

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oct. 13, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Cortège et Litanie, by Marcel Dupré* (04-49)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Lisa Besser

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. 322 Spirit of the Living God* (2x)

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God be in my head, and in my understanding.

P: God be in my eyes, and in my looking.

L: God be in mouth, and in my speaking.

P: God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

L: God be at my end, and at my departing.

P: God be on my lips, and in my praising.

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

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

Almighty and Compassionate God, whose way is to pardon all who repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have failed to love our neighbor as Jesus first loved us.

Forgive me when I have not been just or kind or lived in quiet fellowship with you, my God. Create within me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or remove your Holy Spirit from me; only restore me to the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: In Christ, love comes to us. Because of Christ, we see the mystery and the fullness of God's love manifest. By Jesus' love, we become a new creation.

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

* CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *(v. 1, No. 582, GTG)*
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:
Welcome one another with Christ's peace.
~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

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

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: Job 23: 1-9, 11-17
Job ponders God's plan for his life.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10: 17-31
Jesus gives his disciples a thought about God.

SERMON: *Faith of Our Founding Fathers* Pastor David Harvey
3) John Adams and Jesus: Wrestling with the Good

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *A Prayer of St. Francis (1181-1226)*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we might not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

* HYMN: *No. 223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer vv. 1, 2, 5, 6*

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory* vv. 1–3, 5

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION: *"Let there Be Peace on Earth"*

***Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.***

With God as our Father, we are family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

***To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.***

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Choir and Piano with Lyrics | Song for World Peace | Christian Hymn
Artist(s): Text by Sy Miller, Text and music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson,
arranged by Dennis Richardson | Publisher: ©1983 Jan-Lee Music ASCAP

POSTLUDE: *"Antiphon I" by Marcel Dupré* (02-55)

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: Stephanie Burke
Sound System: Theo Padavano
Worship Leader: Lisa Besser
Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ushers: Ryan Burke & Gary Albrecht
MIDI: Frank Wilson
DLP: Jennifer Plut
Ministers: The Congregation

Children & Worship: Stephanie Burke; "Abram & Sarai"
Faith Works: Deb Albrecht | "Samuel Anoints David" 1 Samuel 16: 1-23

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

{ Dates/times subject to change }

Sunday, Oct. 13

10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School

Monday, Oct. 14 *Office Closed*

Tuesday, Oct. 15

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

Wednesday, Oct. 16

10:00 AM S&F/OC

Thursday, Oct. 17

7:00 PM Session/OC

Saturday, Oct. 19

9:00 AM Food Pantry/OC

Sunday, Oct. 20

Anniversary Sunday

Special Guests: Hontz Family Band

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Family Worship
w/Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 October PW flower lady is Gail Weber.

Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 20: Next Sunday we will welcome the Hontz Family Band to worship! They will accompany all of the hymns on acoustic folk instruments and lead the congregational singing. The Hontz family performs for worship services, community events, and charitable concerts.

Wish List for Thanksgiving Boxes: We are planning for 28 boxes from each Church. The distribution will take place at St. Jude on Saturday, Nov. 23. Here's our current wish list: canned yams (30 oz), peaches (jars or cans), and applesauce (jars). These items may be dropped off at the Outreach Center or brought to Fellowship Hall on Sundays. If you have any questions, please speak with Erika Wulster or Judy Trigg.

(Announcements continued on insert)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Square Dance: Yeehaw! Saturday, Nov. 2nd is less than a month away and you know what that means. Yes indeed, it's time for our annual square dance. Now if you've never attended, this is your golden corral opportunity, and if you've joined us in the past, you know it's tons of fun! Everyone is guaranteed a great time, and the evening comes with a double your money back guarantee. It doesn't matter if you have two left feet, two right feet, or one of each. Laughter will carry you through all the dance moves. We will have a live caller to guide us, and a delicious, covered dish supper will start the evening off. The best part is that all ages can participate. You can enjoy the evening from the sidelines or dance the night away, which ends at 8 PM. Please feel free to invite your friends. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or let Jen, in the church office, know you'd like to attend (908.362.5254 or fpcb@ptd.net). Your Membership and Fellowship Committee can't encourage you enough to join this family fun event, and we look forward to welcoming you, partner!

