



## First Presbyterian Church

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October 1, 2023

*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. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

### GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

*"One Bread, One Body"*

arr. John Carter

\* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: We sometimes ask ourselves why we have so little faith.

**All: God, our ship is small and your ocean big.**

One: When dangers invade our sense of safety and we wonder if God cares, we hear the words: "Do not be afraid." When we face loss and instability, and our sense of security is shaky, we hear the words: "Do not be afraid."

**All: God, our ship is small and your ocean big.**

One: When we experience distress, conflict, and uncertainties, we hear the words: "Do not be afraid." When our lives feel chaotic and desolate because of illness, fear, or sorrow, we hear the words: "Do not be afraid."

**All: God, our ship is small and our ocean big.**

One: God, the one who calms the dangerous sea is present with us today, cares for us, and can calm the stormy waters of our lives.

\* PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

**O MOST mighty and gracious God, your mercy is over all your works, but in a special manner that has been extended toward us. You have shown us the terrible things as well as the wonders in the depths of the seas, that we might see how powerful and gracious a God you are; how able and ready to help us that trust in you. You have showed us how both winds and seas obey your command; that we may learn from them, and hereafter to obey your voice, and to do your will. We bless and glorify your Name, for your mercy in saving us, when we were ready to perish. And, we ask you to make us as truly sure of your mercy, as we were sure of the danger: and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to your holy commandments. Continue, we ask, thy goodness to us; that we, who you have saved, may serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN # Blue 220

*"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

William Kethe

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD’S GRACE: (In unison)

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed and have faith that you are with us always. We pray this in Jesus’ name.**

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

**Living God, help us 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; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GOD’S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 100 (Responsively)

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

p. 39

SERMON

*“Calm Our Stormy Seas”*

Elder, Ken Nickel

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN # Blue 562

*“Eternal Father Strong to Save”*

John Bacchus Dykes

(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@fpchoonton.org](mailto:office@fpchoonton.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

*“Holy Manna”*

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

*(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

\* HYMN # Blue 404

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Thomas A. Dorsey

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: You who are weary, sleepless, tired, depressed, discouraged, do not be afraid! You who are fed up, hopeless, visionless, fearful, tearful, do not be afraid! God is present in your suffering. God will calm the winds and waves of your soul! Go now in peace and love knowing that God is with you always.

**All: Alleluia, Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*"A Joyous Acclamation"*

Lani Smith

**Pastoral Care Coverage:** Ryon Herin 765-650-9404

**Guest Preacher:** Elder, Ken Nickel

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

**Lay Reader:** Denise Nickel

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

## Announcements

**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!

**GUEST PREACHER: Elder, Ken Nickel** resides in Rockaway with his wife Denise and has been a member of our church since 1972. He has 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. Ken serves our church as an ordained elder and church treasurer and shares his musical talents in the church choir and the bell choir. Ken also serves on the Property & Insurance Committee at the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. He is enjoying retirement from a lengthy career in commercial banking and is active in the Rotary Club and other non-profit organizations.

**LAY READER – Denise Nickel** has been a member of our church since 1972. She and her husband, Ken, have three grown children, Bryan, Brett, and Brenna and four grandchildren. She is an ordained elder, ordained deacon and has served over the years in various capacities. She sings in the Chancel Choir and is a "ringer" in the bell choir. Denise works in their family business, Nickel Artistic Services, and volunteers with the Rotary Club of the Rockaways & Rockaway Borough Business Owners Assoc.

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

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



**COFFEE HOUR** – Leftover Sunday! Join us in the library for leftovers and a great 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.

**BREEZE** - If anyone needs help downloading the Breeze app on their phones and/or updating their info and picture, there will be a tech support person to assist you in the library.

**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.

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING:** 25% of monies will be donated to the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)**. *TODAY is the LAST DAY for donations.*

**DEACONS ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE** - Please bring clean, lightly used coats and winter apparel (gloves, scarfs, hats) for adults and children. Additionally, we are now collecting spare blankets as well! These items can be dropped off in the boxes on the bridge and Reighart Hall. Donation Deadline: Fri. **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Coat sort **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** Coat giveaway & luncheon **Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** 12-2 Reighart Hall.

**SECOND SUNDAY Adult Group** will meet **October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm in the Library.**

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **October 1 – October 7 ~ *Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary) <i>Sarah off</i>
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour-Leftover Sunday!</b> (Library)
	11:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	LG Board Meeting (Choir Room/Whitley)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	<b>Deacons</b> (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	7:00 pm	Presbyaires (Choir Room)
Friday		LG Academy closed
Saturday	8:00 am	<b>PW Event</b> (RH/Kitchen)
	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

## **October 8 – October 14 ~ *Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary) <i>Sarah off</i>
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday		Columbus Day LG Academy Closed
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:30 pm	<b>OPS</b> (Library)
Thursday	1:15 pm	<b>Second Thursday Adult Group</b> (Library)
	6:30 pm	<b>Hand Bell Choir</b> (Whitley)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves and Fishes

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

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