



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

May 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

**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

The Brennan Family

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

PRELUDE The Heavens are Telling

Haydn

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is mighty, a voice over the waters.

All: The Lord is glorious and thunders in majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

All: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

Leader: Give strength to your people this day.

All: May all the earth rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Find our wandering hearts; calm our restless minds.

Bring our gaze to clarity; cause our ears to hear.

For in our haste we replace courage with anger;

In our desire to appease we lose what we must keep.

Let us find the place to stand in the storm;

Let us be ready to seek peace amidst disdain.

God of grace, hear our prayer. Amen.

*KYRIE

Lord, _____ have_ merc - - - cy up - on us.

Christ, _____ have_ merc - - - cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have merc - - - 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.

*** GLORIA**

Glo - ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. World with-out end. A - men! A - men!

Written for Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY by James Kealey

ANTHEM The Butterfly Song

Carol Choir

Kerner & Rettino

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Nursery care up to age 2 is available in Room 107. Pre-K to 5th grade will to exit to the GLOW Room.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Judges 9:7-15 (Old Testament page 227)

Maggie Dickow

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

ANTHEM Tell Me More

Junior Choir

Henry Hinnant

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:1-10 (New Testament page 80)

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

SERMON

Planting Trees in the Sea Makes You Better

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

***HYMN 735** I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** (*from the Brief Statement*) – **Unison**

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

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

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus, fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***RESPONSE HYMN 399** God Welcomes All (*sing twice*)

THEMBA AMEN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – Unison

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 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 765** May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

POSTLUDE

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given:

by the Presbyterian Women in honor of all mothers,

in loving memory of Eleanor Krebs from her daughter, Linda Amato, and her son, Robert Krebs,

in loving memory of Lester Shaeffer on his 5th anniversary in heaven, from his wife Lorraine and his

daughter Lori Nielsen, and

in loving memory of her husband Jim on his 7th anniversary in heaven from June Keebler.

*Our greeter this morning is Mary Ann Eide and the Lewis family,
and the ushers are Wendy Kukowski, Gilly McKie, and Kristina Scoglio.*

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

(A7) (G7) (D)
C7 B \flat 7 F

like pre-cious oil, like fresh morn - ing dew. We

(D) (G) (F \sharp) (Bm)
F B \flat A Dm

gath-er here to - geth-er with our hearts and voic-es raised to

(G) (D) (A7) (D)
B \flat F C7 F

God, who's the cen-ter of our u - ni - ty and praise!

God Welcomes All 399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.


366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!
 tei - ro. Tem com - pai - xão! nos! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
 ¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
 cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -

on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
 nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.

Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
 O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.

work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
 Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.



Mother's Day Blankets Sunday, May 10, 2026
Total donations raised for CWS Blankets: \$2,075
 Thank you for your generous donation so we can blanket the world with love.

DONOR	IN HONOR		IN MEMORY	
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Marie Hoffsommer	Kathy Girouard Michelle Graves Heidi Hoffsommer Wendy Kukowski	Gilly McKie Cathy Ostermueller Susan Short June Young
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Bill, Eric, Brian, Sarah & Catherine	Amy Jeney	
Nancy Jones	Gladys Gonzalez Julia Acevedo Kimberly Libman Kim Carro	Nancy Torres Alice Diaz Melissa Gomez
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The Leardi Family	Geri Leardi	Joan Yuskevich
Nancy Leardi	Eileen Finn Lisa Qualben	Cheryl Huffstutter
The Lewis Family	Mary Ann Eide	Kelli Shalae Johnson Gerrie Bishop Nikki Walter
		Judy Coffey Barbara Carli



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The Pennix Family	Neva Stoddart	Sheila Ramsay		
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Kristina Scoglio	Karen Scoglio		Mildred Reeder	
Deb Teall	Carolyn Perez	Wendy Kukowski		
Thompson Family	Carol Turkett		Patricia Thompson Linda Bilinski	Elaine Luther
Diane Tropila			Olga Tropila Tina Tropila	Other Loved Ones
B.J. Welsh	Danielle Denney-Welsh		Jean Griffiths Linda Griffiths	Beth Ann Mottley
June Young	Christine Young Helmstetter Pauline Kohl Young Linda Burr	Cara Moskal Scacco Bern Bransfield	Doris Moskal Dora Moskal Jean Bray	

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
John Bertelsen and family (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
*Fred Bergholz
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*)
Sophie Culton (*friend of the Reed family*)
*Mary Kay Dangremond
Darla Dimatteo
George Doerbecker (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
*Judy Fuller
Marc Gale (*Marie Gale's husband*)
*Marie Gale
*Doris Gulotta
*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
*Margaret Hathaway
*Noah Haulenbeek
Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (*friend of the Hajjar family*)
*Abby Kozo
***Brad Keller**

*Susan Kozo
*Patricia Lagay
Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
Joseph Neupauer (*Marie Hoffsommer's brother*)
Alvin Newton (*Virginia Shaw's brother*)
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Diane Riddle
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
Cara Moskal Scacco (*niece of June Young*)
Johanne Servil (*friend of Margo Gunsser*)
*Lorraine Sheaffer
*Susan Short
*Deb Sorensen
Katie Strittmatter (*friend of Kozo-Mollison family*)
Art Wegg
Bud Wilson (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)
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 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, Currently deployed (*Son of Andrene Pennix's co-worker*)
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, Pilot and D.O., deployed (*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, MAY 10

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

After Worship Refreshments – Chapel 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service - Sanctuary. Noon

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

Unicameral Board – Dining Room/ Zoom 7:30 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room 7:30 a.m.

