



## First Presbyterian Church

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November 12, 2023

*Twenty Fourth 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

*"Thanks Be To Thee"*

G.F. Handel

\* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively) by Ann Weems

One: I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ, where two or three or thousands can gather together and touch this world.

**All: With the amazing good news that somebody cares, that God joins us in community so that someday this world will be loved into wholeness.**

One: I celebrate this community where the people say Yes in the face of No; where they light candles in the darkest night,

**All: Where healing and compassion leave no time for self-righteousness, and the life sustaining love of Christ is evident in the life of the believers. We celebrate the church of Jesus Christ! Let us worship God.**

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*"In My Life"*

Anonymous

\* PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

Psalm 134

**Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the LORD. Amen.**

\* HYMN # Green 8

*"Gather Us In"*

Marty Haugen

vs. 1,2,4

### INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison) ~ written by John van de Laar,

**You call me to wait on You, Lord, but I get tired of waiting. Your answers to my prayers, Your call for me to serve You, the promise of Your coming Kingdom, they all seem to take so long. You tell me to watch for Your coming, Lord, but I'm not sure how to prepare for... a thief in the night, an undisclosed time, and Your disconcerting habit of secrecy and mystery. Yet, something inside whispers that You're not all that hard to find; That You're *always* coming to me, and that both the waiting and the watching, are more about being open to You now, than about trying not to be surprised in the future. And so I will keep waiting, and I'll try to stay alert, so that I can catch the glimpses of Your glory that fill my day, every day. 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	Psalm 130	p. 573
ANTHEM	<i>"Doxology for a New Day"</i>	Mark A. Miller
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Matthew 25:1-13	p. 28
SERMON	<i>"As We Wait"</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 552	<i>"Give Thanks, O Christian People"</i> vs. 1,3,4	Mary Jackson Cathey
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(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))

VETERAN'S LITURGY: (See insert)

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	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i> <i>(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)</i>	Irish Ballad
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- \* 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 415	<i>"Come, Labor On"</i> vs. 1,3,4	Jane Laurie Borthwick
* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>"Amen, We Praise Your Name"</i>	Spiritual
POSTLUDE	<i>"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"</i>	arr. Mark Kellner

## Veteran's Liturgy

One: God of love, peace and justice, you desire for the world to live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and at times war seems inevitable. Even so, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor. For those who are in our presence that are either in active duty or reserve duty, and the fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses and grandparents of those that are currently serving. **Please Rise**.

**All: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.**

One: For those that are in our presence that have served in the military in the past, **Please Rise**

**All: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.**

One: For those that are in our presence, who have lost a loved one in war, **Please Rise**:

**All: God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.**

One: Those who have gathered in your name in safety because of the sacrifices of others, **Please Rise**:

**All: God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace. Amen.**

## Announcements

**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 – Pat Maraziti** grew up in Mountain Lakes and has lived in Boonton Township with her husband, Charles for over 50 years. They have two married daughters and five grandchildren who reside in Pennsylvania. Pat currently serves as a Deacon and is a member of the Chancel Choir. She enjoys volunteering in the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Croziers in honor of their daughter Vicki's birthday.

**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 The Keoppels. Please join us in the Library to enjoy this time of fellowship and some delicious chili dogs! \*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.

**SAVE THE DATE – Sun., Nov 26** - Please join Congregational Life for coffee hour, where we will be hosting a leftover Thanksgiving pie/dessert contest. Top 3 vote getters will receive a prize. Please bring your entries to the library before church service. Don't let those leftovers go to waste!

**THANKSGIVING BAGS** for Boonton Social Services: Thanks to all who 'took a bag' to provide a meal for someone in need.

**DEACONS ANNUAL WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY & LUNCHEON** is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm in Reighart Hall. Please help setup coats **TODAY** after worship in Reighart Hall.

**START THE HOLIDAY WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS** – Women of FPCB and Friends, you're invited to Marilyn Ward's Home, Dec.1 at 7pm with hors d'oeuvres, desserts and seasonal libations. RSVP to Marilyn 973-800-9810 cell / marilynaward@msn.com

**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.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### November 12 – November 18 ~ *Twenty Fourth 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) <b>Coat Drive Sorting</b> (Reighart)
	11:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	3:00 pm	Webelo Den Meeting (Reighart)
	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)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday	5:00 pm	Deacons Coat Drive Setup if cannot setup Sunday
Saturday	12:00 pm	Coat Drive and Luncheon
	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	3:30 pm	Facility Rental (Reighart Hall)
	6:00 pm	Event Setup (Reighart Hall)

### November 19 – November 25 ~ *Twenty Fifth 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)
	12:00 pm	Facility Rental (Reighart)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	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		<b>Thanksgiving – Office Closed</b>
Friday		<b>Office Closed</b>
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

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