



## First Presbyterian Church

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

March 29, 2026

**Palm Sunday**

**10:00 AM**

**Worship & Communion**

*“How Are We Called To Love During Lent”*

GATHERING

\* = 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

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

OPENING PRAYER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

**All: Triumphant and victorious is He,**

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

**All: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

*From the 2018 PCUSA Book of Common Worship*

\* HYMN # Blue 88

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

Melchior Teschner

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests  
or you can email the church office: [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org))

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*From the 2018 PCUSA Book of Common Worship*

One: Everlasting God,

**All: In your tender love for humanity,**

One: You sent your Son to take on our human nature,

**All: To suffer death on the cross.**

One: In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will, through the glorious victory of his resurrection.

**All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\* 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”*

Fintan O'Carroll/C Walker

Refrain (sing 2x) *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

TIME FOR MISSION

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 31:1-9*

p. 506

One: The words of Scripture, inspired by God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 21:1-11*

p. 23

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*“Ain’t No Rock Gonna Shout for Me”*

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING

*Luke 22:14-30*

p. 86

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*“Why Are Things Changing???”*

The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

\* HYMN # Blue 333

*“Seek Ye First”*

Karen Lafferty

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

EUCCHARIST

OFFERTORY

*“The Palms”*

Jean-Baptiste Faure

\* 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

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The presider continues in prayer*

One: As we proclaim the glory of your Name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider continues 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 # Blue 89

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

Jennette Threlfall

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

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**Pastor:** The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner  
**Chancel Choir**

**Usher Team:** Marisa Crozier, Donna Keoppel, Natalie Pisarcik, Martel Roberts, Roxanne Tavakkol

**Liturgist:** Dan Keoppel, is an elder of the church, currently the chair of Property. He and his wife Donna make their home in Montville. They are the parents to six adult children, Zac, Jordan, Spencer, Grace, Addie and Nate and have been foster parents to 12 children.

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Roxanne and Amir Tavakkol in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Handbell Choir Ringers**

Wendy Clarkson  
Lisa Hordnes  
Donna Keoppel  
Denise Nickel  
Ken Nickel  
Shavaun Pizar  
Marjorie Roller  
Leslie Smith-Ficaro  
Roxanne Tavakkol  
Amanda Thompson  
Nancy van Dyke

**~Prayer List & Church Announcements~**

***Hope/Joy***

***“We thank you, God, for...”***

**DAN G** (Betty Tilli’s family) - Thyroid was removed and tests came back cancer free! Praise God!

**GEORGE BLANK’S** eye is much better and the infection is under control. Thanks for your prayers.

**GERARD** (Betty’s friend’s B-I-L in Germany) is making great progress with his new prosthetic legs. He has a very positive attitude and is grateful for all the prayers!

**JOE** (Judy Caggiano’s friend) is home and improving, but remains on antibiotics.

**LOUIS BRUNO** (Kim Robbins’ Uncle) had a heart valve replacement and is home gaining strength. Thanks for all the prayers/calls.

**MIKE STORA-** is home and thanks you all for your miracle working prayers!

***Concern***

***“Loving Lord, we pray for...”***

**(INSERT YOUR NAME HERE)** and lift up to God your needs and concerns.

**ERIC PARKIN** (Shavaun Pizar’s HS friend, musician and NJ Theatre actor) of keen mind, has decided to stop treatment for a rare leukemia. He is now on hospice. Prayers for him and his friends and family.

