

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN July 6, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 4th 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



Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry Associate Pastor: Rev. Khayla Johnson 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

ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

*Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Once to Every Man and Nation

WELCOME/TIDINGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is here; God is healing.

All: God is speaking; God is comforting.

Leader: God is redeeming; God is forgiving.

All: God is saving. God is empowering us. Hallelujah, God is here.

*HYMN # 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison Rev. Leksmana Leonard Source of all that gives us life, we have turned away from your authority to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in you alone. Lead us to the river of life that in all we do, we may honor your name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN # 583 Glory to God

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE REA	DING	Psalm 66:1-9	Haulenbeek F	amily/Meily Sumantri
This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.				
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 66:10-14 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.				
SERMON		"Called to Comfort"		Rev. Khayla Johnson
OUR RESPONSE TO GOD				

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN # 688 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. Mark Hayes

Rev. Khayla Johnson

Rev. Khayla Johnson

MIT FREUDEN ZART

GLORIA (TAIZÈ)

Russ Dickow

MORECOMBE

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement, 1983)

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

OFFERTORY God, The Great Goodness Never Ends

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts, Creator Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . And also with you. Damai Kristus bersertamu..... Dan bersertamu juga.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Khayla Johnson, Rev. Leksmana Leonard **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table. Please ask a server for assistance.

COMMUNION HYMN #500 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE OREAT FRATER OF HELIOROGIVING			
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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.		

MYSTERIES OF FAITH

Leader: Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. All:

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

BEETHOVEN

ST. FLAVIAN

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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 Selamat nya.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND THE CUP	
COMMUNION PRAYER	Rev. Khayla Johnson
*HYMN # 623 I've Got Peace Like a River	PEACE LIKE A RIVER
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE O God, Our Help in Ages Past	arr. Johnson
	~

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Our greeter this morning is Deb Teall, and the ushers are Jen Thompson, Tom Giordano, and Andrene Sinclair-Pennix.

Serving communion are Wendy Kukowski, Jen Thompson, Lori Kellner and Bernard Niall Corbalis .

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

Psalm 66:1-9

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." Selah

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB PERTAMA

Mazmur 66:1-9

Untuk pemimpin biduan. Nyanyian Mazmur. Bersorak-sorailah bagi Allah, hai seluruh bumi, mazmurkanlah kemuliaan nama-Nya, muliakanlah Dia dengan puji-pujian! Katakanlah kepada Allah: "Betapa dahsyatnya segala pekerjaan-Mu; oleh sebab kekuatan-Mu yang besar musuh-Mu tunduk menjilat kepada-Mu. Seluruh bumi sujud menyembah kepada-Mu, dan bermazmur bagi-Mu, memazmurkan nama-Mu." *Sela*

Pergilah dan lihatlah pekerjaan-pekerjaan Allah; Ia dahsyat dalam perbuatan-Nya terhadap manusia: Ia mengubah laut menjadi tanah kering, dan orang-orang itu berjalan kaki menyeberangi sungai. Oleh sebab itu kita bersukacita karena Dia, yang memerintah dengan perkasa untuk selamalamanya, yang mata-Nya mengawasi bangsa-bangsa. Pemberontak-pemberontak tidak dapat meninggikan diri. *Sela*

Pujilah Allah kami, hai bangsa-bangsa, dan perdengarkanlah puji-pujian kepada-Nya! Ia mempertahankan jiwa kami di dalam hidup dan tidak membiarkan kaki kami goyah.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her — that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The New Revised Standard Version, copyright © 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

PEMBACAAN ALKITAB KEDUA

Yesaya 66:10-14

Bersukacitalah bersama-sama Yerusalem, dan bersorak-soraklah karenanya, hai semua orang yang mencintainya! Bergiranglah bersamasama dia segirang-girangnya, hai semua orang yang berkabung karenanya! supaya kamu mengisap dan menjadi kenyang dari susu yang menyegarkan kamu, supaya kamu menghirup dan menikmati dari dadanya yang bernas. Sebab beginilah firman Tuhan: Sesungguhnya, Aku mengalirkan kepadanya keselamatan seperti sungai, dan kekayaan bangsa-bangsa seperti batang air yang membanjir; kamu akan menyusu, akan digendong, akan dibelaibelai di pangkuan. Seperti seseorang vang dihibur ibunya, demikianlah Aku ini akan menghibur kamu; kamu akan dihibur di Yerusalem. Apabila kamu melihatnya, hatimu akan girang, dan kamu akan seperti rumput muda yang tumbuh dengan lebat; maka tangan Tuhan akan nyata kepada hambahamba-Nya, dan amarah-Nya kepada musuh-musuh-Nya.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord. PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen has adopted a policy that individuals listed must grant permission for their names to be included on the weekly prayer list. PLEASE 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 and then be removed unless requested to keep for a longer period.

