



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

August 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

9th 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

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Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
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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 Canon

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 25

Kevin Trolaro

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

All: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions

Leader: according to your steadfast love, remember me

All: for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

***HYMN # 13** The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

***OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison**

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

Merciful and wondrous God, we come before You, recognizing that in Your infinite wisdom, You have woven a tapestry of diverse spiritualities—each bearing echoes of Your truth, each a path shaped by history, culture, and longing. Forgive us when we reduce Your mystery to our own limited understanding, when we judge others whose ways of seeking You differ from ours. Yet in faith and practice, we glimpse the fullness of Your grace. We adore You, O God, not because we have grasped all of You, but because in our differences, Your beauty shines more clearly. In our most compassionate, courageous, and creative moments, we reflect the best of what You have planted in us: Your image. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

***HYMN # 583** Glory to God

GLORIA (TAIZÈ)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:29-37

Gary Ostermueller

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN # 361 O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement, 1983)

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

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 true 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

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

OFFERTORY Variations on Fairest Lord Jesus

Craig Courtney

*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.*

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.

*HYMN # 755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joel Raney

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Our greeter this morning is Mary Ann Eide, and the ushers are Dawn Adam, Wendy Kukowski and Reynolds Shaw.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Nancy Regan for her birthday, with love and thanks for all she does from her daughter Tracy Regan.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:29-37

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

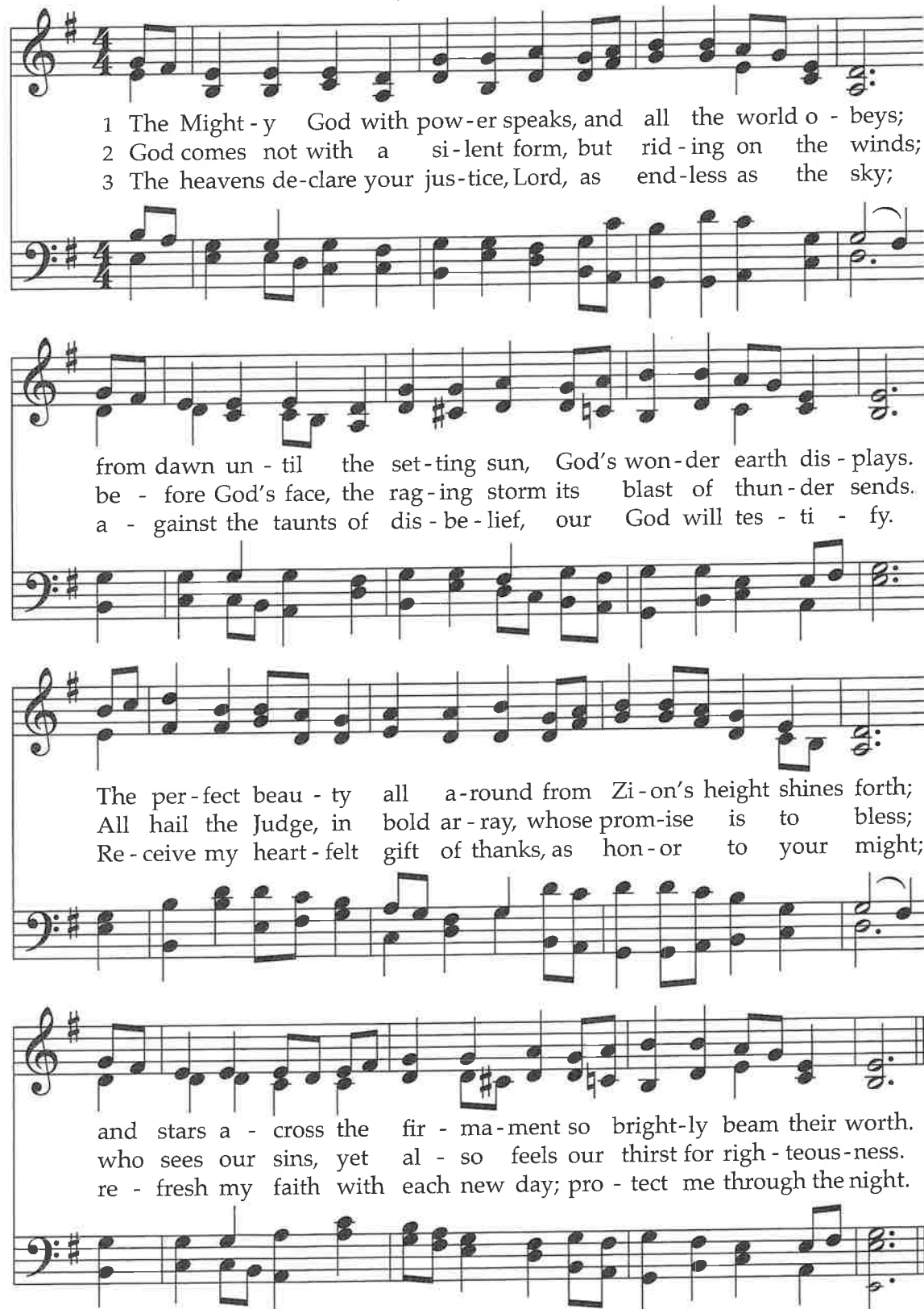
Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)



