

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

23rd Sunday after Pentecost & Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Oct. 27, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Lux Aeterna by Maurice Duruflé* (3-45)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Pete Peterson

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: Howard Thurmond (1899–1981)

L: Lord God — open unto us

P: Light for our darkness and courage for our fears.

L: Lord Jesus — open unto us

P: Hope for our despair and peace for our turmoil.

L: God, Giver of the Holy Spirit — open unto us

P: Joy for our sorrows and strength for our weakness.

L: Lord God — open unto us

P: Wisdom for our confusion and forgiveness for our sins.

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

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 181 Come Sing to God* vv. 1 & 4

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

Eternal and merciful God, in whom we live, move, and have our being. Your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. In reference and humility, we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge, our strength, and our salvation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: By Christ's grace and love, God comes into us anew. The old life is gone, and the new life given to us in Christ has begun.

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

* *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.

~ 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 42: 1–6, 10–17

Job recovers from his misfortune and is rewarded.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10: 46–52

Jesus heals and restores the sight of the blind.

ANTHEM: *Come Sing Unto the Lord*

Chancel Choir

by Joseph M. Martin

SERMON SERIES: *Faith of Our Founding Fathers* Pastor David Harvey

4) *Healed by Providence*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Romans 8: 28, 31, 35, 37–39*

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. If God is for us, who is against us? So who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am 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: *Jesus, Have Mercy!*

vv. 1, 4, 5

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tune: "Morning Has Broken"

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 412 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*

vv. 1–3, 5

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Antiphon by Marcel Dupré* (2-24)

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: Bill Olivier

Choir Director: Maggie Morokutti

Sound System: Theo Padavano

Worship Leader: Pete Peterson

Coffee Hour: Isaiah Macchia (& Amanda)
(Happy Birthday, Isaiah!) & Judy Trigg

Ushers: Deb Albrecht &
Betsy Peterson

Ministers: The Congregation

MIDI: Frank Wilson

DLP: Ryan Burke

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

Sunday, Oct. 27

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Children's Choir

11:15 AM Learn About RAGBRAI/FH

Monday, Oct. 28 *Office Closed*

Tuesday, Oct. 29

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

6:30 PM 4-H/OC

Thursday, Oct. 31

7:00 PM 4-H/OC

Sunday, Nov. 3

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship w/Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Children's Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn About RAGBRAI: Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship today for a presentation by Pastor David on RAGBRAI, (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa), a non-competitive bicycle tour across the U.S. state of Iowa from the western to eastern border. This event has been organized by Presbyterian Women. We thank the Macchia & Trigg families for coordinating the refreshments!

Square Dance: Yeehaw! It's nearly time for our annual square dance — it's Sat., Nov. 2! See the bulletin insert for more info & don't forget to sign up!

Learn About The Seeing Eye: Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov. 9 beginning at 9 AM for breakfast and a PW program on The Seeing Eye with the McElroy family and guests. Please consider donating a quiche, hot dish, baked goods, fresh fruit, or juice. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Event hostess: Stephanie Burke.

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 November PW flower lady is Deb Albrecht.

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.

Community News:

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 10^{AM}–4^{PM} on either Saturday or Sunday. The Blirstown 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.

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, Blirstown, NJ 07825 (or give to Jen Plut in the church office). Wine tasting will be available. Proceeds benefit education, service projects, and charitable donations.

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Save
the
Date

COVERED DISH SUPPER
& SQUARE
DANCE

Saturday, November 2
Supper at 5 PM – Dancing begins at 6 PM

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Save the date for this good time family event!

We will have a professional square dance caller and
lots of good food in our Fellowship Hall.

**This event will be fun
for all ages!**



There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend
and/or can bring a dish to share, or you can contact the Church Office:


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fpcb-nj.org/membership-fellowship/

FPCB ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE
Saturday, November 2 - Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:00 PM Covered Dish Supper
6:00-8:00 PM 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!

<p style="text-align: center;">Pack up some vittles to donate to our Food Pantry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Rides Available</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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 ppeterson459@gmail.com.</p>



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Jesus said, "For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Schedule of Events

- **Sun., Oct. 27: David's Iowa Ride (RAGBRAI)**
Hostess(es): Isaiah (& Amanda) Macchia; Judy Trigg
Devotion: David Harvey

- **Sat., Nov. 9: Breakfast & Seeing Eye Program with the McElroy Family & Guests**

Hostess(es): Stephanie Burke & _____
Devotion: _____

- **Nov. 13 (tentative): Visit & Lunch with Carol McLain**
Depart Blainstown around 10 AM

- **Sun., Dec. 8: Lunch after Worship @ local restaurant**
Hostess(es): July Trigg & _____
Devotion: _____

- **Sat., Jan. 11: Breakfast & Reorganizational Meeting**
Let's Plan the New Year!

Hostess(es): July Trigg & Betsy Gervasi
Devotion: _____

- **Sat., May 10 or 17: Gardening with Creek Bend Farm**

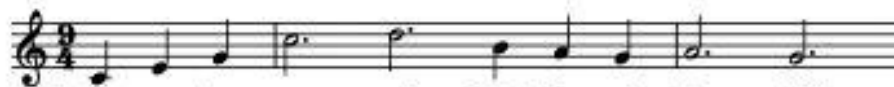
Hostess(es): _____ & _____
Devotion: _____

“Jesus, Have Mercy!”

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Traditional Gaelic Melody



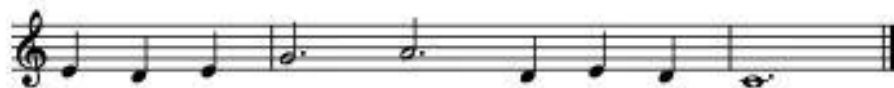
1. “Je - sus, have mer - cy! Help! Son of Da - vid!”
 2. Je - sus, have mer - cy! May we see clear - ly
 3. Je - sus, have mer - cy when we’re un - cer - tain,
 X Je - sus, have mer - cy! May we give free - ly
 5. Je - sus, have mer - cy! Give us new vi - sion;



So Bar - ti - mae - us called to the Lord.
 You gave a gift we can - not re - pay.
 Hid - ing our tal - ents high on our shelves.
 So that the church has plen - ty to share.
 Show us new ways to build up your church.



Filled with great faith, he knew as he wait - ed:
 You had it all, but lov - ing us dear - ly,
 As we’ve been blessed, may we be an off - ering—
 May we bring tithes and of - fer - ings glad - ly,
 We are your peo - ple, called in - to mis - sion!



Christ was his hope for vi - sion re - stored.
 Ev - en your life, Lord, you gave a - way.
 Heal - ing our world by giv - ing our - selves.
 Reach - ing to those in need ev - ery - where.
 Help us to bring your hope to the earth.