



First Presbyterian Church
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October 20, 2024

Twenty Second 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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

World Food Day Resource

God of love and justice, we gather together to worship you: to offer our thanks and praise and to proclaim your goodness and mercy. Meet us here. Breathe your Word into our souls; engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts. Teach us faithfulness and compassion, so that our lives may reflect your love and justice to the world. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Lord, Our Lord"

Michael W. Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

~Adapted from *Liturgy of Creation*

One: In the beginning God created all things, and God saw that they were good.

All: At our beginning, God created us: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God.

One: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in this beautiful place.

All: God of Creation, open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, as we come before you in worship.

* HYMN # Blue 466

"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charles Wesley

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

from Grace website (edited)

God of broken people and broken places. We thank you for the outpouring of grace into our lives. We thank you for the space to listen, to grow, to create, and to be challenged in the ways in which you call us to follow you. We want to follow you, but it's hard to leave what we know. God of broken people and broken places: you come to us in unexpected places. In isolation, behind closed doors, on dusty roads, as we go from place to place. You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace. You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless. Come and be among us now. Open our eyes to see you, open our hearts to know you. Amen

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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.

GOD'S WORD TO US

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

ANTHEM *"In Jesus Name We Pray"* Jay Althouse

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 5:1-13 p. 39

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"O God of Broken People"* Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 394 *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* African-American Spiritual
(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 *"Be Thou My Vision"* Albin Whitworth
(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 411 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* William H Walter

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Siyahamba"* South African

POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* arr. Anna Laura Page

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

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 five grandchildren. She is an ordained elder, ordained deacon and has served over the years in various capacities, currently on the Memorials Committee and CONC. 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 and Rockaway Borough Business Owners Association.

CHANCEL FLOWERS
are given to the glory of God by Lynn Ware
in honor of the 38th wedding anniversary of Lynn & John Ware.

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

Mission Outreach:

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: The Deacons collected \$1761 and 25% of the total funds collected will go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Thank you for your donation!

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!

ALL SOULS SUNDAY will be observed Sunday 11/3. Every year we remember and honor those believers who have gone before us in the past year. Please join us for this special service.

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the library for this 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).

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 in the library.

“Acts: Catching up with the Spirit”. You can join us in person or via zoom. All are welcome!

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 the Music Ministry here at FPCB.**

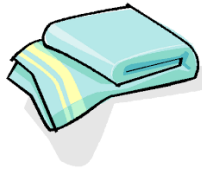
Your generous contributions will go towards supporting our upcoming musical ventures including funding instrumentalists for our **2024 Christmas Cantata to be held on Sunday, December 15th.**

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 drop a check or cash into the offering plate marked 'Music Ministry' or mail a check into the office. Checks should be made out to 'First Presbyterian Church' and on the memo line indicate 'Music Ministry'

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

FPCB Deacon's Annual
Winter COAT DRIVE



Please bring:
clean, lightly used coats and winter apparel
(gloves, scarfs, hats and even blankets!)
for adults and children.



Coat giveaway & luncheon
Saturday, Nov 23rd 12-2pm

Collection Sites: Box on the Bridge, Box outside Reighart Hall
Holmes Library in Boonton

Donation Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 17th

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 20 – October 26 ~ *Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost*

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| 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) |
| Wednesday | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library) |
| | 3:00 pm | Coffee & Services (Gateway) |
| | 4:00 pm | Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry |
| Thursday | 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