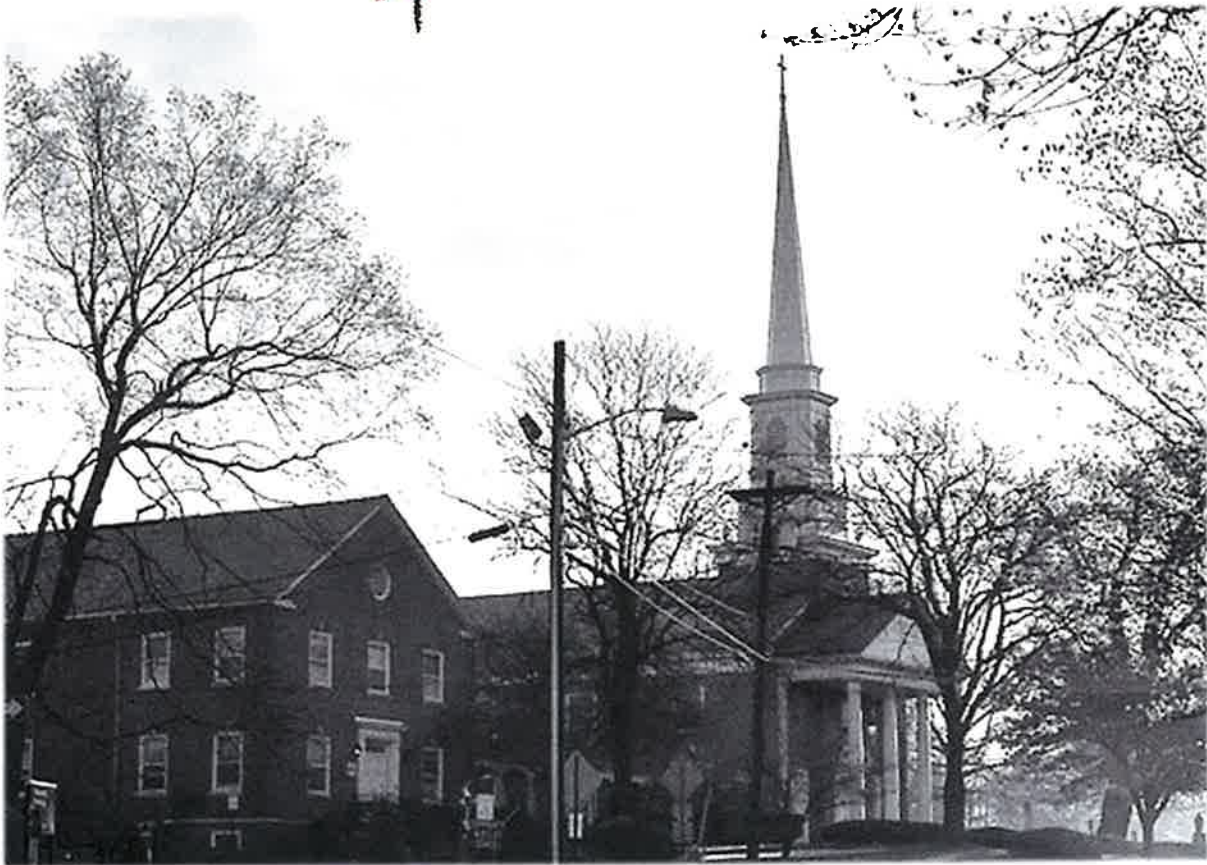




**First Presbyterian Church  
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

**March 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Genealogy of Jesus**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen**

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Youth Director: Seminarian Hanna Halleck Richards

## ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross      Organ: Jordan Klotz      Robert Buckley Farlee  
**WELCOME/ TIDINGS**      The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Psalm 65      Sue West

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,  
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in  
your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

**All:** By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.  
By your strength, you established the mountains; you are girded with might.  
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the  
peoples. Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

**\*HYMN # 662**      Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies      RATISBON

**\*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison**      The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry  
Why do we lay aside the joy of salvation; why would we exchange hope for fear? How do we  
expect more from life when life has become a diminishing affair? Rouse our heart to see  
possibility; let us take heart and live with courage. Remove the lethargy weighing upon  
us. Forgive our sins but let us not be afraid of the mistake. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN # 221** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Verse 4 only. See Hymnal Insert)      PASSION CHORALE

### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**      Genesis 4:1-7      Sue West  
This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** A Lenten Prayer      Junior Choir, Piano: Elaine Hansen      Robert Powell  
Flute: Carol Dunkin

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will proceed to their classrooms. All other grades remain in worship.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:23-37

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

## SERMON

"Begin at the Very Beginning"

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### SETTLING OF THE WORD

\*HYMN # 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

### CALL TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

Dona Nobis Pacem

Westminster Choir

Mary Lightfoot

#### \*DOXOLOGY

(See Hymnal Insert)

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

### ELDER'S 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.

\*HYMN # 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*During Lent, worship will end with the benediction. In keeping with the pensive nature of the season, the congregation will exit without music.*

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

*The rose on the Chancel rail is for Payton Elizabeth, daughter of Krista and Elizabeth Marquard, and granddaughter of Sue and Bill Marquard.*

*Today's greeter is Mary Ann Eide, and the ushers are Beth Russian, Bill Volz, and Sue West.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Helen Burr-Cackowski given with heartfelt gratitude for the First Presbyterian Church music program.*

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### Genesis 4:1-7

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.' Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.'

**SCRIPTURE READER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 3:23-37

Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli, son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai, son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er, son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim, son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David, son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon, son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah, son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor, son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan.

**SCRIPTURE READER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## March 17, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

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### **#662 CHRIS, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES**

1- Christ, whose glory fills the skies;  
Christ, the true, the only light;  
Sun of Righteousness, arise;  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.  
2- Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart,  
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
3- Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

### **#221 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED, v. 3**

3- What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

### **#291, SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS**

**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

1- You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
""Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.""  
**[Refrain]**

2- You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets  
to open their eyes. **[Refrain]**

3- You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. **[Refrain]**

4- You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. **[Refrain]**

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### **DOXOLOGY: THE TALLIS CANON**

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

### **#320 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE**

1- The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.  
2- Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.  
3- Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.  
4- For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.  
5- We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread Christ's liberating word.

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## OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ has adopted a policy in compliance with the enactment of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) agreeing that a member has the right to have their health and personal information kept private and secure. This means that an individual must give permission to have their name publicly shared with the congregation. 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. If you wish to have a loved one on the prayer list for a longer time, please contact Vicky Lacson (vlacson@fpcweb.org) in the Church Office.

Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)  
Peggy Anastos (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
James Angley (*Lynne Angley's son*)  
Marilyn Avery  
The Bellini family (*friends of the Brennan's*)  
Gemma Bertelsen (*Sister-in-law of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
Abigail Bilworth (*Granddaughter of Marcia Archer*)  
Alliyon Blair (*Marcia Archer's granddaughter*)  
Anna Cackowski (*daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski*)  
Natalie Charles (*cousin of Tom Messina*)  
Giovanni Colon and his family (*family of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
\*Beverly Cummings  
Bob Cushing (*friend of Cathy Wolpin*)  
\*Mary Kay Dangremond  
Lisa De La Fuente (*friend of the Kozo/Mollison family*)  
Robert Doeg (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)  
\*Tracy Donahue  
\*Ruth Endicott  
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)  
Carol Franklin (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)  
\*Marie Freeman  
Leah French (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)  
Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)  
Garrett Glass (*Julie Bourne's brother*)  
\*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)

\*Margaret Hathaway  
Ken Koons (*Karen Keithler's brother*)  
\*Tara Jusinski (*Sue Harmon's daughter*)  
Liz Lee (*Larrie Servino's Sister-in-Law*)  
Elizabeth Mack (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)  
Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)  
Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)  
Michael  
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)  
Ricardo Mollison (*Caitlin Mollison's brother*)  
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)  
Geri Rinaldo (*friend of Carol Carr*)  
Deanna Rogers (*cousin of Dawn Adam*)  
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)  
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)  
**Paula Schwalje** (**Mark Haulenbeek's sister**)  
Robert (*son of Karen Sorensen*)  
Cindy Thompson (*Jim Thompson's sister*)  
Richard Watson (*Nancy Gurzo's friend*)  
Megan Weingarten (*Bill Marquard's niece*)  
Ginny West (*related to June Keehler*)  
David Wong  
\*Lynn Hendricks Wong  
Michael Zambri (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)

