First Presbyterian Church

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May 25, 2025 ***Sixth Sunday of Easter*** **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 fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate. 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 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* arr. Mark Kellner

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)
Merciful God, we gather together to offer You our praise and thanksgiving for the unfailing love You have shown toward us and for the compassion You shower upon us, day after day. You alone are our God. We are Your people. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship. Open our hearts and our minds to see You at work among us. May our worship bring honor and glory to You. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT *"I Sing Praises to Your Name"* Terry MacAlmon

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively) *Prayer for Peace*, the World Council of Churches
One: We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;
All: To hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.
One: Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers; to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.
All: Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it. We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.
One: We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people of the world in the struggle for liberation and peace; to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.
All: We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace. Let us lift our hearts to God in this time of worship.

* HYMN # 289 "*O God of Every Nation*" Welsh Folk Melody

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison) by Doug Paysour
Our holy and gracious God, help us to remember. Help us to remember the sacrifices bravely made in which one has given life for another and for all. Help us to remember those that stand in the breach where there is trouble and in which conflict threatens to undo your good creation. Help us to remember that we look for the day when every sword will be replaced by a plow, that all may be fed and live in your peace. Forgive us every sin that makes for division and for war, and bring us all into your kingdom on earth as in heaven. This we pray in Jesus' name.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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 Isaiah 2:1-4 p. 631

ANTHEM "*Hear Me Redeemer"* Henry Mollicone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 14:25-31 p. 109
One: This is the word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"Receive God's Peace"* Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 386 *"O For a World"* Carl Gotthelf Glaser
(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 *"Here I am Lord"* arr. John Carter

* 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 #561 "*My Country 'Tis of Thee*" Thesaurus Musicus

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Go Out With Joy"* Jack Goodman

POSTLUDE *"Doxology"* arr. Marilyn Arison

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

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, Scholarships subcommittee 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.

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May 25 – May 31 ~ *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	**Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	**Worship** (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	**Coffee Hour** (Library)
	11:15 am	**Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	**Memorial Day – Office Closed**	
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	**3-6pm**	LG (Whitley 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	**Handbell Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
Friday	7:15 pm	**PW Movie Night** (Church Library)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

June 1 – June 7 ~ *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	8:15 am	**Handbell Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	**Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	**Music Sunday** (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	**Coffee Hour/BBQ hosted by CL** (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:00 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Library)
	6:00 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	**Prayer Group** (Library)
	6:30 pm	**Deacons** (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	**Bible Study** (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Friday	6:00 pm	LG Graduation (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	St. John's Luncheon offsite
	1:45 pm	NJ Conservatory Recital (Sanctuary and Library)

*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.

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. **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 is hosted today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the Library to enjoy 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). ***Lemonade in the Library starts June 22!***

BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom.

PW DINNER & A MOVIE Friday 5/30: Potluck dinner will start at 6:00pm in the church library. Sign up for dinner contributions https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA4AE2BA7F9C70-56962940-ladies . The movie will start at 7:15pm; join us for both dinner and movie, or just one segment! We will be watching "Juror #2" (2024) directed by Clint Eastwood. A juror for a high-profile murder trial finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma that could influence the verdict and potentially convict, or free, the accused killer. This film lingers in the mind long after the last scene fades, encouraging us to engage in vital conversations about ethics, responsibility, and the nature of truth. It will be a fun evening and a great discussion, please join us!

PRAYER GROUP meets every other Tuesday at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome. The next meeting will be 6/3.

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

Breeze online giving code

MUSIC Sunday
June 1st 10am

performed by the Chancel Choir, Hand Bell Choir,
and readers from the congregation
Come and sing along!

Please join us for a "BBQ" to be held in the library, immediately after service, in recognition of all the hard work and musical talents of Sarah Jane Zollner, the choir, and bell choir. A free will offering will be collected.

SAVE THE DATES…
August 17th - School Supply Giveaway
August 31st - Church Picnic