



**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

May 19, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

www.fpcweb.org

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Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
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ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

*Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Pentecost Chime

Joy Ringers

WELCOME/ TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 104 (Adapted)

Mike Draper

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

All: **You set the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken.**

You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder, they take to flight.

Leader: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

All: **By the streams, the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode, you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

*HYMN # 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Take from us the garments of gloom, Take from us the cloak of confusion. Take from us the cover of indifference. Let our hearts be adorned with hope; let our minds seek the light of truth; let our words and deeds be just and merciful. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

MOMENT FOR SAFETY

Pete Bellisano

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sue West

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children K - 5th grade will exit to the library after the message. Grades 6-7th will be meeting in room 105 with Mr. Bellisano after the sermon.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-13 Kathy Book
This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth Concord Ringers J. D. Frizzell

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

SERMON "They Left Everything" The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN # 163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice ABERYSTWYTH

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS JOINING OUR CHURCH

By Reaffirmation of Faith: Collin Matthew Casey Amanda Posse Ortiz Kane
Heather Anne Kenyon Casey Daniel Cameron Kane

CALL TO OFFERING The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OFFERTORY As the Wind Song Swee Hong Lim

*DOXOLOGY # 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PW HONORARY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Deb Teall

ELDERS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mike Draper

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 # 726 Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come Down, O Love Divine

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

The rose on the chancel rail is to honor the proud parents Jessica L. and Cory D. Hammond who brought into this church community a healthy baby born on April 30, Hudson Briggs Hammond.

The second rose on the chancel rail is to celebrate the birth of Desiree Charlotte Curry on May 15 to parents Adrienne and Curt Curry, and grandparents Diane and Tom Giordano.

Today's greeter is Wendy Kukowski, and the ushers are Chris Van Pelt, Betty Kopetz, and Beth Russian.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Sally Ayotte with gratitude to God and this church family, and in loving memory of her husband Ted.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

May 19, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#289 ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED

1- On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person
there.

2- The people all around them were startled and
amazed to understand their language, as Christ the
Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was
here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

3- God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace
receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every
hour.

4- O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen, and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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#582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

1- Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2- World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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#163 WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET'S VOICE

1- Wild and lone the prophet's voice
Echoes through the desert still,
Calling us to make a choice,
Bidding us to do God's will:
""Turn from sin and be baptized;
Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
Yield your life to God's control.

2- ""Bear the fruit repentance sows:
Lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
Set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power,
Burning clean the threshing floor:
Then will flames the chaff devoir;
Wheat alone shall fill God's store.""

3- With such preaching stark and bold
John proclaimed salvation near,
And his timeless warnings hold
Words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
Led by faith through ways untrod,
Till we come at last like John
To behold the Lamb of God.

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609 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings, flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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#726 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

1. "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2. "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

3. "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

4. "Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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.

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*)
Gerrie Bishop (*Cathy Ostermueller's mother*)
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
Peter Duhme (*husband of Heather Koball*)
*Ruth Endicott
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
Carol Franklin (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
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
*Tara Jusinski (*Sue Harmon's daughter*)
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*)
Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)
*Bill Nann
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
Paula Schwalje (*Mark Haulenbeek's sister*)
Robert (*son of Karen Sorensen*)
Lorenzo Soto (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)
Sarah Abed Van Pelt (*Chris Van Pelt's daughter-in-law*)
Scott Walker (*friend of Margo Gunsser*)
Susan Washing (*friend of the Leardi family*)
Richard Watson (*Nancy Gurzo's friend*)
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*)
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*)
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 19

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.
 New Member Reception – Room 109 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Commission – Office Conf. Room 11:45 a.m.
 Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon
 Senior Choir Concert – Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 20

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Jubilee Choir – Choir Room. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 CE Commission – Zoom 7:00 p.m.
 Personnel Commission – Office Conf. Room 7:30 p.m.
 AA Support Group – Room 109 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Bible Study (Pericopes of Luke) – PW Lounge . . . 10:30 a.m.
 Lunch and Games – Dining Room Noon – 3:00 p.m.
 Westminster Choir – Choir Room 6:15 p.m.
 Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 6:45 p.m.
 Finance Commission – Office Conf. Room 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group – Room 201. 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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.
 Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

COMING SOON

May 26 Sunday Book Club – PW Lounge – 11:00 am
 May 27 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
 May 29 Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am
 Jun 2 All Church Picnic – Ball field – 10:30 am
 Jun 3 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
 Jun 3 Social Justice – Office Conference Rm – 7:30 pm
 Jun 4 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
 Jun 7 Presby. Queer Fellowship – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
 Jun 9 Community Dinner – Dining Room – 5:00 pm
 Jun 11 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge – 11:00 am
 Jun 11 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
 Jun 13 Local Mission – Auditorium – 11:45 am
 Jun 13 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
 Jun 15 Father’s Day Carwash – 9:00 am - Noon

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received May 12

Pledge	\$ 5,555
Non-pledge	\$ 895
Cash	\$ 620
Special Offering	\$ 210
Special Funds	\$ 45
Food Pantry	\$ 500

TOTAL: \$ 7,825

Other Receipts: \$530
(Flowers, Building Use & Parking)

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!

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23 – 28, 2024

Mon—Thurs 9:00-11:45,
Fri 9:00-10:30 am



This summer, come for a week of fun, faith, and more in a cosmic space adventure. Invite friends to double the fun!

If you have a child entering K – 6th grade in the Fall, you may register them for VBS.

Registration forms are available from FPC's website, the church office, and CE office. Only one form is needed per family. You can quickly register using the QR code below for a fillable form online.

Cost: FPC members \$25/ child, maximum \$50/family
Non-members \$25/child



Volunteers are the heart of VBS. Make a difference by sharing your time – before, during, and after camp. Use the QR codes for the forms to register your child or to sign up as a volunteer.

Campers Form:



Volunteers Form:



Questions? Contact Nancy Leardi

nleardi@fpcweb.org or call (732) 491-2264

CALLING ALL PYW, THAT'S YOU!

All high school Presbyterian
Young Women!

Save the date: June 14th

We are planning our next movie event. Inside Out 2 will premier on June 14th. Sign up with Mrs. Leardi to attend this dinner and a movie teen night out! Exact movie time: TBA



Please extend a warm FPC welcome to four new members being recognized in today's worship service. Join us after worship in Room 109 for a special reception and a chance to meet and greet them.

We want to thank the Stewardship Commission for hosting our coffee hour today.

Lunch and Games

Wednesday, May 22nd

Noon to 3:00 pm,

Social Center Dining Room

Come for a refreshing time of fellowship and playing your favorite game. Bring a bagged lunch and your choice of game to share. Hosted by the deacons, lunch and games are every 4th Wednesday of each month, and open to everyone. If you have a favorite game (or a deck of cards) bring it along. Games will also be available to share. If you are interested, please call Sue West – 732-556-7511. (Or, if you forget to call, come anyway!) If you would like to come but need a ride, please call, we have volunteers willing to drive others.





First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
SENIOR CHOIR
in concert

MAY 19, 2024 | 4 PM

270 Woodbridge Avenue
Metuchen, NJ 08840
Tickets: \$15

Come and enjoy this concert from our Senior Choir with an array of music that explores the family album of choral music composers. Tickets may be purchased today or at the door.

Graffiti Off The Wall

For Rising High Schoolers



2 sessions:
Tuesday, June 25
Thursday, June 27
12:30 - 3:00 pm
Senior High Room

Course Fee: \$45.00
Limit of 10 students

FPC's 2023 Artist in Residence, Joe Castronova, is offering a unique crash course on graffiti: its history, language, tools, and techniques. Through studio work, participants will expand their skills in color, design, letterforms, motifs, and a host of other exciting topics.

Register early because there is a limit of 10 students. Forms are available from the CE and church office. Contact Nancy Leardi for questions

FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Nancy's Camperships Available!

PW is pleased to announce that we are again offering scholarships - now known as Nancy's Camperships in memory of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis - for FPC youth to attend Camp Johnsonburg this summer.

Camperships are offered to FPC youth in Grades 1 to 12 and attending any of the weeklong summer camps offered at Camp Johnsonburg. For more details on the Camp's 2024 Summer Schedule of events, as well as to register, visit their website:

<https://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/>

To avail of Nancy's Camperships, fill out an application form available in the Church Office, Narthex, and the FPC website in the forms section:

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

We invite families to contact PW Treasurer Sue Harmon, at pw@fpcweb.org, if you are interested.

Deadline to apply: June 3, 2024.



FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 16

Christ's love offers strength in hard times. This Father's Day, share that love with others through a donation to CWS Tools. Your gift builds sturdy foundations and unshakeable futures for those most in need.

Donor names and the people they are honoring and remembering will be in the Father's Day bulletin. Forms are now available in the Narthex and from our website -

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

FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE JUNE 3RD.