



October 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
20th 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 Präludium

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What day is this?

All: This is the Lord's Day.

Leader: What are we to make of this?

All: We are to offer our thanks and praise.

Leader: Who is the Lord who made you?

All: We seek the one who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Where can this God be found?

All: In the lowly, in the outcast and the broken.

There we find the God of glory calling out to us.

Let us find this God and offer our hearts as praise.

*HYMN 11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, forgive our fear of poverty.

Forgive our quest for abundance as modest greed.

Forgive our treasures wasted by our failure to give.

Forgive our consumption with no stewardship.

Let our days become rich in mercy;

Let our life search for generosity of spirit.

Let our abundance become known as friendship. 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

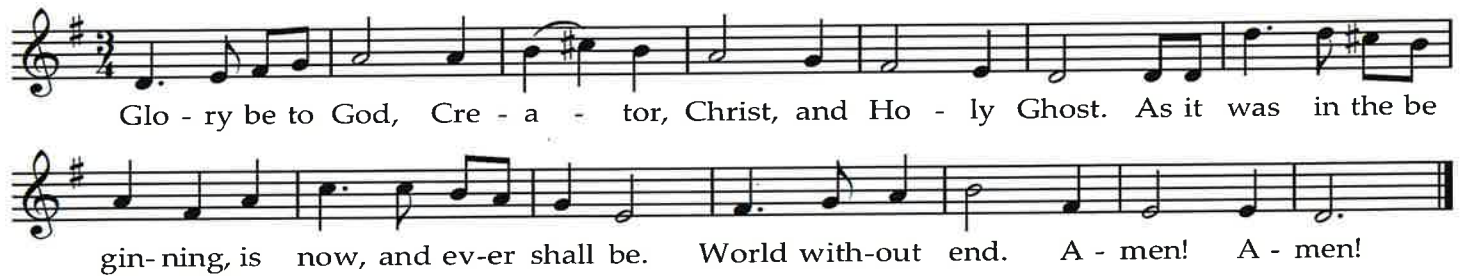
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

ANTHEM This Little Light of Mine

Carol Choir

Traditional

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nancy Leardi & Puppeteer Jack Teti

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children in Pre-K through 6th grade will exit to the GLOW Room.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 57:14-19 (Old Testament page 687)

Tom Brown

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

ANTHEM Total Praise

Senior Choir

Richard Smallwood, arr. Doreen Rao

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:1-4 (New Testament page 85)

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

SERMON

Show Example

Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 703** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST CATHERINE

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

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

OFFERTORY Morning Song of Praise

Concord Ringers

Derek K. Hakes

*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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*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 630 Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

The rose in the chancel rail is in celebration of the birth of Phoebe Rose Welch, daughter of Britt Gunsser and Matt Welch, granddaughter of Margo and Paul Gunsser, and niece of Kyle Gunsser.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Grace Hammesfahr in loving memory of her sisters, Madeline Spargo and Grace McKnight.

The flowers in the Niche are given in loving memory of JoAnn from her mom, Ellen Van Horn, in honor of Joann's birthday on October 4.

Our greeter this morning is Kim Rivas, and the ushers are Wendy Kukowski, Gilly McKie, and Betty Kopetz.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 57:14-19

It shall be said, "Build up, build up,
prepare the way; remove every
obstruction from my people's way."
For thus says the high and lofty one who
inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place and also
with those who are contrite and humble
in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble
and to revive the heart of the contrite.
For I will not continually accuse, nor will
I always be angry, for then the spirits
would grow faint before me, even the
souls that I have made. Because of their
wicked covetousness I was angry; I struck
them; I hid and was angry, but they kept
turning back to their own ways. I have
seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will lead them and repay them with
comfort, creating for their mourners the
fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far
and the near, says the Lord, and I will
heal them.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

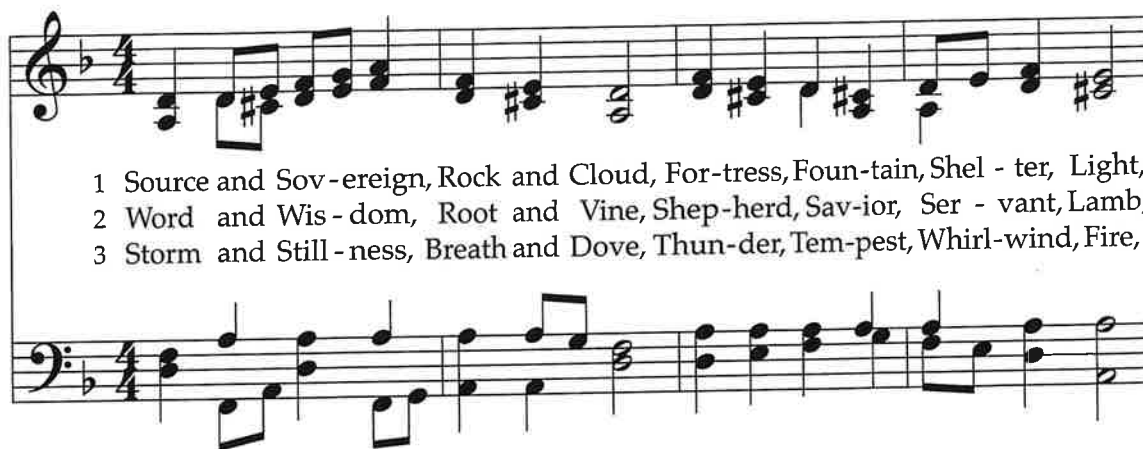
Luke 21:1-4

He looked up and saw rich people putting
their gifts into the treasury; he also saw
a poor widow put in two small copper
coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor
widow has put in more than all of them,
for all of them have contributed out of
their abundance, but she out of her
poverty has put in all she had to live
on."

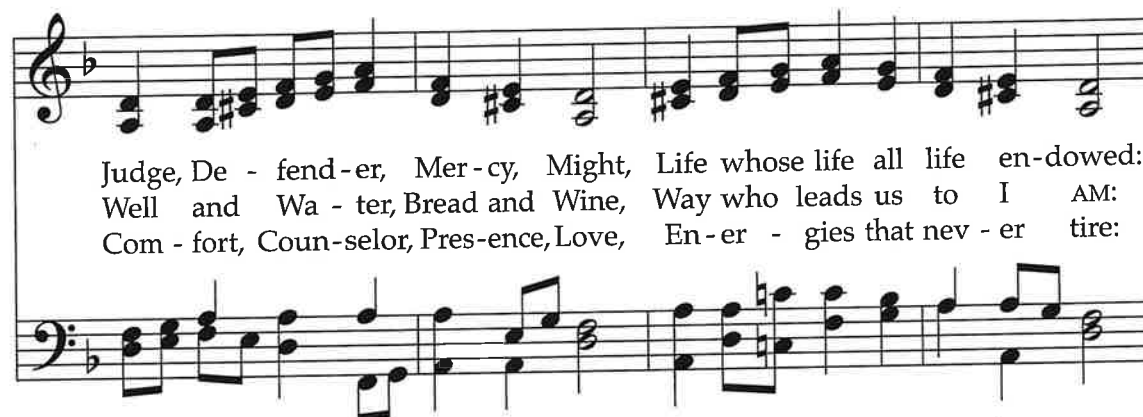
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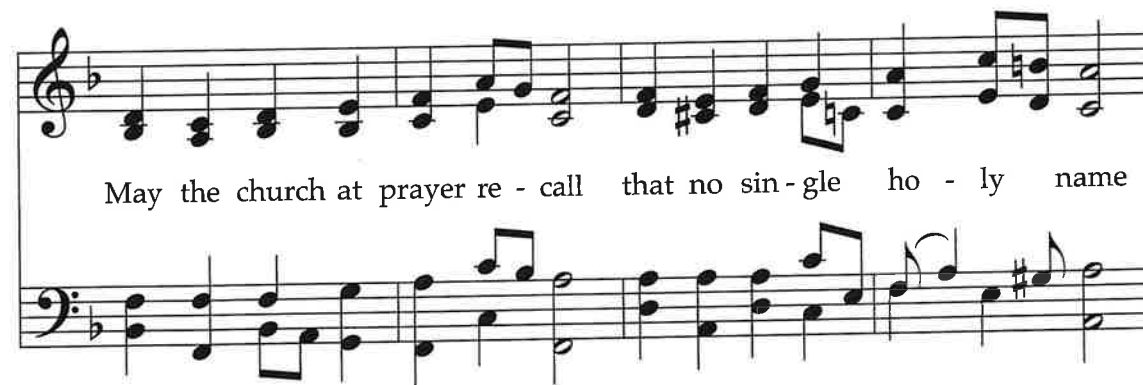
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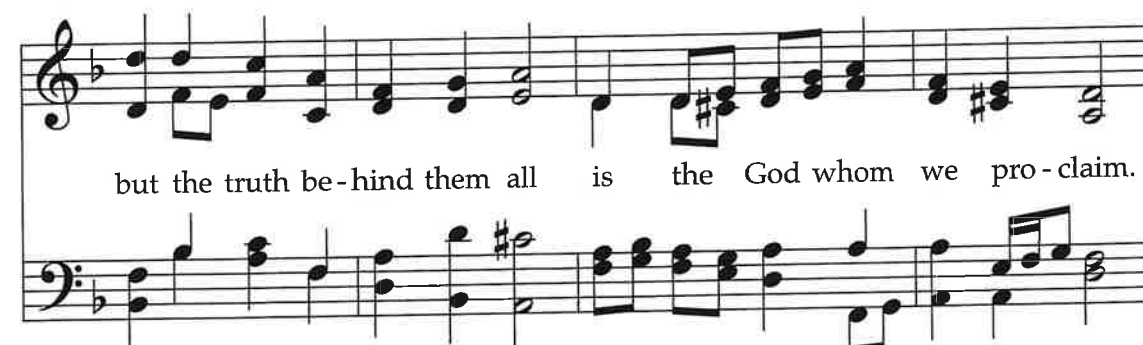
1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
 2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
 3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
 Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
 Com - fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure: the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; stanzas 1–3, trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.; stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.

MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

CRUSADERS' HYMN
5.6.8.5.8

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*)
 Micháel 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*)

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 Ed Kopetz (*Betty Kopetz's brother*)
 *Susan Kozo
 Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
 Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
 ***Malawi Team**
 *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*)
 ***Sanger Family**
 Katie Strittmatter (*friend of Kozo-Mollison family*)
 ***Nicole Trolaro**
 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:

Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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.

Adult Ed: Devotional Classics - Room 106 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service - Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAY

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

Unicameral Board Meeting - Chapel/Zoom 7:30 p.m.

Support Group - Choir Room 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

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

Youth Group - Room 201 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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 16

PW Fall Rummage Sale - Social Center 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

PW Fall Rummage Sale - Social Center 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

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



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

COMING SOON

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

Oct 19 Habitat Planning - Office Conf. Room - 7:00 pm

Oct 21 B & G Meeting - PW Lounge - 8:00 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 25 Fish-n-Chips Dinner - Social Center - 5:00 pm

Oct 26 CARE Team - Office Conference Room - 3:00 pm

Oct 27 Crafty Ladies -PW Lounge - 1:00 pm

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

Oct 28 Lunch and Games - Dining Room - Noon - 3:00 pm

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received October 4

Pledge	\$ 7,684
Non-pledge	\$ 145
World Communion	\$ 715
Deacons	\$ 156
Other funds	\$ 300

TOTAL: \$ 9,000

OTHER RECEIPTS \$1,193

(Parking and Building Rental)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

Direct Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!

