



First Presbyterian Church
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May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

10:00 AM



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 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.***

PRELUDE

“O For A Thousand Tongues”

Marilyn Arison

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

CHORAL INTROIT

“We Will Glorify”

Twila Paris

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: In the darkest valley, at the banquet table,

All: In the hard work of life, at the moments of ease,

One: In our day-to-day reality, at times set aside, like this time now,

All: For worship, for listening, for paying attention;

One: With every step we take—goodness and mercy follow us.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship God our Shepherd!

* HYMN # Blue 276

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

William Marion Runyan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In unison)

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom.

SILENT REFLECTION

One: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayers.

KYRIE: (Sung in unison) HYMN # Blue 572 “*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*”
Lord Have Mercy Upon Us, Christ Have Mercy Upon Us, Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

John Merbecke

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

RESPONSIVE HYMN # Blue 123

“*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*”
(Verse 1)

Lyra Davidica

TIME FOR MISSION

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 5:1-8

p. 447

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“*Song of Ruth*”

Joyce Eilers

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7:1-10

p. 448

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“*What Happens at the Palace?*”

The Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE

* HYMN # Blue 478

“*Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*”
(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests
or you can email the church office: office@fpcboonton.org)

Henry F. Lyte

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (In unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*”

J.S. Bach

* 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

SENDING

* HYMN # Blue 538 *“Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”* Sicilian Melody

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *“There is a Redeemer”* Melody Green

POSTLUDE *“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”* arr. John Carter

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: John Crozier and his wife Marisa have three adult children; Chelsea, Andy and Vicki. John is a retired VP of IT in the Insurance industry. Marisa is a special ed teacher in Montville and recently completed her doctoral thesis. John has been a member of the church since 1991, and has served several terms on Session as part of Mission and Personnel, and currently on the Finance & Stewardship Committee. John sings in our chancel choir and currently co-chairs the Committee on Ministry for The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Charlie Homeijer in honor of his wife Marty, his mother, and all the moms here today to enjoy!

~Prayer List & Church Announcements~

“Loving Lord, we pray for...”

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

BEVERLEY STEPHENS requested prayers for a procedure she had recently.

BOB AND JANICE DOBLER (Kim Robbins’ friends) need prayer as they process the loss of their son.

DOUG & ARLENE LANGDON won’t be in church for a few months due to Doug’s low immunity during chemotherapy. Prayers for strength and good results.

GEORGE BLANK started new eye meds to promote healing; infection under control but he needs to heal.

HILDA HEINZ is in critical condition and needs prayer for healing.

JANET MIDDLETON is now in rehab until June at the Oaks in Denville.

JOANNE M. (Natalie Pisarcik’s aunt) - prayers for peace/healing as she deals with serious health issues.

JOLENE (Nell Troiani’s friend) in her 20’s, is dealing with cancer and requests prayers for healing.

MARTEL ROBERT’S SISTER is having hip surgery – keep her in your prayers.

MARYANNE (Natalie’s neighbor) was in a serious car accident and is in the hospital recovering from her injuries. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

MIKE STORA - prayers for Deb and Mike during this challenging time with Mike’s declining health.

PAUL (Betty’s cousin) is facing triple by-pass in the near future. Pray for him, his family and the surgical team performing the surgery.

RICHARD SMITH (the Beatty’s friend) - prayers for healing and strength as he waits for test results.

SONJA FRYER (Nathaniel’s mom) was diagnosed with Leukemia. Prayers for healing and strength.

TOM (Natalie’s cousin’s husband) – requesting prayers for a miracle as he begins chemo treatment on an inoperable brain tumor.

PRAYERS TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY’S LEADERS SAFE

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

“Continued Prayers For Health and Healing”

CODY (Marilyn Ward’s great grandson), **DEBBIE DIXON** (Meg Meyer’s friend), **DON KEARNEY, GAIL COE, MORGAN HANNA** (Gail Coe’s grand-daughter), **THE STEPHENS FAMILY.**

“Prayers For Those With Cancer...”

