

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oct. 22, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *"Lux Aeterna" by Maurice Duruflé*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Emily Arena
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.

CHORAL INTROIT: Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP: adapted from Psalm 66: 1-2, 4

L: Make a joyful noise, O people of the earth;

P: Sing to the glory of God's holy name; give to God glorious praise.

L: All the earth, O God, worships you; the voices of creation sing your praise.

P: With lips of joyful praise and hearts of great gratitude let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 412 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds* *w. 1-4*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, our Heavenly Father, we confess we too frequently compromise our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for self-promotion, your absolutes for our personal ambition, our souls for unsatisfying success. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you once again, unfulfilled.

Forgive our half-hearted devotion, our shallow servanthood, and our fickleness of faith. In the name of Jesus who refused to save himself but obediently served you by dying on the cross so we may live. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: In Christ, hatred is dissolved, borders collapse, new friendships are formed, a loving, hospitable community of grace and goodness is born. All because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ.

P: In Christ, we are forgiven! Let us forgive one another.

* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me No. 582 GTG*

*EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

Welcome and extend the peace of Christ however you feel most comfortable.

~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 428 We Give Thee but Thine Own* *(v. 1)*

* *Please stand if you are able.*

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING: Exodus 33: 12–23

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4: 10–13

ANTHEM: *"Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy" by Hal Hopson* Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: *Christ Strengthens Us* Dylan Kasprenski USMC & Pastor David Harvey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *adapted from Romans 8: 28, 37–39*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN: *No. 438* *Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 339* *Be Thou My Vision* *vv. 1 & 2*

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION: Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE: *"Antiphon" by Marcel Dupré*

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

Greeter: Deb Albrecht

Usher: Bill Olivier

Worship Leader: Emily Arena

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Assisting w/Meditation: Dylan Kasprenski, USMC

Ministers: The Congregation

Coffee Hour: Teri Harvey

Choir Director: Maggie Morokutti

DLP: Jen Plut

MIDI: Frank Wilson

Children & Worship: Stephanie Burke,

Lesson: *Exodus*

Faith Works: Lisa Besser,

Lesson: *In the Wilderness*

Exodus 15: 22–17: 7

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

The Human Family: Persons and individuals who struggle with food insecurity and homelessness, the people in the Ukraine; families and communities impacted by gun violence; those impacted by severe weather; families and communities destroyed by the Maui fire. Schools within our community and country as they resume.

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, Ann Fleming, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow and her family, Bill S., Andrew Shan, Abbi Sparkman, Robert Talmadge, Tracy Wolfe, Molly Grace Young, Alicia, Audrey, Darlene, Eva, Gail, Liza

Illness & Injuries: Robert Benz, Sue Bonkowski, George Burke, Joan Caldwell, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Noah Haiduc-Dale, Peter Porzio, Jan Smith, Margaret Stephens, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Carter, Demares, Tracy, Valerie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study: Please join us for 10 AM bible study this Tuesday at the Outreach Center or via Zoom. Contact the church office to be added to our weekly bible study email reminders/updates.

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 in the church office) to order additional cards or if you have any questions about how to support this ministry!

Halloween Candy Collection: Pastor David will have a table set up outside the church to hand out candy to kids participating in the annual Rotary-sponsored Halloween parade on Oct. 31. Candy donations gratefully appreciated for this! There will be a collection box in the foyer until Oct. 29 and a box will also be available at the Outreach Center.

Rib Rally AED Fundraiser: The Deacon Ministry is organizing the Texas Roadhouse Rib Fundraiser again on Nov. 2 & 3. The cut-off date for ordering is Nov. 1. This fundraiser will help the Church to get a new AED, which is greatly needed. Visit the church website for a convenient ordering link: <https://fpcb-nj.org/rib-rally-fundraiser/> Pick up your dinner(s) at the Texas Roadhouse located at 318 Stroud Mall, Stroudsburg, PA. As always, thank you for your anticipated support of this AED Fundraiser!! (If you are interested in having someone pick up your dinner(s) for you—Nov. 2 only—more information will be available next week.)

