



First Presbyterian Church
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March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

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

"Hymn of Promise"

arr. John Carter

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

Marjorie Thompson

One: In the early church, Lent was viewed as a spiritual spring.

All: A time of light and joy in the renewal of the soul's life.

One: It represented a return to the "fast" that Adam and Eve broke:

All: A life in which God was once more center and source.

One: Jesus "kept the fast", abstaining not only from food but from the illegitimate exercise of power.

All: Through him, we too begin to live as a "new creation." In joy, let us worship God.

* HYMN # 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Charles Wesley

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR LENT:

written by Ann Siddall

One: O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply.

All: Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom.

One: Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for.

All: Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted. We offer You our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the Way that You have walked before us.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE # 85

"What Wondrous Love is This"

American Folk Hymn

(verse 1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

by Amy Loving

**Mighty God, speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear you calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places you have promised to show us. In the name of Christ, we pray.
Amen.**

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

p. 548

ANTHEM

"Remember, Remember Me"

arr. Jack Schrader

*This bread is my body, broken for you; this cup is my life-blood, poured out for you.
Each time when you drink it, each time you partake, remember, remember me.
Remember, remember my love for you: the sacrifice I willingly made.
Remember what I taught you, remember my grace. Remember, remember me.
This bread is my body, broken for you. This cup is my life-blood, poured out for you.
Each time when you drink it, each time you partake, remember, remember me, remember me.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

p. 61

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Love of Things"

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Joseph Scriven

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests or you can email the church office: 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

"In the Garden"

arr. Fred Bock

* 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 # 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

John Hughes

vs. 1,4,5

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Peace” with Hand Chimes

Weston Priory

POSTLUDE

“Marche Royale”

Jean Baptiste Lully

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Lay Reader: Roxanne Tavakkol
Firemen’s Home: The Storas and Marjorie Roller
Ministers: All the People of the Church

LAY READER – Roxanne Tavakkol 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9 – March 15 ~ *First Sunday in Lent*

Daylight Saving Begins

Sunday		Deacon’s at the Firemen’s Home
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (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	6:00 pm	Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA Tuesday Night Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Session (Library and Zoom)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Adult Group (Library and Zoom)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

March 16 – March 22 ~ *Second Sunday in Lent*

Sunday		Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Iftar at Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	Prayer Group (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
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

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

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 Lois Merritt at loisann139@optonline.net if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Our theme for 2025 is **Sparkling Regrowth** and **the goal is \$2500**. OGHS funds/supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program which unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Donations can be left in the offering plate, given through Breeze or mailed to the church (please put OGHS in the memo or note when giving through Breeze).

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. All dates are open in March!

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. **PEW PILLOWS** are also available for those of you who would like additional back support. Please ask an usher if you are interested in these items.

Fellowship:

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.

BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom. We will be studying “The Message of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton.

AN INVITATION - Our congregation has received an invitation to an Iftar from our Muslim friends at Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center, 110 Harrison St., Boonton. The dinner will be held Sunday, **March 16th** at 6:00. If you are interested in attending, please contact Trish Herrera (trishherrera4@gmail.com) by 3/10.

PRAYER GROUP meets every other Tuesday at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome. The next meeting is **March 18th**.

PW PCUSA Spring gathering - Presbyteries of the Coastlands and Highlands "Rewilding Faith: Tending Creation and Tending Soul". Join us for a day of reflection, renewal and action as we explore ways to care for ourselves, our communities and God's creation. **March 22nd 9:30am-1pm** at Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 NJ-27, Kingston, NJ 08528. \$10 per person - lunch included. **Register by March 14** at PWCoastlands@gmail.com

PALM BREAKFAST - Please join us **April 13th** for our annual Palm Sunday breakfast with St. John's. The breakfast will be held in Reighart Hall at 9:00 am. We are looking for volunteers to make/bring something for breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be available during coffee hour, or you may contact Trish Herrera (trishherrera4@gmail.com) or the church office.

News:

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - *Water for a Thirsty Soul*. Pick one up and grab one for a friend or read online - see link in the Inspire, our weekly newsletter.

JOHNSONBURG SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP - The Deacons are offering a \$300 scholarship for any youth of our congregation (members' children/grandchildren/relatives) who are interested in attending a week of summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg this summer. Please reach out to Natalie Pisarcik if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful experience. natpisarcik@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP

Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com

2025 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 2025. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$43.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$87 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$130.50. 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."

-Stewardship Committee



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