**Names highlighted in boldface were recently added**

\*Members of the church

### FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Codyann Archer with the 215 peacekeeping soldiers in the Middle East (*Marcia Archer's daughter*)  
MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*son of Elaine Hansen*)  
EM3 Cody Harmon, U.S. Navy, Hawaii (*Sue Harmon's nephew*)  
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, USAF – Lakenheath AFB, UK (*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*)  
First Class Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)

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## THIS WEEK

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**And by appointment for other times**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

After Worship Refreshments – Room 109 . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

Youth Commission Meeting – Office Conf. Rm. . . . . 10:45 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary . . . . . Noon

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Jubilee Choir – Choir Room. . . . . 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

CE Commission – Zoom. . . . . 7:00 p.m.

Personnel Meeting – Office Conf. Rm. . . . . 7:30 p.m.

AA Support Group – Room 109 . . . . . 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Bible Study (Pericopes of Luke) – PW Lounge . . . 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Concert – Sanctuary . . . . . Noon

Chancel Com. Meeting – Sanctuary . . . . . 1:00 p.m.

Westminster Choir – Choir Room . . . . . 6:15 p.m.

Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 6:45 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Study: In Secret – PW Lounge . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group – Room 201. . . . . 7:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Junior Choir – Choir Room . . . . . 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Joy Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

Finance Comm. – Office Conference Rm. . . . . 7:00 p.m.

Senior Choir – Choir Room . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

## COMING SOON

Mar 24 Palm Sunday/ One Church Together

Mar 24 Sunday Book Club – PW Lounge – 11:00 am

Mar 25 Men's Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 pm

Mar 25 Habitat Meeting – PW Lounge – 7:00 om

Mar 26 Easter Packing – Auditorium – 7:00 pm

Mar 27 Lunch and Games – Library – 12:30 pm

Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae – 7:30 pm

Mar 31 Easter Sunrise Service – Cemetery – 7:00 am

Mar 31 Easter Service – Sanctuary – 9:30 am

Apr 1 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm

Apr 1 Social Justice Meeting – Office Conf. Rm. – 7:30 pm

Apr 2 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm

Apr 5 Presbyterian Queer Fellowship – PW Lounge  
– 7:00 p.m.

Apr 9 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Room 109 – 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Apr 9 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm

## TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

### Offerings & Gifts Received March 10

2024 Pledge	\$ 6,105
Non-pledge	\$ 495
Cash	\$ 599
Per Capita	\$ 360
Food Pantry	\$ 20
Special Offering	\$ 25
Special Funds	\$ 280

**TOTAL: \$ 7,884**

**Other Receipts: \$34 (Flowers)**

### Here are ways to give your offerings.

**Direct** Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!

**Online** From our website [fpcweb.org/give](https://fpcweb.org/give), click on the **Give Online** 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!**



### PASTORAL CARE:

If you or someone you know needs our support, or is in the hospital, please feel free to contact Rev. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours: Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, or by appointment.

Looking ahead:

## PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY

### A SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY LESSON

Our Sunday School children are in for a treat as they engage with Mrs. Regan with an interactive lesson next Sunday. This will take place in the chapel after the children's message.



### HE IS RISEN! EASTER REMEMBRANCE

March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Morning

9:00 – 9:30 am and after worship until 11:00 am

Chapel Garden

Would you like a family photo taken on Easter Sunday morning? Family photos will be taken by Fred Blake in the Chapel Garden.



**ONE GREAT HOUR  
OF SHARING  
AND FISH BANKS**



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Join Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food insecurity, and support for the poor and marginalized.

**Please bring your special offering envelopes on Palm Sunday, March 24 when they will be collected.**

### Learn About Monet

March 19, Tuesday

10:30 a.m.

