



October 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
21st 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 Praeludium in d minor

Pachelbel

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

All: **Praise God above all, the giver of life!**

Leader: The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

All: **but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.**

Leader: Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

All: **Come to the Rock, the God of life, and let us worship together!**

*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We seem to have lost the ability to see glory, God;

We have forgotten how to recognize the glory that lives

in the compassion of a stranger;

in the courage of a peace-maker.

Open our eyes to the glory all around us,

the glory of your presence and creativity

in dark and ugly and fearful places;

Strengthen us to walk in your brightness

and live in your ways.

Shower us with your grace,

that we might shine as your people

upon this earth. 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

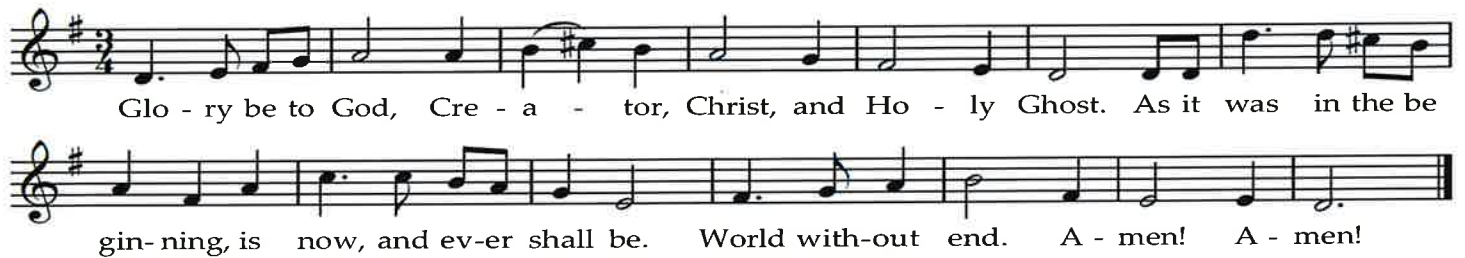
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to attend the GLOW room for a lesson with Mrs. Brennan.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Russ Dickow

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 99 (Old Testament page 552)

Russ Dickow

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

ANTHEM A Love Round

Junior & Westminster Choirs

Nancy Guilford

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33:12-23 (Old Testament page 80)

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

SERMON

I Want to See You

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN 694 Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*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 Soliloquy

David Conte

*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.

ELDERS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lori Kellner

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 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on Harlech

Wilbur Held

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Donald and Ruth Hume with love from
Linda Kubiak, Carol Carr, Kathy Arn, Amy Bellisano and their families.*

*Our greeters this morning are the Sanger family, and the ushers are JoAnne Bedenek,
Andrene Sinclair-Pennix and Kim Rivas.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let
the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted
over all the peoples. Let them praise your
great and awesome name. Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have
established equity; you have executed
justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his
footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called
on his name. They cried to the Lord, and
he answered them. He spoke to them in
the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them but an
avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the
Lord our God, and worship at his holy
mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have
said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you
have not let me know whom you will send
with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by
name, and you have also found favor in my
sight.' Now if I have found favor in your
sight, please show me your ways, so that
I may know you and find favor in your
sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your
people." He said, "My presence will go with
you, and I will give you rest." And he said
to him, "If your presence will not go, do
not bring us up from here. For how shall it
be known that I have found favor in your
sight, I and your people, unless you go
with us? In this way, we shall be distinct,
I and your people, from every people on
the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this
thing that you have asked, for you have
found favor in my sight, and I know you by
name." Moses said, "Please show me your
glory." And he said, "I will make all my
goodness pass before you and will proclaim
before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will
be gracious to whom I will be gracious and
will show mercy on whom I will show
mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my
face, for no one shall see me and live." And
the Lord continued, "See, there is a place
by me where you shall stand on the rock,
and while my glory passes by I will put you
in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you
with my hand until I have passed by; then
I will take away my hand, and you shall
see my back, but my face shall not be
seen."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

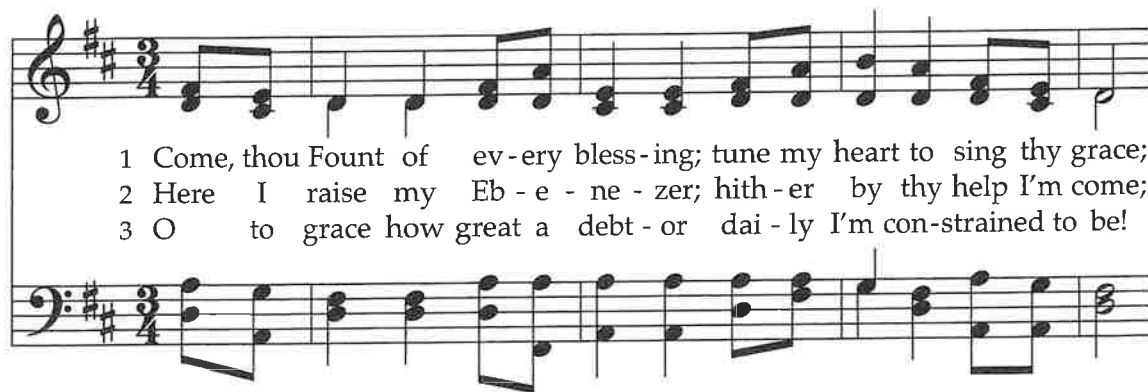
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

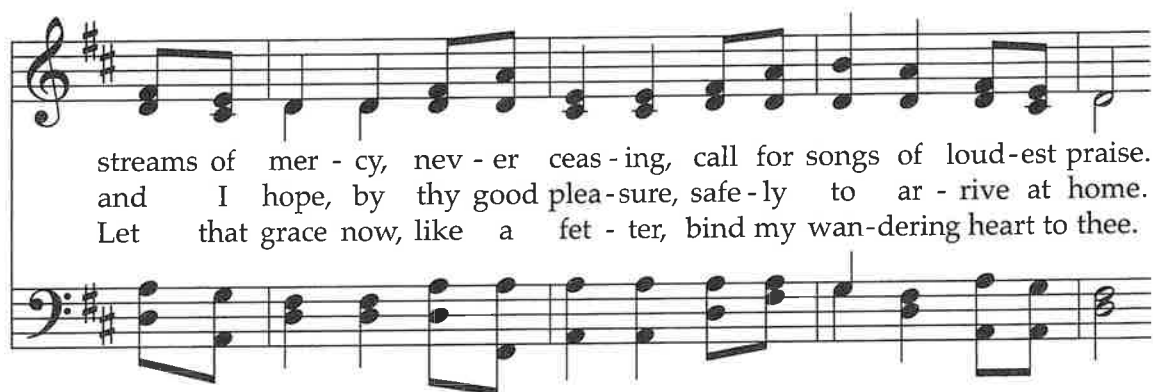
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

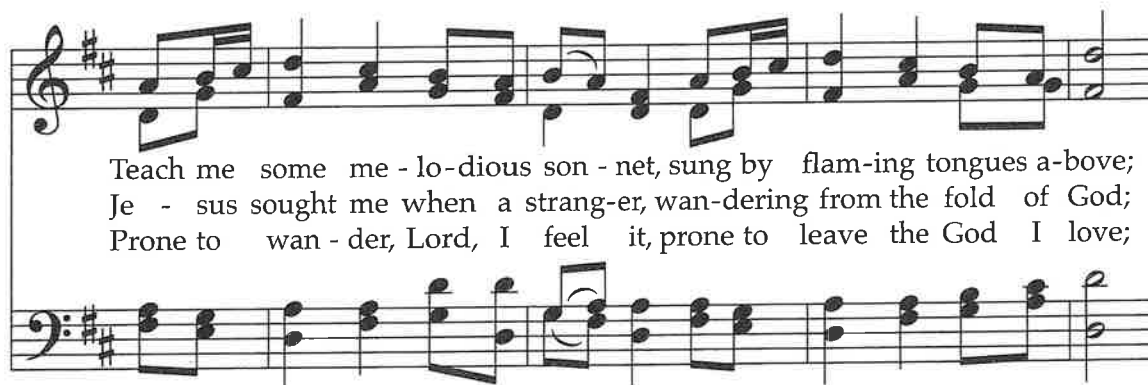
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



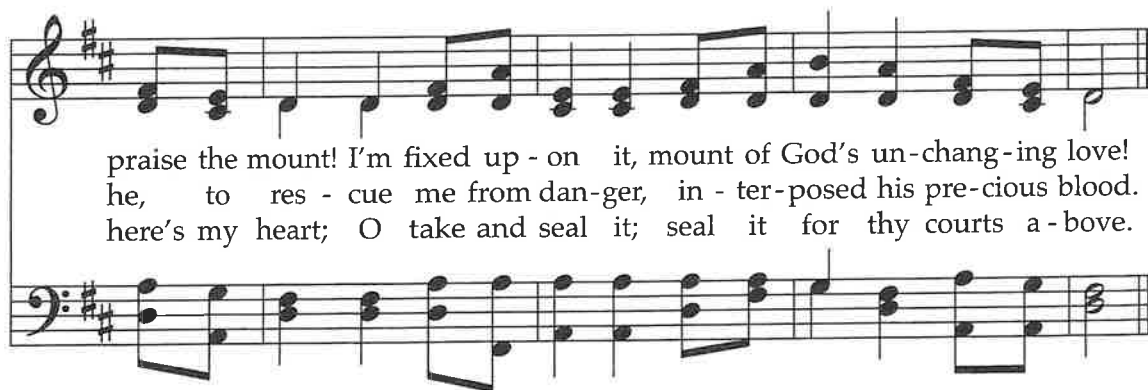
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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 Anglely
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*)

