

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sep. 29, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: "In Dir ist Freude" BWV 615 by JS Bach (02-39)

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.

* SONG OF PRAISE: *Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)* No. 701 GTG

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *adapted from Ps. 95:1-2, 124:8*

L: Come, sing to the Lord a new song.

P: We come to sing unto a new song, a song of praise.

L: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

P: We come to shout and sing with joy to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

P: With great gladness and gratitude, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 229 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in silence, then in unison)*

Merciful God, knowing that you pardon all who repent and turn to you, we humbly confess our sins, our thoughts, words, and deeds that have not reflected Christ's thoughts, Christ's words, and Christ's deeds within our lives. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved and cared for our neighbors as ourselves.

We need and seek forgiveness for our sins, Lord Jesus. Create within us a clean heart and by the grace of your Holy Spirit restore us to the joy of your salvation; in your precious name, Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus the Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

* Please stand if you are able.

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

* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 466* *v. 1*
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* 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.

~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERTORY

* OFFERING HYMN: *No. 428* *We Give Thee but Thine Own* *v. 1*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE LESSON: James 5: 13–20.

James offers a prescription on caregiving.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9: 38–50

Jesus illustrates caregiving in the church.

SERMON: *Salty Faith* Pastor David Harvey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1: 15–20*

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

* HYMN: *No. 361* *How Firm a Foundation* *vv. 1, 2, 4, 5*

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 554* *Let All Things Now Living*

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION: *No. 596* *(tune: "Edelweiss")*
May the Lord, Mighty God

POSTLUDE: *"Jesu, Meine Freude" BWV 227 by JS Bach* *(02-29)*

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, Chet, Eva, Gail, Liza, Joan, Michelle

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

ASSISTING DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Deb Albrecht

Sound System: Theo Padavano

Worship Leader: Emily Arena

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ministers: The Congregation

Ushers: Lillian Smith

MIDI: Frank Wilson

DLP: Jennifer Plut

Altar Flowers: --

Coffee Hour: Joan Cameron

Children & Worship: Joan Cameron | *"Creation"*

Faith Works: Zach Burke | *"God Calls Samuel" 1 Samuel 3:1-21*

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH { Dates/times subject to change }

Sunday, Sep. 29

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

Monday, Sep. 30 *Office Closed*

Tuesday, Oct. 1

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

7:00 PM C.E. – M&W/OC

Thursday, Oct. 3

7:00 PM 4-H Club/OC

Friday, Oct. 4

5:00 PM Fish & Chips

Sunday, Oct. 6

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship & Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Children's Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Choir practice today.

The next **FPCB Book Club** discussion will be at 7 PM on Wed., Oct. 9 hosted by Jan Swift (39 High St., Blairstown). We will be discussing The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. 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.

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: 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 & 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 & 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.

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 at <https://fpcb-nj.org/altar-flowers/>. The PW flower lady of the month of October is Gail Weber.

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9th Annual Tastefully British

FISH & CHIPS

TAKE-OUT DINNER



Fri., Oct. 4  5 – 7 PM



First Presbyterian Church

OUTREACH CENTER

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

NEWSFLASH!!
WELCOME EXIT 12
*for our musical entertainment
during our take-out dinner!*



Helpers Still Needed! There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or speak with Gail Weber. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Dinner Tickets are still available from many church members or at the Outreach Center — tickets may also be purchased at fpcb-nj.org//fish-chips or scan the QR code below.

Attention Anyone Selling Dinner Tickets: If you do not have your ticket envelopes today, please turn them in to the church office by Wednesday, Oct. 2 at noon. Thank you! We need to provide a count to Tastefully British on Wednesday.

Attention Bakers! If you are interested in baking brownies or apple pie for this Friday's dinner, please contact the church office or sign up in Fellowship Hall. Desserts should remain "intact" (i.e. uncut, in a carrier, etc.); they will be plated as individual servings. Desserts should be dropped off at the Outreach Center by 2 PM on Friday, Oct. 4!

Sponsor a Pie! (Suggested amount: \$15) In lieu of baking, monetary donations for pies are gratefully accepted! (Please mark "pies" in check memo area, on envelope, or in notes area if donating online. Thank you!

