

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sep. 15, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: "Vocalise" by Sergei Rachmanninov (6-13)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Bill Olivier

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 STEWARDSHIP: Gail Weber

CHORAL INTROIT: Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord new song! On this day, I woke up,

P: On this day, we awoke to a new day!

L: This is God's gift to us, to breathe, to be alive, to live, and to love!

P: To love and confess that we are blessed. Hallelujah!

We are here!

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord!

P: Sing to the Lord a new song!

L: With gladness and gratitude, let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and merciful God, who in the beginning said, "Let there be light." And light there was. You blessed the light and called it good. We thank you for the gift of speech and the freedom to choose your ways; and yet we also seek your forgiveness when we have failed to use our talk wisely and let words flow from our tongues responsibly. Forgive us for our failed speech.

Make us mindful of the power of our tongues and grant us grace to use our talk responsibly that in our daily life we may reflect the life and love of your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: By our words and by our deeds, Jesus' forgiveness lives in us, defines us, and demonstrates the new life we share together in Christ's name. Jesus has forgiven us of our sins.

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

* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *Give Thanks* (No. 647 GTG)

* 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*

COMMISSIONING OF 2024–25 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
& YOUTH WORKERS:

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28: 18–20)

Here also these words of Holy Scripture:

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."
(Galatians 3: 27–28)

The opportunity to teach our children and youth the love and forgiveness, the peace and justice of Jesus is a privilege, a joy, and a responsibility. Sunday school teachers and youth workers for the 2023–2024 school year, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling, because it is God's grace. As God has called you to this particular teaching ministry of our church family, please respond by affirming the following questions:

Affirmation of the Sunday School Teachers & Youth Workers:

A. We are grateful for your willingness to teach the faith to our children and ask: Do you accept the opportunity to serve Jesus in our Sunday school program this year, and will you be faithful in your instruction of the faith to our children?

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

- * HYMN: *For the Fruit of All Creation* No. 36, GTG
- * CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION: Chancel Choir
- POSTLUDE: *"Cantique de Jean racine" by Gabriel Faure* (4-30)

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 McMorro and her family, Peter Porzio, Monica Salvadore, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Addie Wasserman, Molly Grace Young, Audrey, Eva, Gail, Liza, Joan

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

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ASSISTING DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Stephanie Burke

MIDI: Frank Wilson

Sound System: Theo Padavano

Worship Leader: Bill Olivier

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ministers: The Congregation

Ushers: Jen McElroy & Kelly McElroy

Choir Director: Maggie Morokutti

Moment for Stewardship: Gail Weber

DLP: Jennifer Plut

Altar Flowers: Judy Trigg

Coffee Hour: Judy Trigg

Sunday School/Faith Works: Deb Albrecht: *"Introductions – Getting to know one another"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Altar Flowers have been placed by the Trigg family:

Praise for family and friends!

Deacon Ministry: The next Deacon Ministry meeting will take place today following worship.

Habitat for Humanity: Thank you to all who donated to yesterday's Habitat for Humanity lunch! The lunch was greatly appreciated by the volunteers.

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/>. Thank you, in advance, by providing altar flowers! The PW flower lady of the month of September is Robin Kasprenski.

Fish & Chips: Mark Your Calendars for our Annual Tastefully British Fish/Chicken & Chips Dinner which will take place on Friday, Oct. 4 at the Outreach Center! This will be a take-out only dinner! Tickets are available now! Volunteers will be needed! Please speak with Gail Weber or contact the church office if you will be able and willing to help!

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6. As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders.

FALL FUN DAY at Camp Johnsonburg: Now here's a fantastic opportunity for our church family! Enjoy a fall afternoon at Camp Johnsonburg on Oct. 6, from 1:00–6:30 PM. Weather dependent, all activities will be available, and dinner is included. Membership and Fellowship is pleased to be able to offer a \$10 stipend per person towards the cost of the afternoon. Pricing is tiered. The regular cost is \$25 or you can opt to pay a lower amount of \$15. *The choice is yours.* Registration and payment are done online by each attendee at <https://www.campjburg.org/events/fall-fun-day/>. With Membership and Fellowship's \$10 stipend, the final cost to each attendee will either be \$5 or \$10. *What a day, what a deal!* Please mark your calendar and plan on joining in on this opportunity for fun and fellowship! Pete Peterson will be in touch with you after Fall Fun Day for reimbursement or feel free to contact him before Oct. 6.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

{ Dates/times subject to change }

Sunday, Sep. 15

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Deacon Meeting

Monday, Sep. 16 *Office Closed*

Tuesday, Sep. 17

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

Wednesday, Sep. 18

10:00 AM S&F/OC

Thursday, Sep. 11

7:00 PM Session/OC

Sunday, Sep. 22

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Sunday School

9th Annual Tastefully British

FISH & CHIPS

TAKE-OUT DINNER

Friday, October 4, 2024
5 PM to 7 PM

First Presbyterian Church *OUTREACH CENTER*

35 Main Street, Blairstown (next to the Post Office)

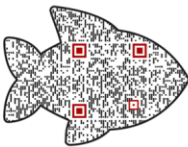


Take Out Menu: Fresh Cod Filet *OR* Chicken Breast with
French Fries, Coleslaw, & Dessert
(Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Brownie)

Ticket Prices

Adults	Children (10 & Under)
\$18 advance sale \$20 at the door	\$10 advance sale same at the door

**TAKE OUT
ONLY!**



Dinner tickets may be purchased **online** at FPCB-NJ.ORG
OR inside the FPC Outreach Center (side entrance) at
35 Main St., Blairstown (next to the post office) between
9:30 AM and 1:00 PM, Tue. thru Fri.
~(908) 362-5254, email fpcb@ptd.net~