

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

10:00 AM

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

May 14, 2023

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

PIANO PRELUDE:

Andrea Morokutti

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

Pete Peterson

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**As disciples of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, we experience God's unconditional love, and we witness to others by discovering and sharing our gifts.**

MOMENT FOR ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHORAL INTROIT:

Chancel Choir

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Love shown—in a mother's face, a tender look;

**P: A warm embrace or while reading a good book.**

L: Love shared—through a forgiving word;

**P: A cup of tea (or coffee, too);**

L: Love celebrated—with family and with friends;

**P: A hospitable welcome with overflowing praise;**

L: Love extended and received—as we live out our days!

**P: Love is gift from God. It comes from above.**

L: Love blesses us and builds its home within us; it graces us like a dove. With joyful praise, let us worship God.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 355 Hear the Good News of Salvation*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Eternal and merciful God, in whom we live, move, and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts, we confess our faults, confide in your grace, and seek in refuge, our strength, and our salvation, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

\* *Please stand if you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Hear and accept the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life is gone; a new being in us has begun. Believe that you are forgiven and live in peace.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Let us forgive one another.**

\* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 464* *v. 1*  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt  
away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.***

\* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY: *(Children's Choir)*

\* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 592*

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God all  
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## DECLARING GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 17: 22–28 Paul proclaims that we are  
God's offspring.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14: 15–27 The Advocate advocates.

ANTHEM: *The Flowers of my World* Chancel Choir  
*by Loonis McGlohan*

MEDITATION: *Our God is Love* Pastor David Harvey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *1 Corinthians 13: 4–13*

**Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or  
arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not  
irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but  
rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes  
all things, endures all things.** *Cont'd.*

**Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Amen.**

\* HYMN: *No. 335*                      *Though I May Speak*                      *vv. 1 & 2*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, OF THE PEOPLE, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN:                      *We Are One in the Spirit*                      *(No. 300, GTG)*

\* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION:                      Chancel Choir

PIANO POSTLUDE:                      Andrea Morokutti

*Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!*



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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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**The Human Family:** Persons and individuals impacted by the COVID-19; essential workers; the homeless; people of Afghanistan, Haiti, and the Ukraine; families impacted by gun violence

**Men & Women Serving in the Armed Forces & America's Veterans**

**Those in elected office:** The President, the Congress, State Assembly, local community servants

**Healing for Friends & Families with:**

**Cancer:** Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorro and her family, Jay Ohland Jr., Bill S., Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Tracy Wolfe, Molly Grace Young, Alicia, Audrey, Darlene, Eva, Gail, Liza

**Illness & Injuries:** Les Ashburner, Robert Benz, Sue Bonkowski, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Noah Haiduc-Dale, Cameron McIntyre, Carol McLain, Jan Smith, Margaret Stephens, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Tracy, Carter

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

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**Greeter:** Bill Olivier

**Usher:** Teri Harvey

**Pastor:** Rev. David Harvey

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Sunday School:** Deb Albrecht  
*Mother's Day activity*

**Choir Director:** Maggie Morokutti

**Pianist:** Andrea Morokutti

**Worship Leader:** Pete Peterson

**Sound System:** Theo Padavano

**MIDI:** Frank Wilson

**DLP:** Erika Plut

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

{ Dates/times subject to change }

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### Sunday, May 14

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School /FH

11:15 AM Children's Choir

### Monday, May 15

*Office closed*

### Friday, May 19

1:00 PM Bible Study/OC

### Saturday, May 20

9:30 AM Food Pantry

### Sunday, May 21

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School/FH

11:15 AM *Spelling Presbyterian*

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Bible Study:** Please join us for 1:00 PM bible study on Fridays at the Outreach Center or via Zoom. Contact the church office to be added to our bible study contact list.

**Rib Rally Fundraiser** - May 18 – 19 (turn page over for more info...)

**Spelling Presbyterian:** Beliefs and Behaviors of the One and Only Church on Main Street. Following worship on: May 21 & 28 and June 4 & 11

**You are Invited** to attend a covered dish dinner Celebration of Pastor Dave Tillisch and his family on Saturday, May 27 at 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Blairstown honoring his 9 years here in Blairstown as he has been reassigned to Basking Ridge. Please RSVP by May 23 to Michelle Peterson, church administrator, at michelle@firstumcblairstown.com and also let her know what type of covered dish you will bring.

**Graduations and Milestones:** You won't want to miss this! On Sunday, June 11, we will recognize and celebrate our graduates and milestone members. Whether it's graduation from elementary school, the completion of a graduate degree or anything in between, we want to honor those individuals and their accomplishments. Equally important, we also wish to recognize our members who have reached a milestone in serving Christ and the Church. We have members who have made 20 years of service and several congregants who have served for more than 50 years! You'll have to be in church on June 11, to find out who's who. It may even be you! A delicious brunch and a wonderful time of fellowship will take place immediately after the service in Fellowship Hall to honor our graduates, their families and the long-time members of First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown. More information will be forthcoming, and invitations will be mailed out, but you don't want to miss this celebration and wonderful gathering, so mark your calendars! *Hosted by Presbyterian Women and Membership & Fellowship*

**ShopRite** (\$25/\$100), **Acme** (\$25/\$100), **Dunkin** (\$10), **IHOP** (\$10), **Starbucks** (\$10), and **Panera** (\$10) **gift cards** are available. See Gail Weber (or Jen Plut) to order additional cards or if you have any questions about how to support this ministry!

**Ushers/Greeters/Worship Leaders are Needed!** For anyone interested in trying out these easy (yes, really!) jobs for the first time, we provide instructions and training—and would love to have you involved. **Additionally, the worship team has sound system tech and projector/DLP openings.** Please consider volunteering for these important roles. Please contact the church office or speak with Bill Olivier if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

**The Pentecost Offering** unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

**Rib Rally Fundraiser** on Thursday, May 18 or Friday, May 19 partnering with Texas Roadhouse in Stroudsburg, PA - you order the special and schedule pick up. It is a great way to support the church and have a great meal. A scan code is below to place your order. If you would like to support this Rib Rally and would be interested in having your dinner picked up for you or if you have any questions, please let either Judy (judithlyntrigg@gmail.com or 908-910-8250) or the church office (fpcb@ptd.net or 908-362-5254) know, and we will work that out! **Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an AED.** Start placing your orders today!!



**Let's Rally Together!**  
**Help us support our friends at**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**May 18 & May 19**

**Scan the QR Code for MORE Information and to schedule your To-Go Meal pre-order pick-up today!**

**The \$12 RIB RALLY Meal includes:**

Fall-Off-The-Bone Ribs (4 Bones),  
Seasoned Steak Fries,  
Fresh-Baked Bread and  
Homemade Honey Cinnamon Butter!  
PLUS, you receive a Peanut Bag with  
Free Appetizer voucher for your next visit!



**First Presbyterian Church receives 30%  
of EVERY MEAL SOLD!**

Pick up at Texas Roadhouse, 318 Stroud Mall, Stroudsburg, PA