



First Presbyterian Church

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June 30, 2024

Fifth 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.

Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

H Purcell

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Today is a gift of a new day: untried, ready to be opened.

All: A new day with surprising miracles; with love to be given, kindness to be shared, and peace to be enjoyed.

One: Today is a gift of a new day, God's gift to us.

All: Let us receive it with joy and live it in expectation. Together, in this new day, let us worship God.

* HYMN # Blue 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

John Darwall

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

by Bruce Prewer

One: We believe in the love-kingdom of God,

All: Through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.

One: We believe the love-kingdom is like a mustard seed;

All: Sown in apparent insignificance, growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.

One: We believe the love-kingdom is like yeast;

All: Inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life, expanding into enough bread for the world.

One: We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a treasure;

All: Lost and rendered insignificant under the ground, now found with joy and thanksgiving.

One: We believe the love-kingdom of God is like pearls;

All: All others become insignificant when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found.

One: We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a net full of fish;

All: Where even insignificant sardines are saved but worm-ridden barracouta are thrown away.

One: We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us;

All: Where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry, rejoice with the angels of God.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 13: 44-48

p. 15

One: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Price Is Right"

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 333

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

(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

"Deep River"

Spiritual Tradition

(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 552

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"

Mary Jackson Cathey

vv. 1-3

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Once to Every Man and Nation"

J.R. Lowell

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Guest Organist: Christina Jonas

Lay Reader: Bruce Middleton

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 – Bruce Middleton is a child of First Church Boonton. He rejoined our church through re-affirmation of faith in 2000. Bruce and his wife, Janet, live in Boonton along with their three children. Bruce serves on Session and serves on the Worship Committee. He has served as the Deacon Vice Moderator and sings in our Chancel Choir. He manages a school bus company in NJ.

PLEASE WELCOME AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST: Christina Jonas - is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, and Northwestern University. She has 30 years of music teaching and 45 years in church music ministry.

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.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS – FPCB 513 Birch Street. We no longer have a PO Box. If you have auto pay for your donations, please advise your banks and update all your records. Thank you!

LEMONADE IN THE LIBRARY! Please join us in the Library to enjoy this time of fellowship. *Please consider **sponsoring or hosting**. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar 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.

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

VACATIONS AND SUMMER HOURS

Pastor Carie will be out of the office July 3-4th for the holiday. Sandy will be out of the office July 1-4th. The office is ***closed on Fridays in July and August.***

Pastor Carie will be serving as a chaplain at Camp Johnsonburg the week of July 28-Aug 2nd.

First Presbyterian Church of Boonton, Weekly Financial Report

Week ended June 23, 2024

Current Week's Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 3,031
Year-to-Date Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 80,277
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$122,157
Year-to-Date Deficit	\$ (41,880)

Excerpts from our Congregation Wide Discernment Event:

Do we have an emerging sense of God's call to our congregation?

Feed my sheep: we do this in a variety of ways.

- Loaves and Fishes and our Ministry outreaches.
- Music Ministry. Choir members are very committed.
- Need to feed ourselves.
- There is something here that feeds us spiritually.
- More Bible Studies and Small Groups.
- We are a praying church: concern for others, welcoming, we love each other. We are here for each other.

- Bible Study and Prayer ground us as a church.

Where/how is God calling us into the future? Dreams, hopes, visions?

Growth

- Adult Education: reach out to the community and invite them to grow in their own spiritual journey.
- Reach out to our members that are not currently active.
- Find ways to publicize ourselves.
- Reach out to the older demographic in town. What programs would they be interested in? Can we transport older people to church?
- Be a community church
- We are called to witness, to illuminate God's love, to teach our children and our children's children about God.
- Keep inviting people.

Connection:

- Dream: to be community oriented, a place where people are involved
 - To connect to our immediate neighborhood: maybe a Bar-B-Que, festival, block party, etc.
 - Find a way to connect to groups in town, non-profits, Boonton Main Street, Boonton Historical Society
 - People are lonely, how do we connect to them?
 - Family: inclusive, care for each other, pray for each other vs. the world that can seem harsh and rude.
 - Ideas to get people into the building: Fundraisers, craft fairs, dinners.
- First Friday Dinners

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 30 – July 6 ~ *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Lemonade in the Library (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday		Fourth of July – Office is closed
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	St. John's Luncheon at St. John's Boonton

July 7 – July 14 ~ *Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Lemonade in the Library (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Library)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	3:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	OPS Meeting
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Adult Group (Library)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events: