



**First Presbyterian Church  
of Metuchen**

**Where God's Love Welcomes All**



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

**October 6, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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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.*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** We Place Upon Your Table, Lord Robert J. Powell

**WELCOME/ TIDINGS** The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

**INTROIT** O Come and Sing Unto the Lord Senior Choir Traditional

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Leksmana Leonard

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**All: The Lord is God, and he has given us light.**

**\*HYMN # 641** When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG

**\*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison** Rev. Leksmana Leonard  
God of mercy, hear our prayer. We do not set the earth in motion; we do not call rain from the sky; we do not cause the earth to quake. We cannot change the span of our lives; we cannot cheat death; we cannot force the winds to change. And yet we forget our limitations. We make demands of each other impossible to meet; we judge and deride our neighbors with limits we do not meet. Forgive us and remind us: we are drawn from the dust. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN # 654** In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

**COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS** (See back page) Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry and Jordan Klotz

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Nancy Regan

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will exit to their 1st-floor classrooms after the commissioning. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> are baking with Chef Dan in the Social Center at 9:30 am. Older children remain in worship.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 7:18-23	Tracy Regan
This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.		
ANTHEM Morning Stars, Singing Together	Senior Choir and Anthem Ringers	Helen Kemp
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 7:24-35	
This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	"Are You Sure"	The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN	O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (See next page.)	DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
CALL TO OFFERING		Rev. Khayla Johnson
OFFERTORY	Give Me Jesus	Olivia Dixon, soprano
		arr. Moses Hogan
*DOXOLOGY #606	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Rev. Khayla Johnson
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
The Peace of Christ be with you . . . <i>And also with you.</i>		
Damai Kristus bersertamu..... <i>Dan bersertamu juga.</i>		

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

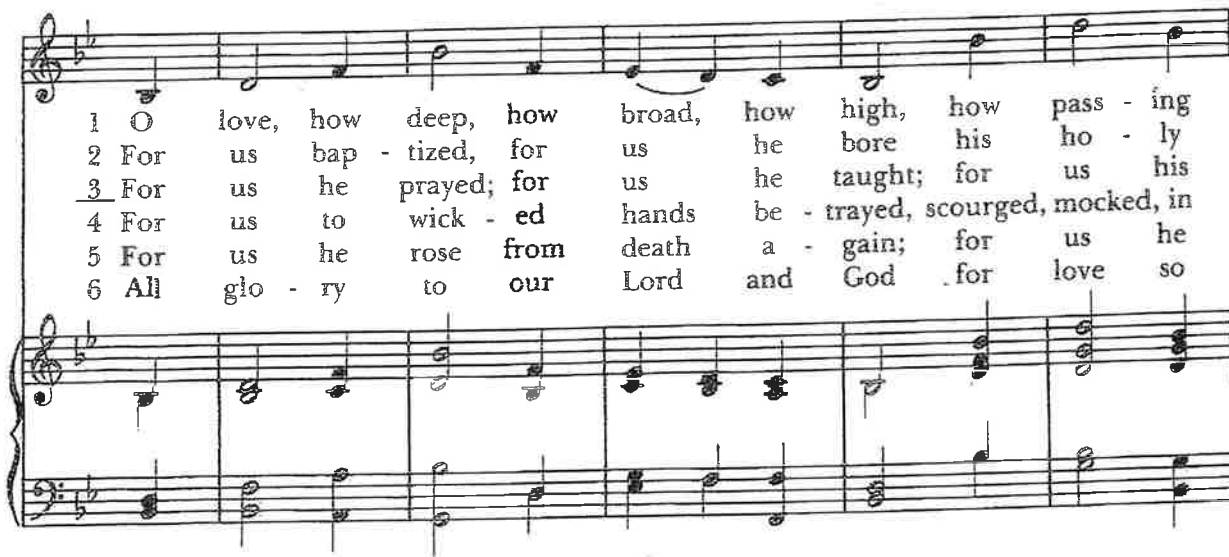
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE	Rev. Khayla Johnson & Rev. Leksmana Leonard	
<i>A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table. Please ask a server for assistance.</i>		
COMMUNION HYMN #498	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken	BEACH SPRING