1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

Glory to God

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

* Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

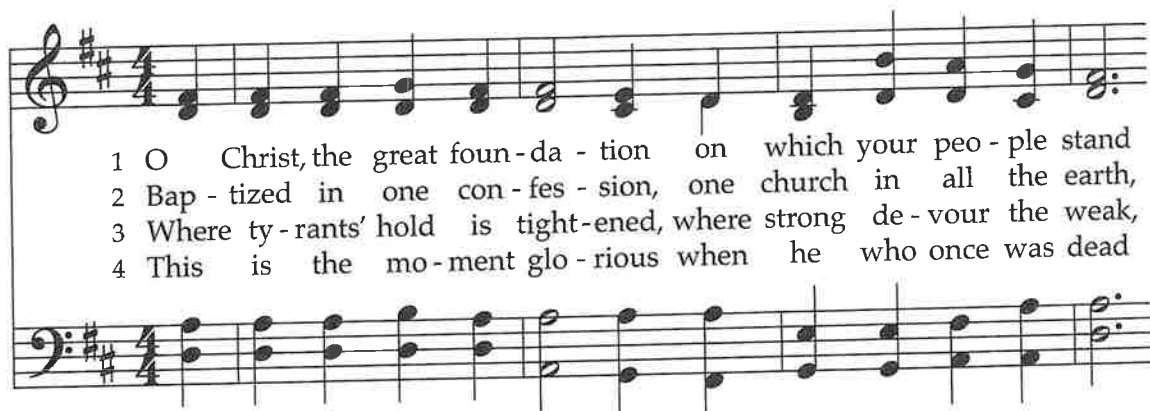
* Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*May be sung as a canon.

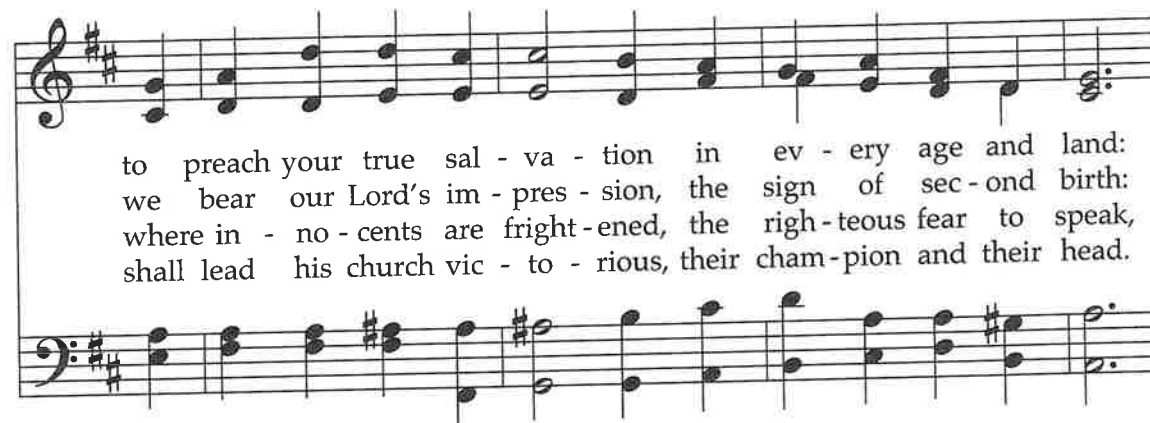
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 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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GLORIA (Taizé)