Dey Adam (Dawn Adam's sister) Jackson Alcantara (grandson of Lori Nielsen) James Angley (Lynne Angley's son) The Bellini family (friends of the Brennan's) John Bertelsen (Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles) Pat Byrne (Sue Harmon's brother-in-law) Anna Cackowski (daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski) Dorothy Canary (aunt of Sue Harmon) Cassidy family (Marty Brennan's relatives) Sue Coyle (friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles) *Lois Crespy Bruce Dangremond (brother of Mary Kay Dangremond) *Mary Kay Dangremond *Henry and Rita Dengah *Laura Fischer Lisa De La Fuente (friend of the Kozo/Mollison family) Darla Dimatteo Robert Doeg (friend of Niall Corbalis) *Ruth Endicott Hank Frank, Jr. (Deb Teall's partner) Marc Gale (Marie Gale's husband) *Marie Gale Lane Gibson (friend of Bill Nann) *Joey Hale (Son of Matt and Laura Hale) *Margaret Hathaway *Audrey Hausser

*Susan Kozo Jetty Mailangkay (wife of Rev. Herby Moningka) Dennis Maiuro (Colleen Walker's brother-in-law) Patricia Maktal (friend of Messina Family) *Bill Marguard Elliot Miller (Larrie Servino's brother) Michael Murach (Kristing Scoglio's cousin) Joan Murray (Allison Brennan's mother) Virginia Newton (Virginia Shaw's mother) Marian Pflaumer (Cook Family relative) Peter Riggs (Ed & Jane Meyer's son-in-law) Carol Roberts (friend of Jane & Ed Meyer) Jeff Rubin (friend of June Keehbler) *Dave Ryder Angela Sampoli (friend of Dawn Adam) Karen Scoglio (Kristina Scoglio's mother) *Tomara Situmeang Mary and Michael Thompson (family of Jim & Jen Thompson) Crystal Smith Williams (friend of the Food Pantry) 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 the pastors: Rev. Khayla Johnson at (843) 312-7288. **The hospitals no longer contact clergy when a parishioner is admitted, nor do they keep a list of patients by denomination.** The only way the pastors will know if you or a loved one are in the hospital is if you contact us. 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:

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, Lawrence, KS (Bill & Susan Marquard's daughter-in-law) Major Matthew McQueeney, Pilot & DO, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (Son/Stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano) LT John Alexander Petr, U. S. Navy, San Diego, CA (Pennix Family 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

MONDAY, JULY 7 DBSA Support Group – Room 109.....7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 Presentation on Food Insecurity – Social Center 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

FRIDAY, JULY 11 Women's AA Support Group – Room 109. . . 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 12 Indonesian Fellowship – Room 109 5:00 p.m.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR:

To access FPC's website calendar for more details of what's happening in the coming weeks, please **scan the QR code here** or go to <u>https://bit.ly/4emWby6</u>



COMING SOON

Jul 20 – 26 Youth Group Habitat Trip – Roanoke, VA

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS Offerings & Gifts Received June 22 & 29

	TOTAL:	\$ 13,742
PW		\$ 435
Melko Fund		\$ 150
Food Pantry		\$ 2,196
Per Capita		\$ 80
Cash		\$ 546
Non-pledge		\$ 1,673
Pledge		\$ 8,662

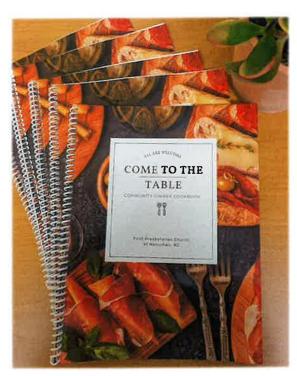
OTHER RECEIPTS \$700

(Parking & Bldg. Rental)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

l	Direct	Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!
l	Online	From our website fpcweb.org/give , click on
		the <i>Give Online</i> button. This will redirect you
		to the Vanco app to set up your donation.
	Text	Text to give using this number: (855) 964-5393,
		and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your generous support!



COME TO THE TABLE

The Community Dinner team brings to us this compilation of tried and tested, delicious and easy recipes for you to enjoy in the comforts of your kitchen. The curated menus are grouped by seasons, where simple ingredients are transformed into soulful dishes.

Read about the story behind the creation of this cookbook, and enjoy what is like a scrapbook of many community dinners and the passionate cooks and the amazing volunteers who make the community dinners a success!

This Community Dinner Cookbook is a fundraiser of our Deacons that will allow them to continue their outreach beyond our community.

Now on sale for \$20.00. To get your copy, please see Gilly McKie, Maggy Cook, or the church office.



Our Youth are heading back to Roanoke, VA, for our annual Habitat Mission Trip. This includes 21 youth and 8 adult chaperones. Thank you for your prayers and support of our mission trip.

We could use help with the following donations:

- Boxed cereals, large or snack-pack size
- · Peanut butter, smooth only
- Jelly (grape, raspberry, strawberry)
- · Nutella
- · Marshmallow Fluff
- · Condiments: Mayonnaise, Brown mustard, Salsa
- · Penne Pasta

Pasta Sauce, plastic containers food
(Marinara, Meat, Alfredo)

Items we would like to borrow for the trip. (Please label with your name.)

- Large picnic coolers
- Construction/ Bluetooth Speakers

Please label your donations with H4H. You may drop off your donations at the Church office until July 15. Thank you!

