



## First Presbyterian Church

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October 15, 2023

*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM

### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit

**WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online.** Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

#### GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Hal Hopson

\* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Cynthia Langston Kirk

One: Welcome to a time of wonder,

**All: and music that calls us home.**

One: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

**All: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -**

One: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

**All: leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*"Glorify Thy Name"*

Tom Fettke

\* PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

Psalm 100

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. For the LORD is good; the Lord's steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.**

\* HYMN # Blue 554

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

Welsh Folk Melody

#### INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (Responsively)

by Christine Sine

One: Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you welcome us all to your banquet table.

**All: May we open our arms to embrace you, may we see you in the face of a stranger, may we welcome you in the love of a friend.**

One: We believe you welcome the abandoned, the misfit, the wretched to your feast.

**All: Forgive us for the times we have allowed our prejudices to overrule, and rejected you because you are different, ostracized, or despised.**

One: We believe that there is beauty hidden in each person,

**All: Forgive us for the times we have failed to see your face, because you are disabled, poor, or homeless.**

One: We are all created in God's image, redeemed by Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit.

**All: We are all invited to feast at God's banquet table. We are welcomed into God's eternal kingdom, with all the peoples' of the earth.**

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsively)

HYMN # Green 86

*"Thy Word"*  
Sung 2X

Amy Grant

**All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

One: Lord, we ask you to open our ears to hear your word. Give us grace and understanding that  
Your words will lead us and guide us through the perils and temptations of our lives.

**All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

## GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:1, 4-9

p. 652

ANTHEM

*"In His Steps"*

R. Kevin Boesiger

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:9-18

p. 162

SERMON

*"The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality"*

The Rev. Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN # Blue 386

*"O For A World"*

Carl Gotthelf Glaser

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org))

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) **"forgive us our sins, as...sin against us"**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

arr. Fred Bock

*(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)*

\* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOD’S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN # Blue 343

*“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”*

John Zundel

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Give Thanks to the Lord”*

Anonymous

POSTLUDE

*“Get All Excited”*

arr. Fred Bock

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner  
**Lay Reader:** John Crozier  
**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

## Announcements

**We are glad you are worshipping with us today!**

**HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS** – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

**LAY READER** – **John Crozier** and his wife Marisa have three adult children; Chelsea, Andy and Vicki. John is a retired VP of IT in the Insurance industry. Marisa is a special ed teacher in Montville. John has been a member of the church since 1991, and has served several terms on Session as part of the Mission and Stewardship and Personnel. John sings in our chancel choir and currently co-chairs the Committee on Ministry for The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Lynn Ware in honor of her and John's 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED** You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors or through our website. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The church office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and your dedication for the bulletin.

**MISSIONS** - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

**COFFEE HOUR** – is hosted today by Congregational Life. – Please **Come Welcome our new interim Pastor, Rev Carie Morgan** to our congregation. Please join us in the Library to enjoy this time of fellowship. \*Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee. **BREEZE** - If anyone needs help downloading the Breeze app on their phones and/or updating their info and picture, there will be a tech support person to assist you in the library.

**MEAL TRAIN** is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING:** Thanks to all who donated – monies raised were allocated to the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**.

**DEACONS ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE** - Please bring clean, lightly used coats and winter apparel (gloves, scarfs, hats) for adults and children. Additionally, we are now collecting spare blankets as well! These items can be dropped off in the boxes on the bridge and Reighart Hall. Donation Deadline: Fri. **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Coat sort **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** Coat giveaway & luncheon **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** 12-2 Reighart Hall.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **October 15 – October 21 ~ Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>WELCOME Rev. Carie! Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Special Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	<b>Session</b> (Library)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

## **October 22 – October 28 ~ Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
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Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	6:30 pm	<b>Hand Bell Choir</b> (Whitley)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	8:00 am	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	12:00 pm	St. John's Luncheon (Rectory)

\*The calendar can also be found on our website <https://www.fpcboonton.org/calendar/>

Office Hours M-F 8:30-1:30