - Adult volunteers are needed as well! Please sign up to help.
 - Participants must attend rehearsals.
- Rehearsal Dates:**
- After worship on 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20
 - Dress rehearsal on 12/23 at 4 PM
- Pageant Date:**
 12/24/26, 5 PM

Scan here to register TODAY!

Questions?

Email fpcpageant@gmail.com



A Rose in Remembrance
 November 1, 2026

We invite you to take time to remember all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. Place a memorial rose in remembrance of your departed loved ones at the November 1st Worship Service. The names of the deceased (not the donors) will be listed in the worship bulletin, and the roses may be taken home after the service. Pick up a form from the Narthex or the church office foyer. Each rose is \$5.00.

Forms need to be returned to the church office by Monday, October 26, along with your payment. (Check payments may be made to FPC with a note: Rose to Remember.