



First Presbyterian Church

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October 29, 2023

Twenty Second 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

"Finlandia"

Jean Sibelius

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Bring your silence and your shouting, as introverts and extroverts.

One: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

All: Bring your songs and your stories, your struggles and your sacrifices.

One: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are his; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

All: God designed and created us; he understands us and is intensely interested in us.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: Bring your gifts and your personalities, your strengths and weaknesses. Together, let us worship God.

CHORAL INTROIT

"Glorify Thy Name"

Tom Fettke

* PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

Psalm 5

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover them with favor as with a shield. Amen.

* HYMN # Blue 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Conrad Kocher

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

Gracious God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts. Forgive us for when we hold on when we should let go. Forgive us the times we clutch instead of spend, for when we hoard instead of being generous, for when we doubt instead of leaning in on our faith. Open our hands

and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries, every adult who struggles. Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; in the faithfulness of our lives, may your will be done. Amen.

GOD’S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	p. 163
ANTHEM	<i>“Here I Am Lord”</i>	arr. Stan Pethel
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Matthew 22:34-40	p. 25
SERMON	<i>“Heart, Mind, and Might”</i>	Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 376 *“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”* Charles Wesley

(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)

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 *“Largo”* G.F. Handel

(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 439

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Alexander R. Reinagle

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

William Tomer

POSTLUDE

"Toccata D minor"

J.S. Bach

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Lay Reader: Betty Tilli

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 – **Betty Tilli** has been a member of our church since July 2006. Betty has served as the Moderator of the Deacons and member of the Personnel, Memorials and Church Officers Nominating Committees. She resides in Boonton and is retired from Skyline Auto Exchange where she worked as a Human Resource Manager. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Natalie Pisarcik in honor of loved ones' October birthdays.

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.

SECOND Thursday – Will meet at 1:15 in the library November 9th.

COFFEE HOUR – is hosted/sponsored today by Congregational Life. 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, email the office and someone will advise you.

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.

ALL SOULS SUNDAY will be observed Sunday 11/5. Every year we remember and honor those believers who have gone before us in the past year. Please join us for this special service.

DEACONS ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE - Please bring clean, lightly used coats and winter apparel (gloves, scarfs, hats) for adults and children. 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. 10th**. Coat sort **Nov. 12th** Coat giveaway & luncheon **Nov. 18th** 12-2 Reighart Hall.

THANKSGIVING BAGS for Boonton Social Services: If you would like to provide a meal for someone in need, see the sign-up sheet and information on the bridge. Take a bag. **Deadline 11/10.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 29 – November 4 ~ *Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Congregational Life Meeting (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
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

November 5 – November 11 ~ *Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday		Daylight Saving Time ends
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour – Leftover Sunday (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	LG Board Meeting (Whitley)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Deacons (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:30 pm	OPS Meeting (Library)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday (Library)
	6:30 pm	HandBell Choir (Whitley)
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Friday		Final day for coat drive donations!
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

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

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



***PLEASE NOTE:
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NEXT SUNDAY, November 5th
Remember to TURN YOUR CLOCKS back one hour!**