FPCB ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, November 2 - Fellowship Hall

5:00-6:00 PM Covered Dish Supper

6:00-8:00 PM Square Dance

Pack up some vittles to donate to our Food Pantry



- We'll be rounding up donations of non-perishable food items and paper products for our Food Pantry. Please give as generously as you can.
- Transportation is available for those who prefer not to drive after dark. If you're interested in roundtrip transportation, talk to Pete Peterson on Sunday, call or text 908.798.7164, or email ppeterston459@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women – Schedule of Events

- **Sun., Oct. 27: *David's Iowa Ride***
Hostess(es): *Isaiah (& Amanda) Macchia* **Devotion:** _____
- **Sat., Nov. 9: *Breakfast & Business Meeting; Seeing Eye Program***
Hostess(es): _____ **Devotion:** _____
- **Tue., Nov. 12: *Visit & Lunch with Carol McLain***
Depart Blairstown around 10 AM
- **Sun., Dec. 8: *Lunch after Worship @ local restaurant***
Hostess(es): _____
- **Sat., Jan. 11: *Breakfast & Reorganizational Meeting***
Let's Plan the New Year!
Hostess(es): _____ **Devotion:** _____
- **Sat., May 10 or 17: *Gardening with Creek Bend Farm***
Hostess(es): _____ **Devotion:** _____

Community News:

Blairstown Rotary Blood Drive: Saturday, Oct. 26 between 9 AM and 3 PM at the Knowlton Lion's Den, 505 Rt. 94. For more information and to register (recommended), please visit www.blairstownrotary.org.

Explore Warren — History Trail: Many of Warren County's historic sites will again participate in the annual self-guided county-wide tour, with family activities at each location, scheduled this year for the weekend of November 2–3, 2024. Each stop along the trail offers something different and exciting for the whole family. Each site will open 10AM–4PM on either Saturday or Sunday. The Blairstown Historic district (Main Street) will be a part of the tour on Nov. 1. Visit WarrenHistoryTrail.org for additional information, or check out the map on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

A Self-Guided Tour Of Heritage Sites

Each stop along the trail offers something different and exciting for the whole family. Each site will open 10am-4pm on one of the two days as follows:

Saturday, November 2

Millbrook Village
Old Mine Road and Rt 602, Hardwick
Vass Farmstead
97 Stillwater Road (CR 521), Hardwick
Blairstown Historic District
Main Street, Blairstown
Johnsonburg
Historic District, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg
Rutherford Hall
1686 Route 517, Allamuchy
Moravian Village of Hope
Route 519, Hope
Ramsaysburg Homestead
140 Route 46, Delaware
Belvidere
301 Second Street., Belvidere

Sunday, November 3

Shippen Manor/ Oxford Furnace
8 Belvidere Ave, Oxford
VanNest-Hoff-Vannatta Farmstead
3026 Belvidere Road (CR 519), Harmony Township
Roseberry-Gess House
540 Warren Street, Phillipsburg
Shimer Mansion
401 New Brunswick Ave, Phillipsburg
Bread Lock Park
2627 State Route 57, Stewartsville
Asbury Mill
478 Main Street, Asbury

EXPLORE WARREN HISTORY TRAIL

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ASBURY MILL
BREAD LOCK PARK
SHIMER MANSION
ROSEBERRY-GESS HOUSE
VANNEST-HOFF-VANNATTA FARM
SHIPPEN MANOR
BELVIDERE
RAMSAYSBURG
MORAVIAN VILLAGE OF HOPE
RUTHERFURD HALL
JOHNSONBURG
BLAIRSTOWN
VASS FARMSTEAD
MILLBROOK VILLAGE

Blair Woman's Club Silent Auction: Thursday, Nov. 7 at Brook Hollow Winery beginning at 6PM. A \$10 pre-registration is required by Oct. 28. More info at <https://sites.google.com/view/blairwomansclubnj>; send registration fee to Blair Woman's Club, PO Box 341, Blairstown, NJ 07825 (or give to Jen Plut in the church office). Wine tasting will be available. Proceeds benefit education, service projects, and charitable donations.