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

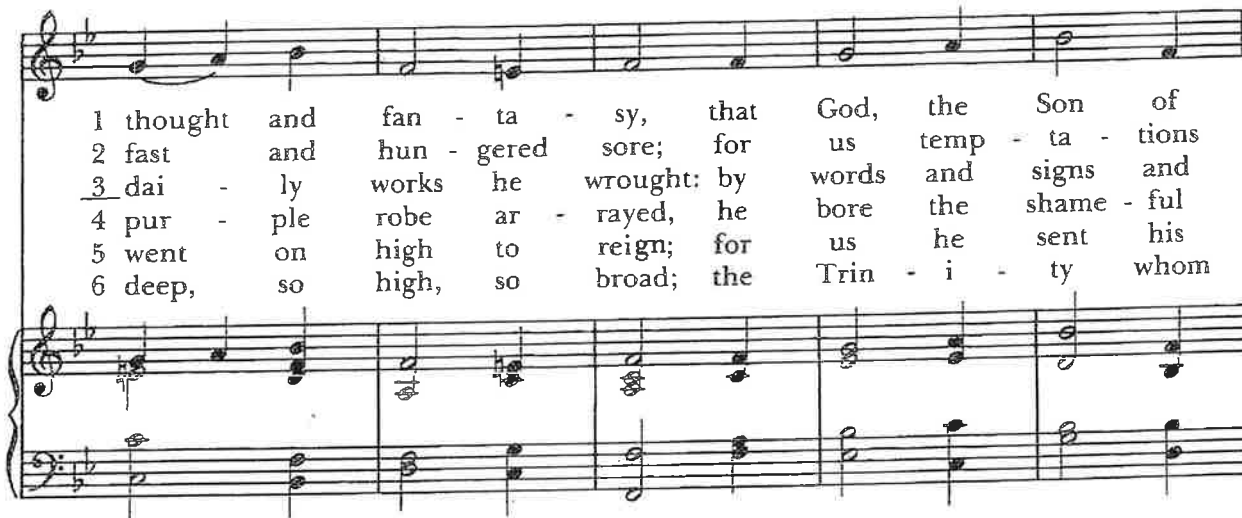
Leader:	The Lord be with you.
People:	<b>And also with you.</b>
Leader:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Leader:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People:	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

*HYMN # 552	Holy, Holy, Holy	LAND OF REST
<b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,</b>		
<b>Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</b>		
<b>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</b>		
<b>Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.</b>		


# O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## MYSTERIES OF FAITH

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

## PASTORAL 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.

*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 engkau yang punya Kerajaan, Kuasa dan Kemuliaan sampai Selamat nya.*

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION PRAYER

\*HYMN # 477 Thy Mercy and Thy Truth

TALLIS' ORDINAL

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The God of Abraham Praise

arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

*Our greeter this morning is Karen Sorensen, and the ushers are Heather Casey,  
Donna Lambdin, and Martin Brennan.  
Serving communion are Russ Dickow, Maggy Cook, Isidoro Garcia, and Wendy Kukowski*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given  
in loving memory of Doris Moskal, honoring her birthday on October 4th, with love from her family, and  
from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)  
in celebration of Rev. Khayla Johnson's ministry.*

## October 6, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

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### **#641 WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED**

- 1- When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
- 2- How often, making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!
- 3- So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
Alleluia!
- 4- And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night  
When utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
Alleluia!
- 5- Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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### **#654 IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL**

- In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; Do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; The Lord is near.

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### **# 606 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS**

#### **FLOW**

- Praise God, from whom all blessings, flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **#498 LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN**

- 1- Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.  
**Refrain:** By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

- 2- Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night,  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light. **Refrain**
- 3- Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!" **Refrain**
- 4- By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care. **Refrain**

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Press/ Van Ness Press, Inc. (admin. Music Services)*

### **#552 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

- 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, hosanna in the highest.

