



First Presbyterian Church  
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November 10, 2024

*Twenty 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

*"Olivet"*

Gordon Young

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

from the Ministry Matters website

**Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us. Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope. May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others. Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"*

Jacques Berthier

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Rev. Gord

One: Gift-giver, it is the time of year to gather in the produce of the earth.

**All: And so we give thanks for the gifts of food.**

One: It is the time of year when we admire the bright colors of the season.

**All: And so we pause to give thanks for the beauty of the earth.**

One: In our time of worship this morning, move within and among us,

**All: Awakening us to Your presence, moving our hearts to respond to your grace.**

\* HYMN # Blue 554

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

Welsh Folk Melody

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE:

from the **Christian Aid** website

One: Creator God, You loved the world into life.

**All: Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom of justice, peace and an end to poverty.**

One: Incarnate God, you taught us to speak out for what is right.

**All: Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more.**

One: Breath of God, let there be abundant life.

**All: Inspire us with the vision to end poverty and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.**

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                      1 Kings 17:8-16                      p. 324

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      Mark 12:38-44                      p. 49

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON                      *"Faithful Living"*                      Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN # Blue 428                      *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*                      William Walsham How

(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

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.**

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                      *"A Good Work"*                      Mark A. Miller  
(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)

\* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: **Green Hymnal #216 Give Thanks**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN # Blue 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

William Marion Runyan

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

African American Spiritual

POSTLUDE

“Rondeau”

Jean-Joseph Mouret

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan

**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner

**Lay Reader:** Roxanne Tavakkol

**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

**LAY READER – Roxanne Tavakkol** lives in Mountain Lakes and started worshipping at FPC in 2014. Roxanne and her husband Amir both worked in the pharmaceutical industry and have raised three children. She has been active at the church in multiple roles and shares her musical gifts, love of gardening & flowers and planning movie nights. She is ordained as an elder and serves on the Finance & Stewardship committee.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**November 10 – November 16 ~ Twenty Fifth 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 **Veteran's Day**  
7:00 pm **Session** (Library)  
7:30 pm NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)

Tuesday 4:30 pm NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)  
6:00 pm Scouts Wolf Den Meeting

Wednesday **Thanksgiving Bags Due**  
3:00 pm Coffee & Services (Gateway)  
4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Thursday 1:15 pm **Second Thursday** (Library)  
6:30 pm **Hand Bell Choir** (Sanctuary)

Saturday 8:00 am Coffee & Services (Gateway)  
9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

**November 17 – November 23 ~ Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday 9:15 am **Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)  
10:00 am **Worship** (Sanctuary and online)  
11:00 am **Coffee Hour** (Library)  
**Coat Drive Setup in Reighart Hall**  
11:30 am **Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room/Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm AA (Reighart Hall)

Monday 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

Thursday 6:30 pm **Hand Bell Choir** (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)

Saturday 8:00 am Coffee & Services (Gateway)  
9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry  
12:00 pm **Deacon's Coat Drive and Luncheon with St. Johns**

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

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

**Mission Outreach:**

**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.

**THANKSGIVING BAGS** for Boonton Social Services: Please return bags by 11/13.

**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 today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the library for 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).

**SECOND Thursday** – Will meet at 1:15 in the library and on zoom on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will be held immediately after worship,

**Next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, in the Sanctuary. Purpose: to elect church officers and members of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) and to revise the bylaws.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Handbells** in Worship

**Wed. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Angel Tree Tags due**

**Fri. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Hanging of the Greens**

**Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Cantata** in Worship.

**Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> after Cantata** – “Snowflakes” Christmas Dinner \*

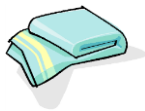
**Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Cookie Sale** - Just in time for Christmas, the Presbyterian Women of FPCB will be hosting a cookie sale- immediately after service. Additional details to follow at a later date.

\***CHRISTMAS DINNER** - FPCB members, friends, and families, are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner, following the Cantata, **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** in Reighart Hall. This year’s theme is “Snowflakes”— no two are alike, just like us, but we are all special! Dinner will include: beef stew/egg noodles, chicken pot pie, vegetable, salad and rolls, dessert and beverage. Tickets will be sold Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour. Tickets are \$20/person, children under 12 eat free. You may pay by cash, check or through Breeze. Any questions, please contact Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera.

**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. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? contact Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com

**FPCB Deacon’s Annual *Winter* COAT DRIVE**

**Please bring: clean, lightly used coats and winter apparel for adults and children.  
(gloves, scarfs, hats and even blankets!)**



**Coat giveaway & luncheon  
Saturday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-2pm**



**Collection Sites: Box on the Bridge, Box outside Reighart Hall,  
Holmes Library in Boonton**

**Donation Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

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**Come celebrate the holiday season with us  
on *Cantata Sunday***

Sing  
*Joy*  
to All  
the  
World!

A Christmas Celebration



*Presented by the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists*

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

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