

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 21, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *"Lux Aeterna"* 03:45

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bill Olivier
*Today we welcome Mark Hall, president of the Sussex Gideons
and member of the Christian Motorcycle Association.*

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.**

* SONG OF PRAISE: *No. 333 Seek Ye First* v. 1

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

**P: Let us worship the God who came to seek and
save each of us!**

L: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

**P: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that
we may know God.**

All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Mark Hall

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: Friends — hear, grasp, and give way to the good news of God's great
love for you.

**P: Imperfect people though we are, God claims and calls us by
name. Because of Jesus, I am, you are, we are together
forgiven! Amen.**

* CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 376* v. 1
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* *Please stand if you are able.*

* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Welcome one another with Christ's peace.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 592 Praise God*

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: Isaiah 55: 6–11

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19: 1–10

MESSAGE: *"Hide and Seek"*

Mark Hall

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Psalm 23, King James Version*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

* HYMN: *No. 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness vv. 1 & 3*

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 339 Be Thou My Vision vv. 1 & 3*

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Ave Maria" by Gabriel Faure*

03:51

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

The Human Family: Persons and individuals who struggle with food insecurity and homelessness, the people in the Ukraine and the Middle East; families and communities impacted by gun violence; those impacted by severe weather.

Men & Women Serving in the Armed Forces & America's Veterans Those in elected office: The President, the Congress, State Assembly, Municipality officials

Healing for Friends & Families:

Cancer: Stas Czarnuciewicz, Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow and her family, Peter Porzio, Bill & Monica Salvadore, Andrew Shan, Barbara Smith, Robert Talmadge, Addie Wasserman, Molly Grace Young, Audrey, Eva, Gail, Liza

Illness & Injuries: Robert Benz, Sue Bonkowski, George Burke, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Noah Haiduc-Dale, Ashley Farhat, Anna Nagyhetenyi, Mark Nelke, Jan Smith, Margaret Stephens, Betty Ann Weir, Ed Williams, Ann, Carter, Demares, Evelyn, Michelle, Tracy, Valerie, Messina Family

ASSISTING DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Deb & Gary Albrecht

Ushers: Teri Harvey & Erika Wulster

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Worship Leader: Bill Olivier

Sound System: Theo Padavano

MIDI: Frank Wilson

DLP: Jennifer Plut

Ministers: The Congregation

Coffee Hour: Joan Cameron

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday, July 21

10:00 AM Family Worship

Monday, July 22 *Office Closed*

Sunday, July 28

10:00 AM Family Worship

Guest: Melanie Williams

Learn more about today's guest, Mark Hall

Mark is a retired Manufacturing Engineer. He is married to his wife Judy for 37 years and has 3 children & 5 grandchildren. He has been a member of the Gideons International for 23 years and a member of Christian Motorcyclists Association for 19 years. Mark has been involved in Prison Ministry for over 20 years and is also a volunteer at Market Street Mission (Morristown & Newton).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Altar Flowers are placed by the Plut family in celebration of Carissa's 21st birthday.

Bible Study will resume Tuesday, August 13.

Altar Flowers: Do you have a special occasion you would like to commemorate with altar flowers? There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall. You may also sign up electronically through SignUpGenius which can be accessed through our website at <https://fpcb-nj.org/altar-flowers/>

Worship Helpers 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. Visit fpcb-nj.org for the sign-up link and pick a date that works for you! There is also a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. You can also speak with Deb Albrecht if you are interested in helping next Sunday. Thank you!

Projector & Sound Operators: There is a sign-up sheet on the communication table for projector and sound operators. Training will be provided for anyone who is interested. Please speak with Jen Plut if you are interested in volunteering.

The next **FPCB Book Club** discussion will be at 7 PM on Wednesday, Aug. 28 hosted by Jen Plut. We will be discussing The Moonshiner's Daughter by Donna Everhart, a compelling coming-of-age novel set in 1960s North Carolina. It follows the story of sixteen-year-old Jessie Sasser, who is determined to escape her family's moonshining legacy. The Book Club meets every 6–8 weeks and reads a variety of titles: fiction and nonfiction; mysteries and suspense. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions or would like a copy of our reading list, please speak with Teri Harvey or Kaye Evans.

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