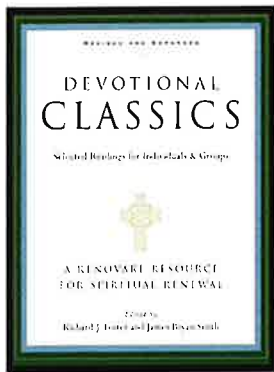
Online From our website fpcweb.org/give, click on the **Give Online** button. This will redirect you to the Vanco app to set up your donation.

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



Discovering Together: Devotional Classics

Today, October 11
10:30 am in Room 106

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.
Come for one Sunday – or for the whole series!

Date:	Led by:	Featuring:
October 11	Gilly McKie	John Baille
November 8	Rev. Bob Beringer	Corrie Ten Boom & Frances Perkins
December 13	Pete Beilliano	St. Francis
January 17	Brian Smith	George Buttrick
February 21	TBA	
March 21	TBA	
April 18	Heather Koball	Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Harvest

FESTIVAL

MUSIC-FOOD-FUN

October 25 | 3:30PM - 8PM

Join us for the Fall Harvest Festival! Featuring our annual Trunk or Treat event, Fish-n-Chips food truck, S'mores, Cemetery tours, Storytelling, and more.

Featured Events:

50/50 RAFFLE

TRUNK OR TREAT

Starting at 3:30pm

***Fish-n-Chips Food Truck**

Starting at 5pm

Fireside Fun

Starting at 5pm

Cemetery Tours

at 5pm & 6pm

*Advance Tickets Available! See Gilly McKie. \$25/Adult \$15/12 & under



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

Only children's books will be accepted. FOR ALL OTHER BOOKS, there will be a book drop off bin during the week of the rummage sale so they can find new homes and kept away from the landfill.

DROP-OFF:

Mon. Oct. 12 and Wed. Oct. 14 from 9 AM-5 PM
Tuesday Oct. 13 from 9 AM-7 PM
Thursday Oct. 15 from 9 AM-3 PM

Presbyterian Women 2026 FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Call for Volunteers: Volunteers are needed Monday to Thursday from 9 AM-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 hot dog lunch will be served. If you've never "worked" the Rummage Sale, it's a great time to serve!

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 on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday
- 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

A Rose in Remembrance



November 1, 2026

Remember departed loved ones with a memorial rose for All Saints' Sunday. The names of the deceased (not the donors) will appear in the bulletin. 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.

Return forms and payment to the church office by **Monday, October 26**. (Check payable to FPC with memo: Rose to Remember.)



Advance Commitment Gatherings

As we prepare for the Our Hope for Years to Come campaign, several **gatherings at the Manse** will be held in the coming weeks.

These gatherings are designed to help build **clarity, confidence, and shared momentum** by giving people an opportunity to **hear the vision more fully**, listen to stories of faith, and begin praying about an early commitment as pacesetters for the congregation.

If you are interested in attending one of these gatherings and prayerfully considering an early commitment, **please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, 10/13**. We will follow up with details and an invitation.

Thank you for continuing to pray with us
as we ask together,

**"God, what do you want to do
through me?"**

AARP® SMART DRIVER COURSE

Monday Oct. 26 & Wednesday Oct. 28

9:00 AM-12:15 PM in the PW Lounge

Arrive 8:30 am to register



Scan here to register TODAY!

Questions? Email
fpcpageant@gmail.com



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: 4 PM, 12/22
- Pageant Date:** 5 PM, 12/24/26

**FALL
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**A NIGHT OF FUN
COMPETITION
SUPPORTING
THE FPC MUSIC
MINISTRY**



**7:00 PM
OCT 27**



**SOCIAL
CENTER**

**\$15/PERSON OR
\$75/TABLE OF 6**

**6 PLAYER MAXIMUM
PER TEAM**

**BYOB & HOT CIDER
PROVIDED**

**EXCITING PRIZE FOR
THE WINNING TEAM!**

The AARP Smart Driver course helps refresh your driving skills and may help you save on auto insurance. \$25 fee to register can be paid the day of. The course is given by Rob Orr. Call the church office to register!