



First Presbyterian Church
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September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"El Shaddai"

arr. Fred Bock

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

Deuteronomy 14

One: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,

All: You shall take some of the first fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

One: You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

All: Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. In celebration of all that God has given us, let us turn our hearts to worship.

* HYMN # Blue 414

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

English Folk Melody

(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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

by Carol Penner

One: Bless the work of our hands, O God. Bless the hands that work the land; hands that move earth, plant seeds and harvest, hands with callouses and dirty fingernails, strong hands.

All: Bless the hands that make music and art; hands that play instruments and hold paintbrushes, hands that are creative tools, artistic hands.

One: Bless the hands that care for people; hands that cook and feed, heal and nurture, hands with a gentle touch, loving hands.

All: Bless the hands that are generous; hands that give away money and food, hands that are always trying to be empty, Christ-like hands.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

TIME FOR MISSION

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (In unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; in the faithfulness of our lives, may your will be done. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 11:4-9 p. 129

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 14:13-21 p. 16

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"Chopped"* 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 *"There is a Fountain"* arr. Robert Powell
(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 514 *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* Jamaican Folk Melody

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 343 *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* John Zundel

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

arr. Lana Kelley

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Lay Reader: Pat Maraziti
Ministers: All the People of the Church
Firemen’s Home is postponed until next Sunday

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 – **Pat Maraziti** and her husband, Charles have lived in the Boonton/Mountain Lakes area most of their lives. They have two married daughters and five grandchildren who reside in Pennsylvania. Pat currently serves as a Deacon and sings in the Chancel Choir. You can usually find her in the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Bob and Leslie Smith-Ficaro in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PICNIC AT THE LAKE - This year’s church picnic will be held at the Keoppel’s lake house **September 8th** following church service – Address: 10 Seymour Drive, West Milford. Sign-up sheet will be in the library during coffee hour. Or contact the church office.

SECOND THURSDAY adult group will meet on September 12, here in the Library at 1:15pm.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH - Sing Handel’s Messiah with the Cathedral Choir & the American Chamber Orchestra December 7th at 7:00 PM, at Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church in Wyckoff, NJ. Interested singers are invited to come 2:30 PM, to the first of 9 Sunday rehearsals beginning October 6th at Midland Park Christian Reformed Church 183 Godwin Avenue Midland Park, NJ. (See flyer on bulletin board)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1 – September 7 ~ *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Lemonade in the Library (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	Labor Day – Office Closed	
	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Deacons (Library)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Presbyaires (Choir Room)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

September 8 – September 14 ~ *Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Church Gathering at the Keoppel's Lake House
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	3:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
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	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 (Library)
	7:00 pm	Presbyaires (Choir Room)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Group (Library)
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: