



First Presbyterian Church
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January 26, 2025

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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

"Through It All"

arr. John F. Wilson

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

Christine Sine

As we gather in this time of worship, may we dream of a world made new, where together we seek God's righteousness and proclaim the good news of God's kingdom. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

"O God, Show Mercy To Us"

Gustav Holst

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Bruce Prewer

One: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

All: The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.

One: Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

All: The love of God overflows our hearts, the grace of Christ liberates our spirits, the joy of the Spirit sings in our minds. Let us worship God.

* HYMN # Green 267

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Iona Community

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

posted on the **Third Space** website

God the Holy Spirit, You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world. You move where you will, breaking down barriers, stirring hearts to change, making all things possible. Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice! Come, Spirit of God, sweep through our world bringing great change. May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly, so all may share in the rich blessings of your creation. And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living, so that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Gracious God, stir us with your voice that we may hear your message for us today. Inspire our lives with your message of love and grace that we give ourselves to serve in Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 146	p. 581
ANTHEM	<i>"Old Time Religion"</i>	Moses Hogan
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Luke 4:14-21	p. 61
One: This is the word of God for the people of God		
All: Thanks be to God		
SERMON	<i>"The Heart of Jesus' Ministry"</i>	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 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 *"This Holy Morning"* arr. David H. Hegarty

- * 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 434 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"* arr. Ralph V. Williams

- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *"Canonic Carol"* arr. Richard Wagner

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 26 – February 1 ~ Third Sunday After Epiphany

- Sunday 9:15 am **Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am **Worship** (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:00 am **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am **Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
- Coffee in the Library after the meeting
- 12:00 pm LG Open House
- 7:00 pm AA (Reighart Hall)
- Monday ~~12:00 pm Dover Faith Kitchen~~
- 7:30 pm NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
- Wednesday 10:30 am **Bible Study** (Library)
- 3:00 pm Coffee & Services (Gateway)
- 4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
- Friday 7:15 pm **PW Movie Night** (Library)
- Saturday 8:00 am Coffee & Services (Gateway)
- 9:00 am Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

February 2 – February 8 ~ Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

- Sunday 9:15 am **Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am **Worship** (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:00 am **Coffee Hour** (Library)
- 11:15 am **Joint Meeting of the Deacons and Session**
- 11:30 am **Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm AA (Reighart Hall)
- Monday 6:15 pm NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
- 7:30 pm NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
- Tuesday 10:30 am **Prayer Group** (Library)
- 6:30 pm **Deacons** (Library)
- Wednesday 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)
- Thursday 6:30 pm **Handbell Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- 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:

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

Mission Outreach:

FAITH KITCHEN: Monday, September 27 from 9am-1230 pm. See Marion Gingery or email the office if you are interested in volunteering: office@fpcboonton.org

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. **PEW PILLOWS** are also available for those of you who would like additional back support. Please ask an usher if you are interested in these items.

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR Please join us in the Library after the meeting today to grab a cup of coffee.

*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).

*Due to Coffee Hour burn-out, **If no one volunteers to host, there will be no coffee hour.***

Hosting a coffee hour isn't difficult, all you need is time and something to eat & drink.

February 23rd is available for someone to serve. Thank you to those who signed up!

Any questions please contact Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera. Thank you.~

PW MOVIE NIGHT this Fri. 1/31 social time 7:15pm, movie starts promptly at 7:30pm

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesdays at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom.

PRAYER GROUP will meet next on Feb. 4th at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome.

News:

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION and the CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church Boonton NJ, will be held **TODAY** immediately after worship in the Sanctuary. Purpose: To receive the annual report, approve the 2025 budget, and any other business appropriate for congregational consideration. Members can get a printed copy from an usher.

2025 BILL & VIVIAN LOWTHER SCHOLARSHIP: The Memorials Committee is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Subcommittee is accepting applications from FPC Members who have applied to or are attending an accredited college or professional school in pursuit of professional certification, undergraduate education, or a graduate degree. Please contact the church office at 973-334-3535 or office@fpcboonton.org for application forms. Completed applications are due by **3/1/25**.

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



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giving code



2025 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2025. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$43.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$87 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$130.50

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words “Per Capita.”

-Stewardship Committee