



First Presbyterian Church
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February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Worship & Communion

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 first hymn. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Come, all you weary and hurting; here find rest for your souls.

All: Here, we enter into the grace of forgiveness. Here, we taste the living water of renewal.

One: Come from busy weeks and anxious worry and find stillness for your soul.

All: Here, we will sing songs to the heavens and offer prayers to God. Here, we will worship God.

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Diane Bish

* PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

You are our rock and the source of our strength. Fill us now with your Holy Spirit, and nourish us by your presence as we worship you. Amen.

* HYMN # Green 8

"Gather Us In" vs. 1-3

Marty Haugen

(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)

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

By Richard Fairchild

God of our life, our everlasting, never ending hope; by your great will and power you have created and sustained the vast and unfathomable universe. By your grace you have called us to serve you and to be your people. In your love and mercy, you have chosen and laid hold on us, to be a light in darkness! Teach us, O God, your ways. Help us, each day to turn aside and to listen for you, and to study your word, and to pray to you, so that we might live as your people, and give ourselves - all we are and all we have - in obedience to your will - so that we might have strength and hope - peace and joy - Lord, hear our prayer.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

TIME FOR MISSION

GOD'S WORD TO US

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 147:1-6 p. 582

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:29-39 p. 35

SERMON "*Creating Space for Prayer*" Pastor Carie

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "*I Believe*" Mark Miller
(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

* HYMN # Blue 507 "*I Come with Joy*" vs. 1-3 American folk Melody

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Responsive: ~ written by Roddy Hamilton

One: Here is bread, Good News for the world,

All: With a headline that says: let all who are hungry for justice come and eat.

One: Here is the cup, Good News for all who long,

All: With a headline that says: let all who thirst for righteousness come and drink.

One: Here is the table, Good News for all who are lost,

All: With a headline that says: all who are weary come and gather here.

One: Here is community, Good News for all whom the world ignores,

All: With a headline that says: behold I make all things new come and be renewed.

One: Here is Jesus Good News for all who wait,

All: With a headline that says I have come that all may have life, come and live life fully.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) "**forgive us our sins, as...sin against us**"

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/DRINKING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Please take each element [bread/wine] and hold it until we take it together.
Gluten/egg free crackers are in the middle of the plate.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In unison)

God, you loved us first, and lovingly invited us to your table to receive grace through bread and cup. Give us grace that in everything we do, we may offer ourselves back to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

Mary E. Byrne

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Welcome, Happy Morning"

arr. Gordon Young

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Lay Reader: Lisa Hordnes

Firemen's Home: Marjorie Roller and the Storas

Ministers: All the People of the Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 4 – February 10 ~ *Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 pm	Meeting of Session and Deacons (Library)
	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	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Deacons (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes
	7:00 pm	OPS (Library)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Adult Group (Library)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes

February 11 – February 17 ~ *Transfiguration of the Lord*

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	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Session (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes

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

<http://fpcboonton.org/calendar-pro/>

Announcements

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!

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!

LAY READER – **Lisa Hordnes** was raised in Boonton and has been in this church all her life. Lisa lives in Rockaway Township with her son, Bjorn. She has another son, Chris, and two grandchildren, Colin and Emma. She is employed as a Surgical Materials Specialist with St. Clare's Health Services. Lisa has served as Deacon and Elder here at FPCB and uses her musical gifts in our Chancel Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, and other community vocal groups.

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.

DEACON OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your use on Communion Sundays (small green ones in the pews). Please consider making a donation to the Deacon Fund.

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.

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.

SECOND THURSDAY adult group will meet this Thursday, February 8th at 1:15pm in the Library.

LENT - During the Season of Lent, we will be exploring various spiritual practices shared through the book: An Altar in the World written by Barbara Brown Taylor:

Feb. 11, Transfiguration Sunday - The Practice of Waking Up to God: vision.

Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm - The Practice of Being Present to God: prayer.

Join us in making Prayer Flags.

Feb. 18, First Sunday of Lent - The Practice of Getting Lost: the wilderness.

Feb. 25, Second Sunday of Lent – The Practice of Wearing Skin: the incarnation

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE- Please join us, Wednesday February 14th at 7:30 pm to experience the power of community. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin your Lenten journey in community and explore the power of forgiveness and grace.

2024 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 to the church office by **March 1, 2024**.



2024 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 2024. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$42.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$85 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$127.50.

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.”

-Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee