



First Presbyterian Church
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September 29, 2024

Nineteenth 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

O God of life and beauty, grant us this day an encounter with your presence. Meet us in our prayers, in our praise, in our reflection and in our giving. May all that is said and done here today reflect our great love for you and our gratitude for your blessings in our lives. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

"Rain Down"

arr. John Carter

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

The Presbytery of the Cascades

One: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

One: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

All: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors, Let us worship God this day!

* HYMN # Blue 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Isaac Watts

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE (In unison)

by The Rev. Catherine Rolling

O God, we long to rest in you, to trust in your goodness, in your care for us, in your abundant life. But we don't know how to rest, and we have forgotten how to trust. We seek material goods that we don't really need. We befriend people not always out of love. We ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus, questions that try only to prove our point, not to grow in understanding of your desires for us. Slow us down, Holy One. Attend to us, Holy One, and show us that you are our salvation and our resting place.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Loving God, shine in our lives today. Bless us with your presence here and speak to us the words that give life. Move in our midst today in a way that reminds us of our purpose and our calling to be your people. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Mark 2:23-28	p. 36
ANTHEM	<i>"How Great Thou Art/Majesty"</i>	arr. Joel Raney
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Mark 3:1-6	p. 37
One: This is the word of God for the people of God		
All: Thanks be to God		
SERMON	<i>"Sabbath Dos and Don'ts"</i>	Pastor Carie Morgan
A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION (A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)		

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

- * HYMN # Blue 302 *"I Danced in the Morning"* vs. 1-3 Sydney Carter
(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)
- 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 *"Thanks Be to Thee"* arr. Hal Hopson
(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 418 *"God, Bless Your Church with Strength!"* attr. Johann S. Bach
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- CHORAL RESPONSE *"Song of Hope"* Argentine Folk Melody
- POSTLUDE *"Get All Excited"* arr. Fred Bock

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Lay Reader: Bruce Middleton
Ministers: All the People of the Church

LAY READER – Bruce Middleton

is a child of First Church Boonton. He rejoined our church through re-affirmation of faith in 2000. Bruce and his wife, Janet, live in Boonton, have three adult children, one daughter-in-law, two puppies and two grand-dogs. Bruce is an Elder serving on the Worship Committee, has served as the Deacons' Moderator and sings in our Chancel Choir. He currently manages two First Student locations in northern NJ.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God by Sarah Jane and Ryan Zollner
in honor of Derrick's 8th birthday today, 9/29

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

Mission Outreach:

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: Between now and 10/6/23, the Deacons will be collecting monetary donations for the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness program. The Deacons will contribute 25% of the total funds collected to the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** (AFSP). Please mail your donations to FPCB, 513 Birch Street, Boonton, NJ 07005 or donate through Breeze.

BOONTON DAY –TODAY. The event runs from 12:00-4:00. Boonton Day is always a lot of fun, hope to see you all there!

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. 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!

Fellowship:

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY – come visit us at Boonton Day!

*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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY will be starting on **Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 10:30 in the library.** We will be doing a six-week study on the Book of Acts "*Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*". You can join us in person or via zoom All are welcome!

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)

20th ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

This is a monumental year for music ministry here at FPCB! I am excited and honored to share that this fall is my 20th year of serving this congregation, my church family, as your organist and choir director. It has been an honor to make and share music with you for two decades! (I, of course, started here when I was 12!)

To commemorate this milestone, I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to consider contributing \$20 or more to Music Ministry at FPCB.

Your generous contributions will go towards supporting our upcoming musical ventures including funding instrumentalists for our 2024 Christmas Cantata to be held on Sunday, December 15th.

For this and any future interest in financially contributing directly to Music Ministry here at FPCB, you can now go on Breeze and use the newly added dropdown 'Music Ministry'. If you prefer you can put a check or cash in an envelope marked Music Ministry and drop it in the offering plate or mail your contribution to the church office adding Music Ministry in the memo line.

Thank you for your ongoing support and appreciation of our music ministry. I am looking forward to many more years of making church music memories with you!

Sarah Jane Zollner



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 29 – October 5 ~ *Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal - pickup choir (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:30 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	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
	12:00 pm	St. John's Luncheon

October 6 – October 12 ~ *Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal - pickup choir (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	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	4:30 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Reighart Hall)
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)
	6:30 pm	OPS Meeting (Library)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Adult Group (Library)
	6:30 pm	Hand Bell Choir (Whitley)
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