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### **#477 THY MERCY AND THY TRUTH**

- 1- Thy mercy and thy truth, O Lord,  
transcend the lofty sky;  
thy judgments are a mighty deep,  
and as the mountains high.
- 2- Lord, all thy creatures thou wilt save.  
Since thou art ever kind,  
beneath the shadow of thy wings  
we may a refuge find.
- 3- With the abundance of thy house  
we shall be satisfied;  
from rivers of unfailing joy  
our thirst shall be supplied.
- 4- The fountain of eternal life  
is found alone with thee.  
And in the brightness of thy light  
we clearly light shall see.
- 5- From those that know thee, may thy love  
and mercy ne'er depart,  
and may thy justice still protect  
and bless the upright heart.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 7:18-23

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"' Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 7:24-35

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.' (And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not weep."

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

**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*)  
Marilyn Avery  
The Bellini family (*friends of the Brennan's*)  
John and Gemma Bertelsen (*Brother and sister-in-law of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
Anna Cackowski (*daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski*)  
Cassidy family (*Marty Brennan's relatives*)  
Natalie Charles (*cousin of Tom Messina*)  
\*Beverly Cummings  
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*)  
Carol Franklin (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)  
\*Marie Gale  
Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)  
\*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)  
\*Margaret Hathaway  
Vera Koprowski (*mother of Cathy Wolpin*)

Marion Kovacs (*friend of June Keehbler*)  
\*Susan Kozo  
Elaine LeSter (*Lorraine LeSter's sister*)  
MacArthur family (*Allison Brennan's cousin and family*)  
Elizabeth Mack (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)  
Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)  
Chris McGrane (*friend of Sue Harmon*)  
Patty Meyer (*Daughter-in-law of Jane and Ed Meyer*)  
Michael  
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)  
Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)  
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)  
Carol Piza (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)  
\*Dave Ryder  
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)  
\*Deb Sorensen  
Lorenzo Soto (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)  
Sarah Abed Van Pelt (*Chris Van Pelt's daughter-in-law*)  
Richard Watson (*Nancy Gurzo's friend*)  
Crystal Smith Williams (*friend of the Food Pantry*)  
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:**

David Garry, Coast Guard Cutter Bear, Portsmouth, VA (*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, OCTOBER 6**

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 Confirmation Class – Room 203 . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Refreshments – Room 109 . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Community Dinner – Dining Room . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
 Social Justice – Office Conference Room . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
 DBSA Support Group – Room 109. . . . . 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Jubilee Choir – Choir Loft . . . . . 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
 AA Support Group – Room 109 . . . . . 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room . . . . . 7:30 a.m.  
 Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke – PW Lounge . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Crafty Ladies – PW Lounge . . . . . 1:00 p.m.  
 Westminster Choir – Choir Room . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
 Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group – Youth Room (Rm. 211) . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

Concord Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 Local Mission – Auditorium . . . . . 11:45 a.m.  
 Junior Choir – Choir Room. . . . . 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Joy Ringers – Sanctuary . . . . . 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Mission Commission – PW Lounge . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
 Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
 Senior Choir – Choir Room . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Kol Nidre – Sanctuary . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
 National Coming Out Day – Social Center. . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
 Women’s AA Support Group – Room 109. . 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Yom Kippur – Sanctuary. . . . . 8:30 a.m - 6:30 p.m.

# COMING SOON

Oct 13 Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot – 3:00-4:00 pm  
 Oct 14 Worship & Music Comm. – PW Lounge – 7:00pm  
 Oct 16 Finance Meeting – Office Conference Rm – 7:00 pm  
 Oct 16 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm  
 Oct 17 Stewardship – Office Conference Rm – 10:45 am  
 Oct 18 Rummage Sale – Social Center – 4:00-8:00 pm  
 Oct 19 Rummage Sale – Social Center – 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
 Oct 24 Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium – 7:00 pm  
 Oct 25 Fish & Chips Fundraiser – Parking Lot – 6:00 pm  
 Oct 26 Mission Volunteer Saturday – Auditorium – 9:00 am  
 Oct 27 Candlelight Concert – Sanctuary – 6:00 pm

## TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

### Offerings & Gifts Received September 29

Pledge	\$ 5,232
Non-pledge	\$ 275
Cash	\$ 214
Peacemaking	\$ 135
Widows Fund	\$ 305
Deacons Fund	\$ 125
Miscellaneous	\$ 550

**TOTAL: \$ 6,836**

**Other Receipts: \$1,600 (Parking)**

### HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- Direct** Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!
- Online** From our website [fpcweb.org/give](http://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 or Rev. Khayla Johnson at (843) 312-7288. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours: Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, or by appointment.



## WANTED: Empty coffee cans

The Sunday School craft room is asking for COFFEE CAN donations. The children will be working on a project later in the year and so we ask that you save your empty tins for this project. Please drop these off at the CE office or the Church office.

Contact Nancy Leardi if you have any questions – [nleardi@fpcweb.org](mailto:nleardi@fpcweb.org).



# FREE

## Community Dinner

**TODAY, October 6**

**5:00 PM, Social Center Dining Room**



**We have a place at the table for you!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Join us in community and fellowship at our own Oktoberfest! Come for traditional German sausage, roasted potatoes, braised red cabbage, green salad, cucumber salad, pretzels, and a delicious dessert.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF METUCHEN  
**ANNUAL  
TRUNK OR  
TREAT**

**BOO!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13  
3- 4 PM, SUNDAY  
SOCIAL CENTER PARKING LOT**

The annual Trunk or Treat is back and we invite you to join us!

- Dress up your trunk and bring good cheer and treats! We hope to sign up 15 trunks.
- Ask us how you can volunteer with your time and gifts!
- Please donate candy for the volunteers decorating their trunks. You may drop them off at the Church office.

Questions? Contact Nancy Leardi, [nleardi@fpcweb.org](mailto:nleardi@fpcweb.org)



**HORIZON BIBLE STUDY  
begins anew!**

**Monday, October 7**

**7:00 pm**

**PW Lounge / Zoom**

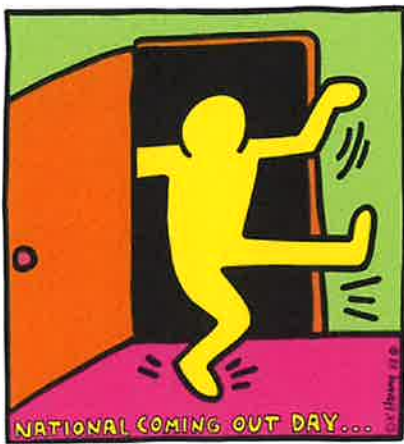
We're starting the new year with our new study, "Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth."

The first lesson is about "Reading Jonah and Ruth for All They're Worth," with scripture from the books of Jonah and Ruth.

Led by Mary Kay Dangremond, we will explore this "Odd Couple" of the "reluctant prophet" and the loyal daughter-in-law. Both will teach us new ways to understand God's immeasurable love, new perspectives on tolerance, and new ways to form a deeper commitment to faith.

We meet on the first Monday of each month through June 2, 2025. **ALL are welcome!**

Email Deb Teall for access to the study online and the Zoom link - [debteall@optonline.net](mailto:debteall@optonline.net)



Friday, October 11, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Social Center

**NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY**

Hosted by the Presbyterian Queer Fellowship

**What is the significance of coming out?**

By coming out, the person is able to share with others who they are and what is important to them, rather than having to hide or lie about their identity. Coming out frees the person of the fear of being “found out” and helps them avoid living a double life, which can be extremely stressful and demoralizing.

For more information, contact Niall Corbalis: 917-406-2167

**STEWARDSHIP 2025**



In 2023, we were blessed to receive a second bequest to our Preservation Fund. Thanks to George and Lorraine Bachmann, we now have over \$2,300,000, in this fund. This is a great day. But these funds are not for our operations. They were given to preserve the buildings.

**Our Stewardship Campaign** is intended exclusively to raise funds to support church operations. In the coming weeks, you will hear more about how you can participate in the heart work of the church through your giving. You have many options to make your pledge; your generosity means a lot!

You can call the church office, email our church treasurer Colleen Walker at [cwalker@fpcweb.org](mailto:cwalker@fpcweb.org), or use this QR code.



