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September 7, 2025 ***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*** **10:00 AM**
Worship & Communion

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 *"Through It All"* John F. Wilson

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively) *from* Luke 4:18 *and* Isaiah 61: 1-2
One: Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah, saying: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
All: The Lord has anointed me, and sent me to bring good news to the oppressed;
One: To bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners;
All: To comfort all who mourn, and proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.
One**:** Let us worship God together.

* HYMN # Blue 263 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* Walter Chalmers Smith
(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests or you can email the church office: office@fpcboonton.org)

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)
Holy God, you promise eternal and abundant life through Jesus Christ our Savior. But because we don't always listen to you, we pursue false gods, and accept lies as truth. We confess that we close our ears to your truth, our eyes to your teaching, and our hearts to our neighbors in need. In your mercy forgive us. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *from* II Corinthians 4: 16-17

TIME FOR MISSION

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (In unison)
Eternal God, your Son taught us that love fulfills the laws' demands. May your Spirit help us to encounter Him today, revealed in Scripture, sermon, and Sacrament. And may we then be led to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and so love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-10 p. 860

RESPONSE (Responsively) Psalm 62:5-12

One: For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in God.
All: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
One: In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.
All: Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before God, who is our refuge.
One: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
All: On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.
One: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
All: Even though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
One: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.
All: Steadfast love is yours, O LORD, for you repay all people according to their deeds. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14*b*-20 p. 35

One: This is the word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"Something Big!"* The Rev Peter Ross Magnan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Jesus Loves Me"* 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

* HYMN # Blue 377 *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"* Cesareo Gabarain

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST
Born of Mary,
He shares our life.
Eating with sinners,
He welcomes us.
Guiding his children,

He leads us.
Visiting the sick,
He heals us.
Dying on the cross,
He saves us.
Risen from the dead,
He gives new life.
Living at your right hand,
He prays for us.

THE EPICLESIS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE AMEN

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/juice] 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 339 *"Be Thou My Vision"* Mary E. Byrne

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE *"Doxology"* Marilyn Arinson

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Firemen's Home: Lois Merritt and the Storas

GUEST SPEAKER – The Rev. Peter Ross Magnan, has been a member of the Presbytery of the Highlands (and its predecessor Newton Presbytery) since 1987, and has served churches in upstate New York, and Bergen, Morris, Sussex and Warren counties in New Jersey. An oral storyteller, he enjoys fly-fishing, drawing, photography, railroads, museums, building things, reading serious science fiction books and watching cheesy science fiction movies. He lives in Denville with his wife and daughter, both librarians, and his dog, who is very much enjoying Peter's retirement.

LAY READER – Lisa Hordnes was raised in Boonton and has been in this church all her life. Lisa lives in Rockaway Township with her son, Bjorn and brother, Einar. She has another son, Chris, and two grandchildren, Colin and Emma. She is employed as a Surgical Materials Specialist with St. Clare's Health Services. Lisa has served as Deacon and Elder here at FPCB and uses her musical gifts in our Chancel Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, and other community vocal groups.

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

Mission Outreach:

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: Between now and 10/5/25, 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.

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.

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.

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:

LEMONADE IN THE LIBRARY is hosted/sponsored today Congregational Life. 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).

PRAYER GROUP meets every other Tuesday at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome. The next meeting will be 9/9.

SECOND THURSDAY ADULT GROUP will be meeting again in Sept. 11 at 1:15pm in the Library.

SAVE THE DATE September 21 we celebrate the volunteers from Loaves and Fishes during the service. Please plan on attending this special day. And **September 28th is Boonton Day** – we need volunteers; see Kim or Trish

CRAFT FAIR - Loaves and Fishes is having a craft fair on October 3 from 4-9 pm, hosted at the Boonton Elks. There are still vender spots available, see Kim. If you can donate craft items to sell at our table, contact Marjorie (862-222-3006). We hope that everyone will join us for some early Christmas shopping on the 3rd. info@lfcfp.org

Breeze online giving code

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September 7 – September 13 ~ *Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	10:00 am	**Worship** (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	**Coffee Hour** (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	**Session** (Library and Zoom)
	6-10 pm	NA Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	**Prayer Group** (Library)
	6:00 pm	Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	AA - Tuesday Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Presbyaires (Choir Room)
Thursday	1:15 pm	**Second Thursday Adult Group** (Library)
Friday	6:30 pm	Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

September 14 – September 20 ~ *Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal –(Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	**Worship** (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	**Coffee Hour** (Library)
	11:30 am	**Choir Rehearsal/pickup choir** (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Presbyaires (Choir Room)
Thursday		LGA Back to School Night
Friday	3:30 pm – 12 am	**Hall Rental** (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:

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S HOURS: *Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30*