



First Presbyterian Church
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December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

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

"O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild"

Wilbur Held

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy.

All: And our hands like drums to beat a holy rhythm.

One: O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir;

All: And our feet were young enough to dance through the night.

One: O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder.

All: And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.

One: Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer.

All: And raise us this day to sing, along with the choir of angels, in exultation and joy. Let us worship God.

* HYMN # Blue 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

J. F. Wade

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

Holy and awesome God, your love is wider than our sight, your grace is more wonderful than we can sing. Yet you chose to visit us as a child in a manger, love us as a friend and save us as a redeemer. Holy and awesome God, stop us long enough that we might hear a song on the darkest night, might feel your presence in the midst of common tasks, and sense joy and hope that flows from the strength of your care. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

posted on the Worship@North website

Faithful God, you chose Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Sovereign Savior, Jesus Christ. Now fill us with your grace, that with her, we may understand your ways, rejoice in your salvation, and embrace your will, as we hear these words shared with us today. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:1-8 p. 1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:1-5, 14 p. 91

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"In the Beginning"* Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 25 *"Away in a Manger"* attr.. James R. Murray

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests
or you can email the church office: 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 *"Whence is That Goodly Fragrance Flowing"* Austin Lovelace

* 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 31 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* Charles Wesley

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Fugue on 'From Heaven Above To Earth I Come'"* J.S. Bach

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Substitute Organist: Lou Carozza
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.

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.

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

Mission Outreach:

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.

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).

PRAYER GROUP will meet next on January 7th at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY will next meet on January 8th at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom. New Topic coming soon!

SECOND THURSDAY adult group will meet at 1:15 in the church library and on zoom on January 9th.

OFFICE CLOSED Wednesday for New Year's and Sandy (Office Admin) is off Tuesday.

Stewardship

Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 29– January 4 ~ *First Sunday of Christmas*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	New Year's Eve	
Wednesday	New Year's Day – Office 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

January 5 – January 12 ~ *Second Sunday of Christmas*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	Prayer (Library)
	4:30 pm	Conservatory Piano (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Deacons (Library)
Wednesday	Annual Reports Due from Committees	
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:30 pm	OPS Meeting (Zoom)
	Thursday	1:15 pm
Friday	6:30 pm	Scouts (RH and outside for woodwork)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

*The calendar can also be found on our website <https://www.fpcboonton.org/calendar/>

Office Hours M-F 8:30-1:30