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March 1, 2026

3:00 pm

*A Service of Installation of The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer  
To the Ministry of Word and Sacrament*



*Living Matthew 25:  
Rooted in Christ, Living Boldly, Serving with Compassion*

GATHERING

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit

**WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship !**  
Visitors, please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate.  
Please *remember to turn off all devices as we worship God.*

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17

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PRELUDE

*"Prelude in Classic Style"*

Gordon Young

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: God, our God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

**All: You made your glory higher than the heavens!**

One: From the mouths of nursing babies,

**All: You have laid a strong foundation. Great is thy faithfulness!**

One: We thank you God, with all of our hearts, for your wonderful acts.

**All: Let us sing praises forever to your holy name.**

\* HYMN # Blue 467

*"How Great Thou Art"*  
(verses 1-2)

Carl Gustav Boberg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and hasty to judge others. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world, to live faithfully, uplift our neighbors, and serve the Lord in all that we do.**

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE: (Sung in unison)

HYMN # Blue 572

*"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"*

John Merbecke

*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us, Christ Have Mercy Upon Us, Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the Peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

RESPONSIVE HYMN # Green 148

*"Celtic Alleluia"*  
Refrain (sung twice)

Fintan O'Carroll/C. Walker

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-9

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SERMON

Emma-Claire Sunday

\* HYMN # Green 277

*"The Servant Song"*

Richard Gillard

INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 3:1-5

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STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

A PRINCETON BLESSING

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

HYMN # Green 280

*"Thuma Mina"*

South African

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Down to the River to Pray"*

Sheldon Curry

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Friends, the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

*The leaders continue in prayer*

One: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, They will be done on earth at it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Administered by Intinction

Please approach by way of the center aisle, moving to one of the stations on the left or right of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Dip the bread into the cup (grape juice on the inside) and consume it. Return by way of either side aisle to be seated in your pew. Elements will be brought to anyone who cannot come forward. A gluten/egg free option is available. Please do not drink from the chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

\* HYMN

*"Be Still My Soul"* (see next page)

Finlandia

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF SAINT JULIAN OF NORWICH

One: In you, God almighty,

**All: We have our preservation and our bliss.**

One: In you, Christ,

**All: We have our restoring and our saving.**

One: You are our mother, brother, and Savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit,

**All: Is marvelous and plenteous grace.**

One: You are our clothing;

**All: For in love, you wrap us and embrace us.**

One: You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace, all shall be well, and all shall be well,

**All: And all manner of things shall be well. Amen.**

\* BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

*"Arrival of the Queen of Sheba"*

G.F. Handel

**Pastor:** The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner

**Chancel Choir**

**Ushers:** Leslie Smith-Ficaro, Martel Roberts

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the congregation  
in celebration of The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer's installation.

*Pastor Nathaniel will be available to greet everyone after the service by the front entrance of the church and before you make your way down to the reception in Reighart Hall. We encourage all to attend!*

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## Announcements

**HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS** and **PEW PILLOWS** for additional back support, are available during worship service, Please ask an usher for assistance with these.

### FAITH FORMATION

**A LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA** (an ancient Christian practice that has been going on for at least 1,600 years). It is a Latin phrase meaning “divine reading” but don’t worry, you don’t have to know Latin to be a part of Lectio. Lectio Divina is a way of slowing down when reading the Scriptures and engaging the text so that you hear God’s word for you. The next meeting will be **3/18 @ 7:00 p.m. in Gateway**.

**AFTERNOON PRAYER DURING LENT** - These prayer services allow for the exploration of Lenten themes and give congregants a prayerful practice and keep them connected with the church community throughout the week. The services will be held on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Dates - 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1.**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL** - *Discipleship in a Divided Age; A Lenten Journey through Matthew's Gospel* is available on our website, will be attached to our weekly newsletter emails and is being emailed DAILY to everyone on our email list. If you need a hard copy, email the office.

**PRAYER WALL** (on the bridge) - a simple yet powerful way to share what’s on your heart and lift one another up in faith. We invite you to write a prayer and hang it up. In doing so, you become part of a living tapestry of prayer, where our community joins together in support, compassion, and trust in God’s presence. Pens and prayer cards are available in the pews and out on the bridge.

### FELLOWSHIP

**PALM BREAKFAST** - On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Congregational Life will be hosting a potluck Palm Sunday breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in Reighart Hall. There will be a sign- up sheet available during coffee hour, for those who would like to bring something to share. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship during Holy Week, all are welcome.

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The Preparation for Ministry Fund which provides scholarships for inquirers and candidates of the presbytery.

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### Commission on Installation

Elder Craig Barth, First Presbyterian Church of Morristown

The Rev. Michael Cuppett, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Newton

The Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown

The Rev. Ryon Herin, Moderator of the Presbytery of the Highlands and Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway

The Rev. Adrienne Poissant, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Branchville

Elder Elaine Oussoren, First Presbyterian Church of Boonton

#### Worship Leaders

Deacon James Fryer, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan

The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Boonton

Brooke Matejka, Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

The Rev. Dave Prentice-Hyers, Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan

Elder Emma Claire Sunday, Presiding Preacher

The Rev. Emily Sutphin, Minister-Member of the Carlisle Presbytery

Elder Evelyn Thiel, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Alyssa Queen Mitchell, Chaplain at Seattle Children’s Hospital