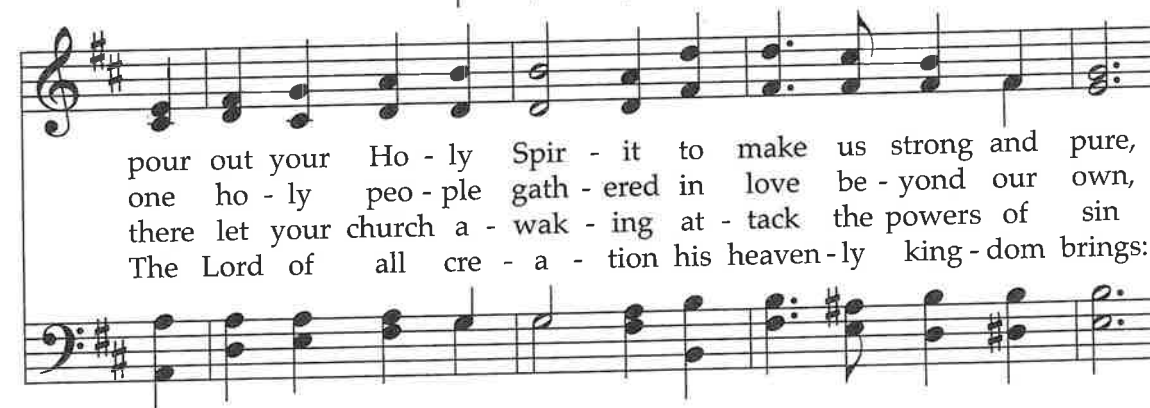
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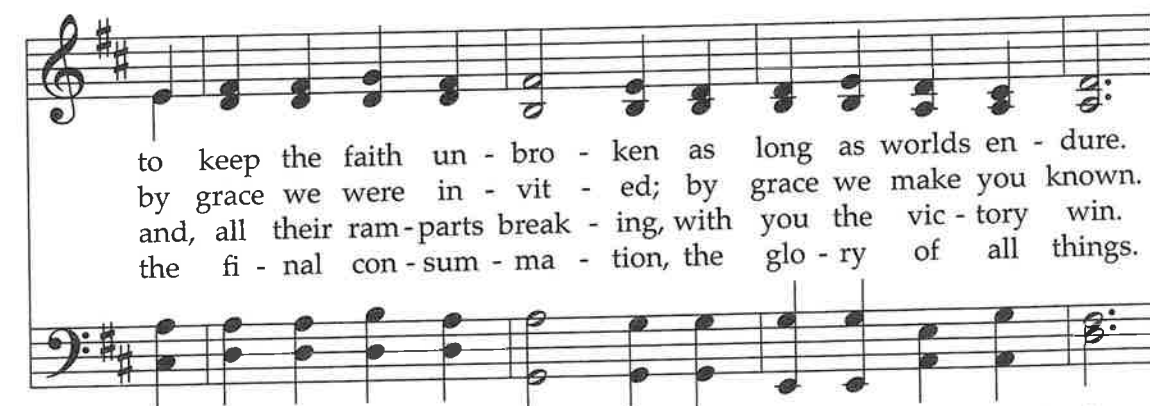
1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;

by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.

Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;

may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!

Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

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*)
 Dorothy Canary (*aunt of Sue Harmon*)
 Luis Canton (*Laurie Toth's father*)
 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
 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*)
 *Judy Fuller
 Marc Gale (*Marie Gale's husband*)
 *Marie Gale
 Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)
 *Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
 *Margaret Hathaway
 *Susan Kozo
 Geraldine Leardi (*Mike Leardi's mother*)

Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)
 Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)
 Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)
 *Bill Marquard
 William Meyer family (*friends of the Leardi family*)
 Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
 Michael Murach (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)
 Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)
 Irene Newman (*former CNS teacher*)
 Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
 Marian Pflaumer (*Cook Family relative*)
 Peter Riggi (*Ed & Jane Meyer's son-in-law*)
 Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
 *Dave Ryder
 Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
 Karen Scoglio (*Kristina Scoglio's mother*)
 *Tomara Situmeang
 *Deb Sorensen
 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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