Clara Barton Library

141 Hoover Ave, Edison, NJ



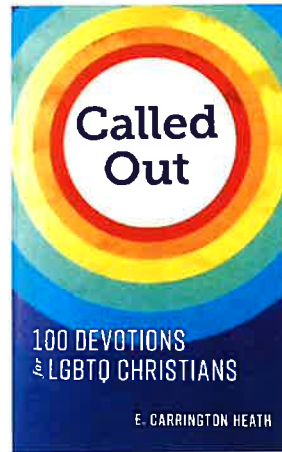
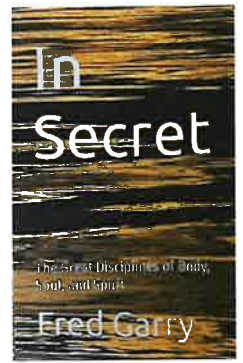
Bring your little ones (ages 2-5) to learn about Monet, and make a water lily. This event is hosted by Community Nursery School Director, Stacy Ambriz, and teacher, Allison Brennan. This event is free; no registration is required.

Wednesdays in Lent

7:00 PM in the PW Lounge

**Give. Pray. Fast.**

Join Rev. Garry in this Lenten devotional that explores what Jesus meant concerning these three disciplines and how to apply them in our lives. Get your copy of the book *In Secret* from the Narthex or the office foyer.



### THE PRESBYTERIAN QUEER FELLOWSHIP

The Presbyterian Queer Fellowship will be meeting the first Friday of every month @ 7:00 pm in the PW Lounge. The topic for the April 5th meeting is: *Called Out* 100 Devotions for LGBTQ Christians by E. Carrington Heath.

For questions, please contact Niall Corbalis - 917-406-2167 text or call.

### Cemetery Second Hour Forum

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after Worship**

Join Pete Bellisano, Laura Draper, and Karen Keithler in the Chapel after worship

- Discover a little history of the cemetery and about some of the interesting persons who are interred in this beautiful space.
- Learn about tombstone cleaning in preparation for our cemetery Clean-up Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Be the first to hear about *Graveyard Tales*, a new book about our cemetery by Pete Bellisano.

**Save the date!**

**Cemetery Clean-up Morning**

**Saturday, April 27th at 9:00 am**

We want to spruce up our historical cemetery with a church-wide Clean-up Morning. Details are being finalized; watch out for more in the Parish News and in April's Sunday papers.



*Where every stitch is a stitch of love and prayers.*

Are you currently a knitter or crocheter - or have you always wanted to learn how?

Please join our **Prayer Shawl Circle on Wednesday, March 20th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, in the Session Room** for fellowship, knitting, and crocheting. Our goals are to create more beautiful shawls for FPC's Prayer Shawl Ministry - and to make new connections with our FPC community. Directions on how to make prayer shawls, yarn, and basic knitting and crocheting instructions will be provided. Bring your enthusiasm, current projects, as well as needles (sizes 9, 11 or 13) or hooks (sizes M, N, or P) to the meeting.

**Please reach out to Gilly McKie, [gilly@mckie.com](mailto:gilly@mckie.com) or Jennifer Thompson, [jenni4\\_thompson@yahoo.com](mailto:jenni4_thompson@yahoo.com)** with any questions. Bring a friend or two!

Future meetings are planned on April 17 and May 15.

## LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

IN THE SANCTUARY

The weekly concerts have been enjoyable and you can still catch it in the next coming weeks.

March 20 Nancy Scharff, Soprano/Guitarist

March 27 Edison High School Choirs  
Josh Lisner, Director  
Pam Moymer, Pianist

**Join us for some peace and calm in your day.**

## EASTER PLANT ORDERS

Help us decorate our church as we celebrate the glory of Easter on March 31. This is the final call in case you overlooked sending in your order. Please fill out a form and return to the office with your payment. Thank you!

**Deadline is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

## Presbyterian Women 2024 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**



**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Yes, it's that time of the year! Start cleaning out your closets—  
it's time for the Spring Rummage Sale!**

### **DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING NEW DROP-OFF TIMES:**

**April 15-17 Monday & Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday only, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**April 18 Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM ONLY**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Old TVs and computers will **NOT** be accepted; please contact your local Department of Public Works for correct disposal. We welcome hangers and shopping bags.

### **CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?**

Like all previous rummage sales, your donations and your time as volunteers contribute to the success of PW's rummage sales. There are many opportunities before, during, and after the sale. But there are also perks to enjoy such as being able to shop early, enjoy the Friday dinner and Saturday lunch, and the time of fellowship!

**Contact us:** Cindy O'Neill [mimabook@aol.com](mailto:mimabook@aol.com)  
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