**THANK YOU!**

**Deacons Offering**

*Thanks for Sharing Your Blessings for Those in Need*



Serving with Faith, Hope & Love

- Your donations fund:
- Community Dinners
  - Immigrant & Refugee Support
  - Emergency Aid
  - World Vision Child Sponsorship

*Give, and it shall be given unto you – Luke 6:38*

**A REMINDER FROM OUR DEACONS**

The Deacons have planned another exciting year of community outreaches and ministries. You can partner with them through this monthly giving supporting their various ministries.

Your donations through the Deacons Offering envelopes enable them to host community dinners and fund others such as the Community Garden, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Food Pantry, to name some.

Please look for the Deacons Offering envelopes placed on the pews every Communion Sunday so they can continue with their mission. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need, and for your generous giving.

It's back!

**SOUP LOVE MINISTRY**



The Soup Ministry, with the help of the Deacons, is back! We are always looking for more people to join in this comforting and fulfilling ministry. Please reach out if you would like to help:

- Make a pot of soup (containers will be provided)
- Deliver containers of soup on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon (no cooking required!)

If you know someone who would appreciate a soup delivery or are interested in helping with this ministry, please get in touch with Laura Draper by email: [draperfam44@gmail.com](mailto:draperfam44@gmail.com)



FROM THE DEACONS OF  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

## FISH & CHIPS DINNER

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
**6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**SOCIAL CENTER**  
**PARKING LOT**

Come for a delicious dinner of fish and chips, coleslaw, and a cold drink. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the various initiatives of the Deacons.

Tickets: Adults \$25 | Kids \$15  
12 & under

Get your tickets from the Church office, from the Deacons, or use this QR code for Eventbrite. (Additional fees apply.)



## Candlelight Concert Series

**Hauntings at the Organ**  
**October 27, 6:00 pm**  
**Sanctuary**

Brenda Day and Jordan Klotz are sure to haunt you with both sacred and secular organ music specifically selected to add terror to the Halloween season. This event is the first of the Music Ministry's new Candlelight Concert Series—evening performances by candlelight—and is also being co-sponsored by Rise Up Community Arts.

Ticketing is being handled by Rise Up Community Arts and can be purchased at [riseuparts.org](http://riseuparts.org) or at the door.

For more information, scan this QR code.



## Presbyterian Women 2024 FALL RUMMAGE SALE



**October 18, 4:00 – 8:00 PM**

**October 19, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Social Center**

Start cleaning out your closets—  
it's time for the Fall Rummage Sale.

**DROP OFF OF DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:**

Monday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> through Thurs., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**\*TUESDAY** Drop off extended till 7 PM

**Call for Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm to receive donations, sort and set up, and during sale hours on Friday night and Saturday. All volunteers are invited to a Friday Pizza and Salad dinner at 3 pm before the sale begins. Saturday our traditional Hot Dog Lunch will be served! If you never “worked” the Rummage Sale, it’s a great time to serve and fellowship!

**Volunteer Perks:** Purchase in advance before we open to the community! See you then!



PW is partnering with **Help Others Mission**, a local non-profit on 621 Middlesex Ave. At the end of the sale, all charitable donations will go to the Help Others Mission and will benefit the Metuchen Fire Department.

**Questions?** Contact Cindy O’Neill [mimabook@aol.com](mailto:mimabook@aol.com) or call the church office (732) 491-2300

## LITANY FOR COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH MUSICIANS

**Rev. Garry:**

The psalmist said, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." In our worship this morning we celebrate the gifts of those who are a part of our ministry of music. We give thanks to God for our music ministry and commission all our choristers and musicians to the service of God.

**Members of the choirs and bell choirs, please stand.**

**Jordan Klotz:**

Members of the children's choirs, will you use your gifts in music to remind us of God's love for all God's children? Will you?

**Children's Choirs: We will.**

**Jordan Klotz:**

Youth and adults, will you sing and play psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God, giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ? Will you?

**Youth and Adult Choristers: We will.**

**Rev. Garry:**

Members of the congregation, will you sustain these musicians with your prayers and spiritual support as they sing and make melody to the Lord? Will you?

**Members of the Congregation: We will.**