



First Presbyterian Church
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November 17, 2024

Twenty Sixth 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

"El Shaddai"

arr. Fred Bock

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

by Bruce Prewer

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life; you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters. You are everything to us. O let our gratitude be great, let our praise be plentiful, let our worship be wonder-full! Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. Amen!

CHORAL INTROIT

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

Gustav Holst

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Roddy Hamilton

One: In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love, together we shall go on.

All: In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life together, together we shall go on.

One: In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest, together we shall go on.

All: In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents, together we shall go on.

One: In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey, together we shall go on.

All: In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith, together we shall go on.

* HYMN # Blue 559

"We Gather Together"

Netherlands Folk Hymn

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in London

We pray for our churches. May they become places of reconciliation, where each human soul is valued, and where equality in Christ is a reality in our midst. Forgive us those times where we do not live out our calling as your people. May our churches model the new humanity of Christ to those in the communities where we live. We pray for our communities. Where there is division, may we bring restoration. Where there is inequality may we bring justice. Where there is powerlessness may we lift up the broken hearted. Where there is damage may we bring healing. Loving and forgiving God, hear our confession, hear the desires of our hearts to be different, grant us your forgiveness, and remake us according to the likeness of Christ. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and your Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth, find freedom, and in your will, discover peace. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 11:19-20 p. 777

ANTHEM *"Offertory"* John Ness Beck

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:13-22 p. 192

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"One Human Family"* Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 332 *"Live Into Hope"* Jane Parker Huber
(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew)

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 *"Arioso"* G.F. Handel

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 339 *"Be Thou My Vision"* Mary E. Byrne

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"* arr. Evelyn Simpson-Currenton

POSTLUDE *"Rondo"* arr. Hal Hopson

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

LAY READER – Natalie Pisarcik has been a member since 2012 and works for the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority. She’s also a volunteer firefighter serving on the Town of Boonton Fire Dept. and is the President of the Maxfield Hose & Engine, Co. 1. She has served on the Church Nominating Committee, as a youth group leader/chaperone, and is currently serving on our Discernment Team and as vice moderator of the Deacons. Natalie and her wife Amanda live in Boonton and enjoy hiking, boating, fishing and taking road trips.

CHANCEL FLOWERS
are given to the glory of God by Alan Schaefer
in loving memory of his sister Ellen Scardena for her birthday 11/16

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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	Special Meeting of the Congregation
		Coffee Hour (Library)
		Coat Drive Setup in Reighart Hall
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	10:30 am	Prayer Group (Library)
	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

November 24 – November 30 ~ *Christ the King/Reign of Christ*

Sunday		Handbells in Church
	8:30 am	Handbell rehearsal
	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)
	2:00 pm	Eagle Award Ceremony (Sanctuary and Reighart)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	11:00 am	Dover Faith Kitchen offsite
	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		Thanksgiving – Office Closed Thursday and Friday
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

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.

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. 11th**. Questions? contact Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.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.

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).

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held immediately after worship, **Today**, in the Sanctuary. Purpose: to elect church officers and members of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) and to revise the bylaws.

PRAYER GROUP – Will meet Monday at 10:30 am, in the church library. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES:

Mon. Nov. 25th Dover Faith Kitchen – contact Deb Stora if you'd like to volunteer 201-602-9567

Fri. Dec. 6th PW Movie Night 7:15pm movie Journey to Bethlehem starts promptly at 7:30pm

Sun. Dec. 8th Handbells in Worship

Tue. Dec. 10th Women's Luncheon at Marilyn's

Wed. Dec. 11th Angel Tree Tags due

Fri. Dec. 13th Hanging of the Greens at 630 pm

Sun. Dec. 15th Cantata in Worship.

Sun. Dec. 15th after Cantata – “Snowflakes” Christmas Dinner*

Sun. Dec. 22nd 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.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – **Tue. Dec. 10th at noon** at the home of Marilyn Ward, 108 Ely Rd. Boonton. Sign up at coffee hour or contact me at marilynaward@msn.com or call/text at 973 800-9810. When you sign up, please indicate if you will be bringing a salad, main dish or dessert.

***CHRISTMAS DINNER** - FPCB members, friends, and families, are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner, following the Cantata, **Dec. 15th** 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 10th through Sunday December 8th 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.

FPCB Deacon's Annual *Winter* COAT DRIVE

Donation Deadline: Today, Sunday, Nov. 17th

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

HELP the Deacon's setup today in Reighart after worship!

**Coat giveaway & luncheon
This Saturday, Nov 23rd 12-2pm**

**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 15th at 10am
First Presbyterian Church, Boonton

