



First Presbyterian Church  
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August 4, 2024

*Eleventh 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

*"Largo"*

G.F. Handel

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

(Ref: Be Our Freedom, Lord, Terry C. Falla)

One: The work of the creator is visible.

**All: Let us respond with praise.**

One: The example of Jesus is apparent.

**All: Let us respond with obedience.**

One: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**All: Let us respond with joy.**

One: The word of God is calling.

**All: Let us worship in with our heart, mind and spirit.**

\* HYMN # Blue 341

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Fanny Crosby

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (Responsively)

Psalm 103

One: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

**All: He made known his ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel:**

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**All: He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor his anger forever;**

One: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;**

One: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**All: But from everlasting to everlasting, the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children -**

One: with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. Amen

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

**Dear Heavenly Father, illuminate our hearts and send your Spirit in. All that is yours will be ours through your Spirit. We ask you to help quiet our minds so that we perceive the Holy Spirit. Fill our souls with the understanding of your Word and the wisdom to follow its guidance. Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Ecclesiastes 11:1-6                      p. 621

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      James 1:12-18                      p. 228

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON                      *"Wisdom Grows in my Garden"*                      Elder, Roxanne Tavakkol  
Lessons from book by Rabbi Paul Plotkin

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN (See Insert)                      *"Hymn of Promise"*                      Natalie Sleeth

(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](mailto: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                      *"Tis a Gift To Be Simple"*                      Shaker Song/Joseph Brackett  
(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 432                      *"Song of Hope"*                      Alvin Schutmaat

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *"Trumpet Tune"*                      Henry Purcell

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner  
**Guest Speaker:** Roxanne Tavakkol  
**Guest Organist:** Lou Carozza  
**Lay Reader:** Natalie Pisarcik  
**Deacons at the Firemen's Home:** The Storas and Marjorie Roller  
**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST SPEAKER,** Roxanne Tavakkol, who lives in Mountain Lakes and started worshipping at FPC in 2014. Roxanne and her husband Amir both worked in the pharmaceutical industry and have raised three children. She has been active at the church in multiple roles and shares her musical gifts, love of gardening & flowers and planning movie nights. She is ordained as an elder and serves on the Finance & Stewardship committee.

**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.

## Hymn of Promise

*Unison*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be  
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and  
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to  
 me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -  
 ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **August 4 – August 10 ~ Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Lemonade in the Library</b> (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	3:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

## **August 11 – August 17 ~ Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Lemonade in the Library</b> (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 am	First Student Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	3:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Saturday	7:00 pm	<b>OPS Meeting</b> (Library)
	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:

## **Announcements**

**We are glad you are worshipping 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 - 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.

**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.

**NEW MAILING ADDRESS** – FPCB 513 Birch Street. We no longer have a PO Box. If you have auto pay for your donations, please advise your banks and update all your records. Thank you!

**LEMONADE IN THE LIBRARY!** Please join us in the Library to enjoy this time of fellowship. \*Please consider **sponsoring or hosting**. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library).

**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.

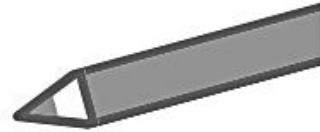
**SUMMER HOURS** - The office is closed on Fridays in July and August.

Pastor Carie is on vacation August 7-15<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE** This year's church picnic will be held at the Keoppel's lake house **September 8<sup>th</sup>** – more details and sign-up info to follow...



**Loaves & Fishes**  
Community Food Pantry



**First Presbyterian  
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*Faith, Hope and Love. In Action*



# 3RD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY



Give the gift of learning!

August 18 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM  
513 Birch Street, Boonton, NJ 07005  
Reighart Hall

We need the following school supplies:



- Pens & Pencils
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- White Board Markers



Cash donations are also welcome.  
Drop off on Bridge by August 16<sup>th</sup>.