

First Presbyterian Church

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September 22, 2024

Eighteenth 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 "Morning Has Broken"

arr. John F. Wilson

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

God, here in this place, you draw us into your love. You see us through the eyes of love. Here, we are bound so close to you that we can claim, without anxiety or fear, that we are your children. Here we can rest easy in your loving kindness. So we come, praising you and giving you our thanks. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT "Rain Down" arr. John Carter

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Rev Gord

One: God, you bring us together in this place,

All: We come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.

One: God, you challenge us in this place,

All: We embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

One: God, you are revealed in this place,

All: Sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.

One: God as we worship in this place,

All: Refresh, renew, and challenge us as we strive to walk the path of discipleship.

* HYMN # Blue 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

John Darwall

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE (In unison)

Redeeming God, teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clarity of vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Form us in your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples, filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Loving God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-8

p. 698

ANTHEM "Shout to the Lord"

arr. Mark Hayes

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 2:13-17

p. 36

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON "A Place at the Table" Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Green 267

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Iona Community

vs. 1-4

(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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. John Carter

(*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

"We All are One in Mission"

Rusty Edwards

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

* HYMN # Blue 435

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Ralph V. Williams

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Lay Reader: Lynn Ware

Ministers: All the People of the Church

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 married Eryn in January 2024, they continue to live 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 Lois Merritt in memory of Loved Ones

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

FAITH KITCHEN: Tomorrow - Monday, September 23 from 9am-1230 pm. See Deb Stora or email the office if you are interested in volunteering: office@fpcboonton.org

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: Between now and 10/6/23, the Deacons will be collecting monetary donations for the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness program. The Deacons will contribute 25% of the total funds collected to the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** (AFSP). Please mail your donations to FPCB, 513 Birch Street, Boonton, NJ 07005 or donate through Breeze.

BOONTON DAY –**Next Sunday, September 29th** is Boonton Day. We are looking for volunteers to help man the church's booth, as well as help with set up and clean up. The event runs from 12:00-4:00, Please see Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera if you are able to volunteer. Boonton Day is always a lot of fun, hope to see you all there!

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

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.

Worship:

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

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!

Fellowship:

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY will be starting on **Wednesday**, **Oct. 2 at 10:30 in the library.** We will be doing a six-week study on the Book of Acts "Acts: Catching up with the Spirit". You can join us in person or via zoom All are welcome!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH - Sing Handel's Messiah with the Cathedral Choir & the American Chamber Orchestra December 7th at 7:00 PM, at Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church in Wyckoff, NJ. Interested singers are invited to come 2:30 PM, to the first of 9 Sunday rehearsals beginning **October 6th** at Midland Park Christian Reformed Church 183 Godwin Avenue Midland Park, NJ. (See flyer on bulletin board)

20th ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

This is a monumental year for music ministry here at FPCB! I am excited and honored to share that this fall is my 20th year of serving this congregation, my church family, as your organist and choir director. It has been an honor to make and share music with you for two decades! (I, of course, started here when I was 12!)

To commemorate this milestone, I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to consider contributing \$20 or more to Music Ministry at FPCB.

Your generous contributions will go towards supporting our upcoming musical ventures including funding instrumentalists for our 2024 Christmas Cantata to be held on Sunday, December 15th.

For this and any future interest in financially contributing directly to Music Ministry here at FPCB, you can now go on Breeze and use the newly added dropdown 'Music Ministry'. If you prefer you can put a check or cash in an envelope marked Music Ministry and drop it in the offering plate or mail your contribution to the church office adding Music Ministry in the memo line.

Thank you for your ongoing support and appreciation of our music ministry. I am looking forward to many more years of making church music memories with you!

Sarah Jane Zollner



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| September 22 – September 28 ~ Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost | | | |
|---|----------|---|--|
| Sunday | 9:15 am | Choir Rehearsal- pickup choir (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 | 11:00 am | Dover Faith Kitchen | |
| | 7:30 pm | NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall) | |
| Tuesday | 4:30 pm | NJ Conservatory (Choir Room) | |
| Wednesday | 3:00 pm | Coffee & Services (Gateway) | |
| | 4:00 pm | Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry | |
| | 7:00 pm | Presbyaires (Choir Room) | |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Coffee & Services (Gateway) | |
| - | 9:00 am | Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry | |
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| September 29 – October 5 ~ Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost | | | |
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| Sunday | 9:15 am | Choir Rehearsal- pickup choir (Sanctuary) | |
| | 10:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary and online) | |
| | 11:00 am | Coffee Hour (Library) | |
| | 11:30 am | Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary) | |
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| Monday | 7:30 pm | NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall) | |
| Tuesday | 4:30 pm | NJ Conservatory (Choir Room) | |
| | 6:30 pm | Deacons (Library) | |
| Wednesday | 3:00 pm | Coffee & Services (Gateway) | |
| | 4:00 pm | Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry | |
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| Saturday | 8:00 am | Coffee & Services (Gateway) | |
| | 9:00 am | Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry | |
| | 12:00 pm | St. John's Luncheon | |

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