Fall Square Dance! **What gives you a great cardiovascular workout, is entertaining, raises your heart rate in a good way, not only brings a smile to your face but makes you laugh, may cause dizziness, is excellent for all ages and families, and Pastor Dave would call it a whoop de doo good time?** You are absolutely correct!!! It's FPCB's, too many to count, annual square dance and covered dish supper. Ed LaPlante will be returning to be our live caller on Saturday, Nov. 4. A delicious, covered dish supper will run from 5–6 PM and you know the smorgasbord of food will be beyond belief! The square dance will take place from 6–8 PM, all taking place in Fellowship Hall. It's truly a great evening out, and if by chance you're not up for dancing, you'll have a guaranteed good time laughing and watching the fun. Your friends and neighbors are most welcome. A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall or you can RSVP by calling the church office at 908.362.5254, or email at fpcb@ptd.net. Prefer not to drive at night? Call or text Pete Peterson at 908.798.7164 and we'll get you there and back, Partner.

Habitat for Humanity: Our church will once again be providing a hearty lunch for about 15 to 20 Habitat for Humanity volunteers at their work site on Sat., Nov. 11. *Cont'd.*

The deacons are asking for donations of fruit, iced tea, water, sandwiches, chips, and some baked goods. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to donate. Please drop off your donations to the Outreach Center no later than 10 AM on Nov. 11. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cameron at (908) 459-9068. The lunch is greatly appreciated by the Habitat volunteers so any assistance would be greatly welcomed.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Oct. 28 Blairstown Fall Festival featuring local craft vendors, children's activities, food trucks, beer garden, live music and historic bed races. The goal: to bring the community together for some old-fashioned fun! *Go Holy Rollers!!* Event is 11 AM to 4 PM.

Blairstown Rotary Halloween Parade & Costume Contest: Tuesday, Oct. 31; registration begins at 4:30 PM by the Post Office; parade begins at 5 PM. Pastor David will be handing out candy by the church. Candy donations gratefully appreciated! Stop by if you'd like to help out!

Silent Auction: Blair Woman's Club of Blairstown is hosting a Silent Auction on Thursday, Nov. 9 at Brook Hollow Winery beginning at 6:00 PM. To register, send checks to Blair Woman's Club, PO Box 341, Blairstown. Be sure to include your name, address, and email address. More information at <https://sites.google.com/view/blairwomansclubnj>. So many items to bid on! Wine tasting available. Proceeds benefit education, service projects, and charitable donations. Speak with Jen Plut if you have any questions or would like to register.

Knowlton Pres. Church – Dec. 3 Community Messiah Sing Along: We are so glad to invite you to be a part of a special event. We are hosting a sing along of Handel's Messiah. It is a free concert. We need singers and an audience, of course. If you have always wanted to sing or listen to this piece, here's your chance. There will be a core group of singers that know the piece so need not worry about having never sung it. We have scores to loan out if you do not have one to bring. Concert at 4 PM; singers arrive at 2 PM for rehearsal. Concert and choral participation is free, but we do need you to RSVP so we can register you for a seat in chorus or sanctuary. We have a small sanctuary. Reception to follow. More info at knowltonpca.org/sing. Please text, call, or email Margie Miller (Committee Member) at (908) 362-9037 – leave a message with info-singer and part, or audience; text (908) 256-1586; email marevaline30@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

{ Dates/times subject to change }

Sunday, Oct. 22

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School

Monday, Oct. 23: *Office closed*

Tuesday, Oct. 24

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC
1:00 PM Library Book Group/OC

Sunday, Oct. 29

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School

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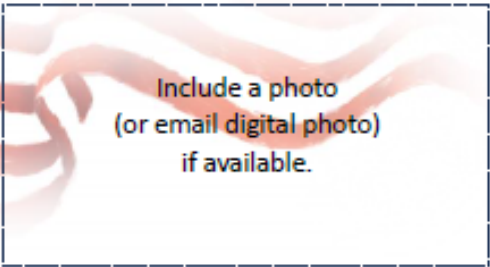


VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in our armed services. These men and women are known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. Veterans Day is a day set aside that helps us remember the anniversary of the end of World War I. World War I battles were formally ended with the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

We celebrate Veterans Day each year as a time to be dedicated to the cause of world peace. We thank all of our veterans for serving and giving to make our country free, peaceful, and strong.

Thank you!



Include a photo
(or email digital photo)
if available.

Name: _____

Branch of Military: _____

Duties: _____

Years of Service: _____

Submitted by: _____