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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, on deployment for 6 to 9 months (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 18

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.
 Youth Commission - PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
 Indonesian Worship Service - Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Habitat Planning Meeting - Office Conf. Room. . . . 7:00 p.m.
 DBSA Support Group - Chapel 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

B & G Meeting - PW Lounge 8:00 a.m.
 Pastoral Bible Study - PW Lounge 10:30 a.m.
 Westminster Choir - Choir Room 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Trinity Ringers - Bell Loft 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 Finance Commission - Office Conf. Room 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Shawl Circle - Session Room 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group - Room 201 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Men's Breakfast - Dining Room 7:30 a.m.
 Junior Choir - Choir Room 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
 Joy Ringers - Bell Loft 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Junior Club - GLOW Room 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
 Support Group - Chapel 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Covenant Ringers - Bell Loft 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Mission Volunteer Night - Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Choir - Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

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>



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 25 Kirkin O' the Tartan Service & Heritage Sunday
 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
 Nov 2 Horizon Bible Study - PW Lounge - 6:00 pm
 Nov 3 Deacons Meeting - Dining Room - 7:30 pm
 Nov 8 Adult Ed: Devotional Classics - Room 106 - 10:30 am
 Nov 10 Unicameral Board - Dining Room/Zoom - 7:30 pm
 Nov 15 Launch of Advent Angels

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received October 11

Pledge	\$ 10,370
Non-pledge	\$ 1,327
World Communion	\$ 295
Other funds	\$ 181

TOTAL: \$ 12,173

OTHER RECEIPTS \$480

(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!

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

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

AARP® SMART DRIVER COURSE

Monday, October 26 & Wednesday, October 28

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

Arrive 8:30 am to register

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!

A Rose in Remembrance November 1, 2026

On All Saints' Sunday, we invite you to remember your departed loved ones with a memorial rose. The names of the deceased (not the donors) will appear in the bulletin. Roses may be taken home after the service.

The deadline is fast approaching; pick up a form from the Narthex or the church office foyer. Each rose is \$5.00.

Forms, with payment, should be returned to the church office by Monday, October 26. (Checks should be payable to FPC with a memo note: Rose to Remember

FALL TRIVIA NIGHT



7:00 PM | SOCIAL
OCT 27 | CENTER

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

**6 PLAYER MAXIMUM
PER TEAM**

**BYOB & HOT CIDER
PROVIDED**

**EXCITING PRIZE FOR
THE WINNING TEAM!**

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

THE METUCHEN EDISON AREA INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION

WALK TO END HUNGER



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 @ 2:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ

As we host this year's Hunger Walk, let us be a strong presence. Each Sunday during Coffee Hour, you have a chance to sign up as a participant or as a sponsor. Look for Russ Dickow. Spread the word and invite your friends to walk together for a great cause!

**Let's walk together
to help our neighbors in need!**

For more information: Text (609) 937-4565

October is Disability Awareness Month

Check out this year's events!

Rutgers Disability Awareness Month brings together the University and broader community to celebrate disability, inclusion, and belonging.

Throughout October, events and programs promote awareness, education, connection, and community engagement.

Scan the QR code for a schedule of events.



Disability is Our Story

ACCEPT EVERYONE
BECOME AN ALLY
BUILD AWARENESS
DISABILITIES ARE
APPARENT AND NON-
APPARENT
INCLUSION IS YEAR ROUND



Discovering Together: The Secret of Their Greatness

November 8, Sunday
10:30 am

Room 106 & Zoom

Led by Rev. Bob Beringer

We are honored to have our Pastor Emeritus Rev. Bob Beringer share on two extraordinary 20th century women whose lives of faith have inspired him. Rev. Beringer will talk about Corrie Ten Boom and Frances Perkins with whom he shares a personal connection.

May this time with Rev. Beringer "touch the heart, address the will, mold the mind and instill holy habits."

Watch out for the Zoom link closer to the date and in the meantime, SAVE THE DATE!



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

Scan here to register TODAY!

Questions? Email
fcpageant@gmail.com



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Metuchen

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



Sunday,
November 8
5:00 pm
Social Center
Dining Room

270 Woodbridge Avenue
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Join us in community and fellowship as we feast on roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, crusty rolls and apple and pumpkin pies for dessert.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact us in the church office
if you would like to volunteer before,
during or after the dinner.

