



***whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit,  
whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

\* 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 & OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 428*

*v. 1*

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

***We give Thee but Thine own; what-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee***

## DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Isaiah's people hear God's claim on their lives.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus teaches God loves giving second chances

ANTHEM:            "*Abide With Me*" Arr. *Victor C. Johnson*           Chancel Choir

SERMON:           *Repentance with Results*                               Pastor David Harvey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *A Brief Statement of Faith, 1990*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called *Abba, Father*. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live in one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. . . We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a Covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still God makes us heirs of the Covenant. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN: *No. 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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

## DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

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

\* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Hornpipe" by G.F. Handel (3-30)

*Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!*

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

Submitted by Jan Swift

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### ASSISTING DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

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**Greeter:** Bill Olivier

**Worship Leader:** Elizabeth Topolski

**Choir Director:** Maggie Morokutti

**Pastor:** Rev. David Harvey

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Ushers:** Lillian Smith & Chester Topolski

**Sound System:** Theo Padavano

**MIDI:** Frank Wilson

**Coffee Hour:** Judy Trigg

**Children & Worship:** Stephanie Burke; *Jesus and The Children*

**Faith Works:** Deb Albrecht; *Mary Honors Jesus* (John 12: 1-8)



*The Altar Flowers this morning  
have been placed by Erika Wulster  
in "Celebration of Life."*

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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**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; by severe weather; and those affected by airline disaster

**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:** Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Noah Haiduc-Dale, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow & her family, Henry Parsons, Peter Porzio, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Addie Wasserman, Molly Grace Young, Audrey, Chet, Eva, Gail, Liza, Joan

**Illness & Injuries:** Emily Arena, Robert Benz, George Burke, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Christine Hengel, Jan Smith, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Carter, David, Evelyn, Tracy, Valerie

**Prayers of Condolences** for the family of Margaret Stephens, mother of church administrator, Jen Plut; grandma of Erika, Carissa, & Angelina Plut

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

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### Sunday, Mar. 23

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Children's Choir  
11:30 AM AED-CPR Class/OC  
4:30 PM Conf. Class/OC  
5:45 PM Lenten Study/OC  
*The Chosen | Seasons 3 & 4*

### Monday, Mar. 24 *Office Closed*

7:00 PM Water Gap Singers  
6:30 PM BEC/OC

### Tuesday, Mar. 25

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

### Fri, Mar. 28

6:30 PM 4-H Club/OC

### Sunday, Mar. 30

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Children's Choir  
4:30 PM Conf. Class/OC  
5:45 PM Lenten Study/OC  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Adult Christian Education DVD Series "The Chosen":** Join us on Sunday's from about 5:45–7:00 PM (following Confirmation class) at the Outreach Center for our Lenten Study using *The Chosen* (Season 3 & 4).

**Church Banner Creation:** A group is being formed to make a Communion banner for our church. The hope is to have it ready to be hung for Easter - if not before! No special skills are needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mandy Burke (862) 812-6273 or [mandyburke19@yahoo.com](mailto:mandyburke19@yahoo.com).



**AED/CPR Certification Class TODAY!** AED/CPR training with Chris Trigg following worship today at approximately 11:30 AM at the Outreach Center. The American Red Cross CPR/AED course trains participants to give CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) until EMS arrives. The cost is \$25, and participants will receive certification.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Our church will be providing a hearty lunch for about 12 to 15 volunteers at their work site on Sat., Apr. 5. The deacons are asking for donations of fruit, iced tea, water, sandwiches, chips, and some baked goods to be dropped off at the Outreach Center no later than 10 AM on Apr. 5. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cameron at (908) 459-9068. The lunch is greatly appreciated by the Habitat volunteers so any assistance would be greatly welcomed.

**In Concert – Bret Vernon & Sam:** Join us on Friday, Apr. 4 at 6:30 in our Sanctuary for a mix of energetic, hope-filled songs and stories including an appearance by ventriloquist figure Sam--a hit with kids of all ages! A special event for the whole family!



**Worship Helpers Needed:** You are invited to sign up online through Sign-Up Genius — pick a date that works for you! Visit [fpcb-nj.org](http://fpcb-nj.org) for the sign-up link on the home page.

**Altar Flowers:** Do you have a special occasion you would like to commemorate with altar flowers? Flowers can be cut or potted; from your garden, a store, or even delivered from a local florist! Please let Jennifer in the church office know if you'd like to provide flowers! You may sign up in Fellowship Hall or even sign up electronically through SignUpGenius which can be accessed through our website at <https://fpcb-nj.org/altar-flowers/>.

TABORA, TANZANIA



## Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Drive Sponsored by Blair Academy

RAIN OR SHINE

Sunday, April 6th 11am-2pm  
Blair Academy  
2 Park St. Blairstown, NJ 07825

**Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace**, in its continuing effort to recycle unwanted items properly, is having a used bike and sewing machine collection sponsored by Blair Academy. Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate their bike to this worthy cause. They do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes. They also accept working portable sewing machines and sewing notions (no fabric, please). Bikes and sewing machines can be dropped off rain or shine: Sunday, Apr. 6 at Blair Academy, 2 Park Street between 11 AM and 2 PM. Questions? Speak with Kaye Evans.

**Johnsonburg Summer Camperships:** The Presbyterian Women support children from our church who are interested in attending Johnsonburg summer camp. Any child interested in attending should write a letter to Presbyterian Women indicating their reason for wanting to attend camp. Letters should be in the church office by the end of April. More information may be found at [fpcb-nj.org/summer-camperships](http://fpcb-nj.org/summer-camperships).

**Gift Cards!** Dunkin, ShopRite, ACME, Panera, and Starbucks cards are available. See Gail Weber to order or to learn more about Loaves & Fishes!

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):** Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. We will receive the OGHS Special Offering through Easter, Apr. 20. You may contribute to OGHS electronically on the church website: [fpcb-nj.org](http://fpcb-nj.org) or by sending your offering to the church. Envelopes are in the narthex and by the elevator entrance.