BOB DUFFELL (Kim Robbins’ friend’s dad) is now on hospice, **CAROLYN TARDIF** (Meg Meyer’s friend), **DAVID** (Betty Tilly’s friend’s son), **EINAR BORGSTROM, EMMIE** (Evelyn’s great niece), **ERIC PARKIN** (Shavaun Pizar’s HS friend/musician/NJ

Theatre actor), **FRED LAYMAN** (Marisa Crozier's friend), **GENE SARDONI** (Judy Caggiano's friend), **JOHN ENRIGHT** (Jack Thompson's friend), **MARISA LAPLACA** (Bea Beatty's coworker), **MAX** (food pantry volunteer's son-in-law), **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..."

BRIAN KAISER (brother of a dear friend of Kim's) passed away on 5/6 after struggling with severe health issues in the past month. Please pray for his wife and children, siblings, his dad, and all who knew and loved him.

STEVEN CHAPMAN (Elaine Doherty's friend) passed away recently, after a long battle with his health. Prayers for his family during this time.

SUSAN BRESALIER (Kim Robbins' close friend) passed away 4/20 at 61 years old from a massive heart attack. Please pray for her daughter, Abby, and her partner, Rich Hoff. She had a heart of gold, and she will be so missed.

Please send updates/changes to prayer requests to the office office@fpcboonton.org

Announcements

MISSION

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – raised \$2721.47. Thanks for your donations!

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

MEAL TRAIN is an opportunity to provide a meal for someone. Please email Lois Merritt at 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.

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

WORSHIP

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

MUSIC SUNDAY – MAY 17th

NEW MEMBERS – will be welcomed into the life of the congregation during worship on **May 17th**.

PENTECOST is MAY 24th - Wear **Red** if you can, or other colors of fire.

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

AFTERNOON PRAYER RESUMES - These prayer services give congregants a prayerful practice and keep them connected with the church community. Dates are May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10, (June 17 is at 7pm), June 24 **at 2:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

SECOND THURSDAY Adult Group will meet in the Library May 14th at 1:15pm

SPRING 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 **5/20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.**

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).

PW MOVIE NIGHT - May 15th - Movie details to follow - plan to arrive at 7pm, the movie will start at 7:15pm. Please mark your calendar, it will be a fun evening and a great discussion!



MUSIC

Sunday

MAY 17TH

10 A.M. DURING WORSHIP
*performed by the Chancel Choir,
Hand Bell Choir,
and readers from the congregation*

Come and sing along!



Following the Music Sunday service...

Congregational Life will be hosting *a bbq in the library*,
Catered by Pasqual's to celebrate the musical talents of Sarah and our choirs. All are welcome! A free will
offering will be collected to help offset the cost of the lunch.



Breeze online giving code

First Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

May 10th – May 17th

Sunday – Mother's Day

- 9:15 – 9:40am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10 – 11am Sunday Services (Sanctuary and online) Guest Preacher
11 – 11:30am Coffee Hour (Library)
11:15am – 1pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
7 – 8pm AA Meeting (Reighart Hall)

Monday

- 6 – 7:15pm NA PIC Meeting (Reighart)
7 – 9pm Session Meeting (Library and zoom)
7:30 – 10pm NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart)

Tuesday

- 6 – 7pm Scouts Wolfden meeting (Library or Whitley)
7 – 9pm Personnel Meeting (Library)
7:15 – 9:45pm AA Tuesday Night (Reighart)

Wednesday

- 2:30 – 3:15pm Afternoon Prayer (Sanctuary)
3 – 6pm Coffee & Services (Gateway) / 4-6 pm Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
4 – 5pm OPS Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday

- 1:15 – 3:15pm Second Thursday - Library
6:30 – 7:30pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
7 – 8pm Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)

Friday

- 7 – 9:45pm PW Movie Night (Library)

Saturday

- 8 – 11am Coffee & Services (Gateway) / 9 – 11am Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
12 – 1pm St. John's Luncheon at St. John's Boonton

Sunday – New Members and Music Sunday!

- 8:15 – 8:45am Handbell rehearsal
9:15 – 9:40am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10 – 11am Sunday Services (Sanctuary and online)
11 – 11:30am Coffee Hour (Library) and more....

*The calendar can also be found on our website

Upcoming Events

Please see our bulletin board on the bridge for upcoming church events,
and the bridge doors for other local 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
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