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

Westminster Choir – Choir Room 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group – Room 201 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft 9:30 -10:15 a.m.

Local Mission – Auditorium 11:45 a.m.

Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mission Commission – PW Lounge 7:00 p.m.

Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Social Justice Movie Night – Sanctuary 5:00 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

May 17 2nd Hour: Capital Campaign – Sanctuary – 10:30 am

May 19 Social Justice Meeting – PW Lounge – 7:30 pm

May 19 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm

May 20 Finance Comm – Office Conference Rm – 7:00 pm

May 20 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm

May 20 Youth Group BBQ – Ballfield – 6:30 pm

May 22 Mission Volunteer Night – Social Center – 7:00 pm

May 27 B & G – PW Lounge – 8:00 am

May 27 Lunch and Games – Social Center – 12 pm

June 7 Church Picnic – Ballfield – After church

June 14 Community Dinner – Social Center – 5 pm

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received May 3

Pledge	\$10,000
Non-pledge	\$ 270
Per Capita	\$ 294
Memorial Music	\$ 210
Blankets & Tools	\$ 210
Deacons	\$ 140
Other funds	\$ <u>358</u>

TOTAL: \$11,482

OTHER RECEIPTS \$760

(Parking and Bldg. 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of
2026

A special note to the Class of 2026: Congratulations on your achievement!

We will recognize all high school, college, and graduate-school graduates in worship on June 7.

Graduates will be listed in the next *Parish News*. Please email a photo and the following details by June 1 to Heather Koball (hkoball@fpcweb.org) or Vicky Lacson (vlacson@fpcweb.org):

- graduate's name,
- degree/program completed,
- school,
- and future plans.

SECOND HOUR: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Sunday, May 17th 10:30 am

in the Sanctuary

For more than 300 years, First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen has served God and our community—and we believe God is calling us to do even more. Church leadership has been developing a new vision for our future that includes projects requiring a capital campaign.

Join the Capital Campaign Leadership Team for an informational session after worship on Sunday, May 17, in the sanctuary.



August 10-14, 2026

Catch the bug this summer!

2026 Vacation Bible Camp



JUNE 29 to July 3, 2026

9:00 to 11:45 am

For children K to 6th Grade (by Fall 2026)

Summer will soon be here, and so will our VBC! Registration is now ongoing. Scan the QR code to sign up your kids!



Give your child a week of exceptional, and joyful music-making program this summer. Choose from:

Young Voices Track	Entering Grades 1 – 3
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	\$75/child, includes snacks
After Care 1:00 – 3:00 pm	\$75/child (on request)

Choir and Bells Track	Entering Grades 4 – 10
9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Mon. – Thurs.), 1:00 pm (Fri.)	\$150/child, includes lunch and snacks

Register by May 15 to enjoy a \$25 early-bird discount. Families registering more than one child also receive a discount.

A faculty of music professionals, teachers, and dedicated volunteers will lead the camp. Pick up a brochure to learn more of what this camp has to offer.

Registration is open. Simply scan this QR code to register.



Dinner, Documentary, and Dialogue

Saturday, May 16 5–8 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen Sanctuary
270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen NJ



Join the FPC Metuchen Social Justice Committee as we host the next in a series of award-winning documentaries presented by the Presbytery of the Coastlands about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Pizza dinner will be served before the viewing and discussion will follow the film. Childcare will be provided.

Please register by May 13



To register, click the QR code or visit fpcweb.org/about-us/missionsjustice/social-justice

*Donations appreciated to help defray dinner costs

Pride Flowers in June

The Social Justice Commission invites you to honor Pride Month by donating a flower arrangement for the Niche on one of the Sundays in June (the 7th, 14th, 21st, or 28th). These flowers serve as a visible sign of our church's welcome, love, and commitment to inclusion for all of God's children.

To donate an arrangement or reserve a date, please call, text, or email Deb Teall at **908.917.3990** or **debteallditor@gmail.com**. Thank you for helping us make our church a place of beauty and belonging.

All Church Picnic – June 7

Please join us for our church picnic on **Sunday, June 7**, immediately following worship. All are welcome, and we hope everyone can attend for food, fellowship, and fun. If you are able to help with setup or donate food for the picnic, please contact **Reynolds Shaw** jazzbop@optonline.net



The Presbyterian Women are again offering Nancy's Camperships for FPC youth entering grades 1–12 who plan to attend Camp Johnsonburg this summer. Camperships are given in memory of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis, an advocate for Camp Johnsonburg. Applications are available in the Narthex, church office, or at fpcweb.org/resources/forms.

Forms are due **Wednesday, May 27**. To learn more about the 2026 summer camp, visit campjburg.org/summer-camp.