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

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Mission Commission – PW Lounge. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

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

COMING SOON

Aug 17 Summer Choir – Choir Room – 9:00 am
Aug 17 Summer Sunday Kids in the GLOW Room
Aug 31 Blood Drive – Dining Room – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sep 2 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
Sep 6 Deacons and Elders Retreat – Social Center
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sep 9 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
Sep 14 Rally Day

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received August 3

Pledge	\$ 10,023
Non-pledge	\$ 1,430
Cash	\$ 3
Food Pantry	\$ 150
Special Funds	\$ 446

TOTAL: \$12,052

OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 900

(Parking & Building Use)

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.
- Text** Text to give using this number: (855) 964-5393, and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your generous support!

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



Per Capita Quarterly Drawing

Could you be our next winner?

A reminder that Stewardship's Per Capita Drawing is still ongoing, with more prizes waiting to be won. Continue to give towards your per capita to be entered in the remaining drawings. The earlier you give, the more chances of winning!



The 3rd Quarter Draw is scheduled on Rally Day, September 14th!

This could be your time to win a prize!

An open invitation - SUMMER CHOIR August 17, Sunday



Come at 9:00 a.m. to learn an easy anthem for worship. All ages are welcome – no experience required! We will meet in the Choir Room to learn the anthem.

Questions? Contact Jordan Klotz jklotz@fpcweb.org or call (732) 491 - 2266



METUCHEN CARES

Community Action for

Recovery, Education and Support

4th Annual Overdose Awareness Day

Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Metuchen Borough Hall *

*In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the auditorium of the Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Ave., Metuchen

When we realize that addiction is a disease and understand its symptoms and consequences without judgment, we can overcome the stigma, isolation, & devastation that afflict those with a substance use disorder and their families.

Metuchen needs to work together to END the STIGMA!

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Families with children in middle school, high school, and college are strongly encouraged to attend.

THERE WERE 80,391 overdose deaths in 2024. METUCHEN IS NOT IMMUNE TO THIS DISEASE!

The program will include:

- A keynote from MHS Head Football Coach Jordan Leitner.
- A Candlelight Vigil to remember those who have lost their lives to this disease. Feel free to bring a photo of your loved one to place on the CARES memorial board.
- Information and resources for families and individuals.

- Free NARCAN kits will be distributed – find out why EVERY home should have one! Limited quantities will be available beginning 6:30 pm.
- Free ice cream treats donated by *What's the Scoop*.

For more information about Metuchen CARES, addiction, recovery, and prevention, please visit :
www.metuchennj.org/boards/cares

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience to save up to 15 minutes by using RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass. Use the QR codes below to schedule your appointment and use Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history.



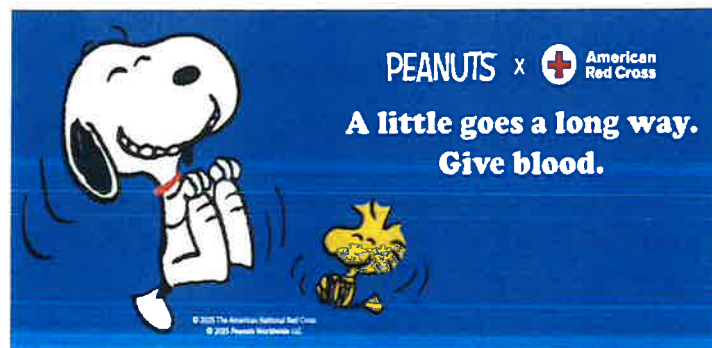
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Between Aug. 29 to Sept. 9, receive 1 of 4 mystery tees with an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS design, limited quantity!

Questions? Contact: Wendy Kukowski (732)9832457 /
wkukowski14@gmail.com



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

FPC Social Center Dining Room
SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or
visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCM

Coming soon!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

REGISTER TODAY! We are planning for a great year! Registration is a breeze – use this QR code:

This will take you to the online form and after completing all the needed information, click “Send.”

You may also download the form and submit to the church office to register your child/youth. Go to:

<https://fpcweb.org/resources/forms/>



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