Questions? Email Rev. Johnson: Kjohnson@fpcweb.org

From our Sanctuary and Sacraments Committee



Sanctuary Flower Donations Needed

Two floral arrangements are needed for the last Sunday in August. If you have a special occasion or person to honor and celebrate, help us brighten the Sanctuary with your flower donation. While we need 2 arrangements, please consider even 1 floral arrangement.

The arrangements are \$25 each. Please contact Deb Teall debteall@optonline.net or call/text her (908)917-3990.

- \cdot Iced Tea and Lemonade Mix
- · Ranch and Italian Dressing
- Snacks, individually packed: goldfish, chips, granola bars, cookies, fruit snacks
- · Bleach wipes
- \cdot Paper towels
- Gallon Ziploc baggies
- · Lidded boxes for packing



Join the Metuchen Human Relations Commission in collaboration with the FPC Food Pantry for a community conversation on Food Insecurity. Learn about the causes and impacts of food insecurity in the community with statistics and hear about the services provided by FPC Food Pantry and other partners in the community.



JULY 9[™], 2025 7:00 PM FPC SOCIAL CENTER

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah Teti Director of Local Mission First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen



An Invitation for a Worthy Cause: Organized by the Mission Commission



Bike Rally for Pedals for Progress

Saturday, 7/19/25 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Group picture to be taken at 9:55 a.m.

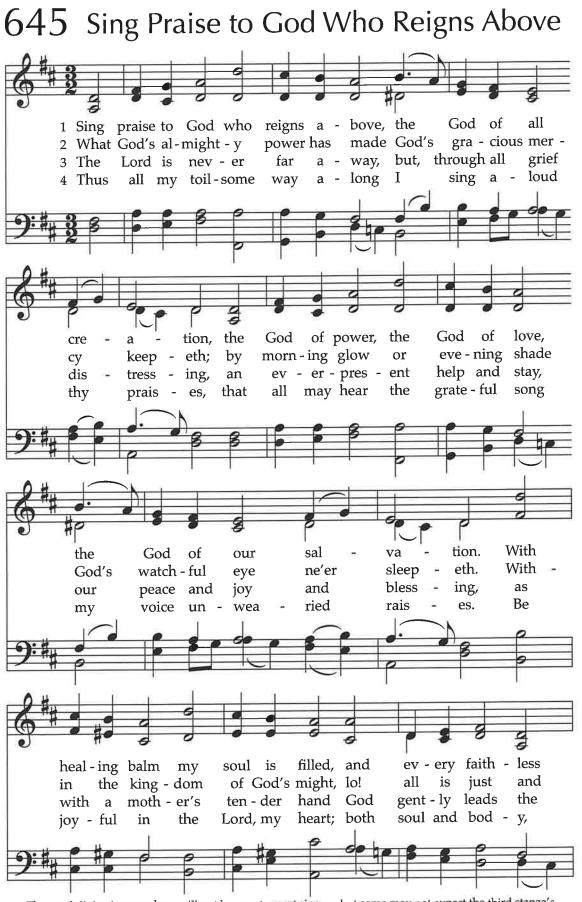
Where: Social Center parking Lot

All families are invited for what will be a fun and worthwhile Bike Ride fundraiser. Participants will ride within the time frame through the cemetery and to the church parking lot (as many laps as you want to go). Please park at the far end of the Social Center parking lot.

Donations will be accepted before and during the event, and can be given to Russ Dickow or Arthur Jemmy. If you are not able to participate, you may also sponsor those riding in the event! Email Russ Dickow at mdickow151@aol.com

Learn more about the mission of Pedals for Progress by going to their website: https://www.p4p.org/what-we-do-2/our-mission/

THANKSGIVING



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.



*May be sung as a canon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

1 have

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

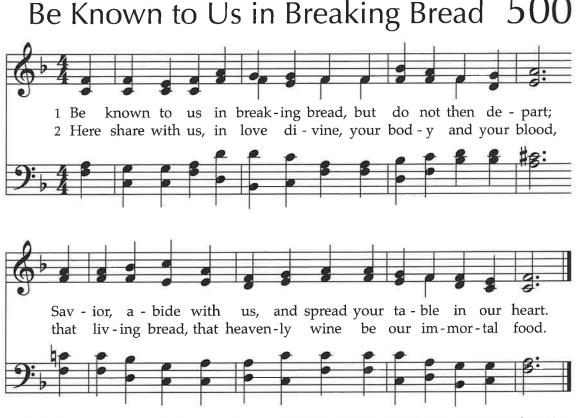
584 Glory, Glory, Glory glo - ry be to God on glo - ry, high! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ria, Dios! las al - tu - ras a ¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, en peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased. on earth And tie - rra, paz a la gen-te que a - ma el Se - ñor. Yen la

GLORIA (Taizé)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.



Not all communion texts refer to the Last Supper: this brief hymn is based on the meal at Emmaus shared by the Risen Christ and his two companions on the road (Luke 24:13–35). It is set to a 16th-century psalm tune that carries the text with appropriate simplicity.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1825 MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562 ST. FLAVIAN CM



Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13–35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

ADORATION



In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

PEACE LIKE A RIVER 7.7.10 \bigcirc