



First Presbyterian Church
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November 26, 2023

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

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

"Fantasia in C Major"

J.S. Bach

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Stirring within us is a longing to be loved. God says: you are the beloved.

All: Aching within us is our desire for our true home.

One: God says: Come home. Here you will find rest.

All: Rising within us is our search for a vision larger than the pressing moment.

One: God says: I will give you a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide you.

All: Brewing within us is a yearning for community.

One: God says: I have called you by name and given you one another to love.

All: Being born within us is a song of hope and a melody of praise. Let us center ourselves in worship

* HYMN # Blue 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Spanish Folk Melody

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

Gracious God, You are a God who finds us even when we withdraw. We cannot hide from You. You know our fears, our hesitations, our failures and our doubts. Yet You seek us in mercy and appear to us in grace. When we meet the risen Christ, we are transformed. Make us into new people who may live toward the future instead of being defined by the past. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16

p. 803

ANTHEM

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

arr. Tom Fetteke

SERMON

“Seeing the Face of Jesus”

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 145

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart!”

Edward H. Plumptre

(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

“Pastorale on 'Nettleton'”

Phil Lehenbauer

(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 142

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Oliver Holden

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Benedetto Marcello

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Guest Organist: Lou Carozza
Lay Reader: Lynn Ware
Ministers: All the People of the Church

PLEASE WELCOME AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST: Lou Carozza - Lou lives in Rockaway, NJ, teaches Chemistry at Mountain Lakes HS and is an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at CCM. He studied organ with Russell Hayton and Richard Morgan, has served as the organist/choir director at various churches across Northern NJ including St. Paul’s, Morris Plains, St. John’s, Dover and Christ Church, Glen Ridge, and is a member of the Metropolitan Guild of Organists.

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 – **Lynn Ware** has been attending the Church since 2013, and was received into membership in 2020. She enjoys her choir membership, seasonal mission activities, and working in Loaves and Fishes along with her husband John. Their son John lives in Lynn's hometown of NYC. Lynn sings in the chorale of the local branch of the American Association of University Women, along with Kathy Pizar and Nell Troiani, directed by our FPCB guest organist, Christina Jonas.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Deacons in honor of Pastor Carie'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.

COFFEE HOUR – Please join us in the Library today for our Leftover Thanksgiving Pie/dessert contest! Top 3 vote getters receive a prize! *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 DATES:

Fri. Dec 1st 7pm “Start the Holiday” – Women of FPCB and Friends are invited to Marilyn Ward's Home - hors d'oeuvres, desserts and seasonal libations. RSVP to Marilyn 973-800-9810 cell / marilynaward@msn.com

Sun. Dec. 10th Handbells in Worship

Thurs. Dec. 14th at 1:15 Second Thursday Adult Group (Library)

Fri. Dec. 15th Hanging of the Greens

Sun. Dec. 17th Cantata in Worship.

Sun. Dec. 17th after Cantata – “Around the World” Christmas dinner.

ANGEL TREE – FPCB partners with Boonton Social Svcs. annually to provide holiday gifts to people in need in our community. Gift tags will be hanging from a Christmas Tree in our church. All gifts due back by 5pm, **Dec. 8th**. Questions? contact Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – use envelopes provided in the pews or Breeze (put memorial name in comments section please) to order in memory/honor of a loved one. Last day to order is **Dec. 17th**

CHRISTMAS DINNER “Around the World” - FPCB Members, family and friends, Please Join us for Our Annual Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 17th, in Reighart Hall after worship. You won't want to miss this very special event - Menu will be a traditional turkey/ham dinner, Activities: trivia game, karaoke & photo booth with props and green screen. Tickets are \$18, Children 6-12 - \$5, under 5 – free. See Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera for tickets or sign up through Breeze.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION There will be a special meeting of the congregation immediately following worship on **Dec. 3rd**. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the report of the Church Officers Nominating Committee and vote to elect officers for 2024.

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.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 26 – December 2 ~ *Christ the King/Reign of Christ*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour – Pie contest! (Library)
	12:00 pm	Facility Rental (Reighart)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday		Dover Faith Kitchen
	1:00 pm	Gershaw Memorial Service
Tuesday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	6:30 pm	Hand bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Friday	7:00 pm	Women’s ‘Start the Holiday’ Party (Marilyn’s Home)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal at various times
	12:45 pm	Hand bell rehearsal (Sanctuary)

December 3 – December 9 ~ *First Sunday of Advent*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting After Worship for Members
		Coffee Hour after meeting (Library)
Monday	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	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
Thursday	6:30 pm	Hand bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Friday	7:00 pm	Angel Tree gifts due
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