**RESIDENTS OF THE NJ STATE FIREMEN’S HOME** – pray for their families & caregivers.

***“Continued Prayers For Health and Healing”***

**CARL REIDER** (friend of Kim Robbin’s & Steve), **CODY** (Marilyn Ward’s great grandson),

**DEBBIE DIXON** (Meg Meyer’s friend), **DON KEARNEY**, **GAIL COE**, **MORGAN HANNA** (Gail Coe’s grand-daughter)

**STEVEN CHAPMAN** (Elaine Doherty’s friend)

***“Prayers For Those With Cancer...”***

**BOB DUFFELL** (Kim Robbins’ friend’s dad), **CAROLYN TARDIF** (Meg Meyer’s friend),

**DAVID** (Betty Tilly’s friend’s son), **EINAR BORGSTROM**, **EMMIE** (Evelyn’s great niece),

**FRED LAYMAN** (Marisa Crozier’s friend), **GENE SARDONI** (Judy Caggiano’s friend),

**GEORGE HORNICKEL** (the Blank's cousin), **JOHN ENRIGHT** (Jack Thompson's friend), **MARISA LAPLACA** (Bea Beatty's coworker), **MAX** (food pantry volunteer's son-in-law), **MILES** (Trish Herrera's friends' grandson), **NEIR** (The Troiani's friend), **RICHARD ANDERSON** (Jessica Beatty's friend's father), **ROBERT NERLINE, SR.**, **TERESA** (Leslie Smith-Ficaro's friend).

*“And God Shall Wipe Away the Tears...”*

**AMY MCCAULY** (a prominent member of the community) passed away 2/15. Prayers for her friends and family.

**BOB AND JANICE DOBLER'S SON** – Prayers for the Doblere's after losing their only son at age 32 in an awful quad accident.

**RISHKOFSKI FAMILY** – Prayers for them as they process the loss of their father/grandfather.

### *From the prayer wall*

Lord thank you for your wonderful gift of Nathaniel, our pastor. Prayers for our church to grow and thrive under his leadership to help those in need in Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey and beyond.

Please send updates/changes to prayer requests to the office [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org)

## Announcements

### MISSION

**SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP** - The Deacons are offering a \$400 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 Martel Roberts if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful experience before registering [martelroberts@gmail.com](mailto:martelroberts@gmail.com)

**MEAL TRAIN** is an opportunity to provide a meal for someone. Please email Lois Merritt at [loisann139nj@gmail.com](mailto:loisann139nj@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

**MISSIONS** We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to the office.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - Our 2026 theme is **Fill God's Garden With Love** with a **goal of \$2600**. 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. Today is the last day to donate: via - the offering plate, through Breeze or mailed to the church.

### WORSHIP

**GUEST PREACHER April 19<sup>th</sup>**, Reverend Dr. Rose Niles, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation. Following the service, she will be providing a consultative meeting after coffee hour with the goal to educate our members and leaders as we begin the conversation on Legacy giving.

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

**WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED** You can sign up on the chart by the bridge doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and home-bound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication.

### 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 **4/22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library**.

**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 next date is this Wednesday **4/1 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL** - Copies are still available on the bridge.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – if you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian church, please join us on **April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Library after Worship, or **April 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7p.m. in the Library. A New Member Lunch with Session will be held **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. in the Library. New members will be welcomed into the life of the congregation during worship on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 on the bridge ledge.

## FELLOWSHIP

**COFFEE HOUR** is hosted/sponsored 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).

**Easter Sunday Congregational Photo Following 10:00 a.m. Worship on 4/5.**

**All are warmly invited to gather for a joyful congregational photo as we celebrate the resurrection together. Please remain after the service briefly and join us!**

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**2026 Per Capita:** The Presbytery 2026 Per Capita fee is \$44 per member. Paying online is easy via the pulldown menu in Breeze for "Per Capita" or by marking your check "Per Capita". We appreciate prompt payment for this item, as we have already been billed by our Presbytery.

-Stewardship Committee



**Breeze online giving code**

### First Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

#### **March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

##### Sunday

8:15 – 8:45am	Handbell rehearsal
9:00am	Palm Sunday Breakfast and Parade with St. John's (Reighart)
9:15 – 9:40am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10 – 11am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
11 – 11:30am	Elder/Deacon Communion Training / Coffee Hour (Library)
11:15am – 12:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
7 – 8pm	AA (Reighart)

##### Monday

7:30 – 10pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart)
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##### Tuesday

3-4:15pm	LGA Play Practice (Choir Room)
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##### Wednesday

2:30-3pm	Afternoon Prayer in the Sanctuary
3 – 6pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / 4pm Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

##### Thursday

3 - 4:15pm	LGA Play Practice (Choir Room)
7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

##### Friday

6:30 – 7:30pm	Chancel Choir practice
7:30 – 8:30pm	Good Friday Service

##### Saturday

8 – 11am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
9 – 11am	Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
6:00pm	Easter Vigil Service (Sanctuary)

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	AA (Reighart)

\*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events

Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pastor's 'in office' hours: Mon. – Wed. 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Off Fridays