

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Second Sunday after Pentecost & Recognition Sunday

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 22, 2025

* Please stand if you are able

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Mandy Burke

**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. 333 Seek Ye First*

v. 1

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: God invites us to come into his divine presence with joyful hearts.

**P: God invites us to open our eyes, to unclog our ears, to
soften our hearts and become tender before the Lord.**

L: We open our lives and our hearts to God. Let us worship God in
spirit and in truth.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 267 All Things Bright and Beautiful*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(In silence then unison)*

**Almighty and merciful God, you have raised Jesus from death
to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess our sin, today. We
have not bowed before him or acknowledged his full rule over
and in our lives. Too often we have acclimated to the ways of the
world and failed to give him our glory.**

**Forgive our sins and deliver us from sin, that we may live as
your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus,
acknowledging him Lord of and over all, raising him as the Head
of the church, his body. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: Friends — live into the joyful freedom of Christ's forgiveness. Hear,
believe, and claim the good news of the gospel!

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

* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 304 Jesus Loves Me*

*** 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.

**RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF,
STUDENTS, GRADUATES, CAMPERS, & RETIREES**

CELEBRATION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF: Pastor David Harvey

- ❖ Children & Worship: Stephanie Burke, Joan Cameron, & Teri Harvey
- ❖ Faith Works: Deb Albrecht, Lisa Besser, & Zach Burke
- ❖ Sunday School Substitute: Judy Trigg
- ❖ Teen helpers: Katelyn & Kelly McElroy

CELEBRATION OF COLLEGE & GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Gail Weber

- ❖ Andrea Morokutti: Ithaca College • Piano Performance
- ❖ Carissa Plut: Plymouth State University • Elementary Education & Youth Development
- ❖ Maggie Wilson: Northampton Community College • Dental Hygiene
- ❖ Alison Swift (Jan Swift's granddaughter): Clemson University • B.S. in Psychology with a Minor in Life Science/Pre-Med
- ❖ Elizabeth Jeges (David Conrad's granddaughter): University of New Hampshire • Medical & Veterinary Science

CELEBRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

- ❖ Riley Cowell: North Warren Regional High School
- ❖ Christina Dugan: North Warren Regional High School
- ❖ Daniel Haebler: North Warren Regional High School
- ❖ Aden Quinn (Judy Trigg's grandson): Delbarton School

CELEBRATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATE:

- ❖ Hannah Burke: Blairstown Elementary School

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN JOHNSONBURG CAMPERSHIPS:

- ❖ Annalise, Tristan, & Ethan Fisher; Silas Steele

RECEIVING A BIBLE UPON ENTERING SECOND GRADE: Joan Cameron

- ❖ Howie Trigg

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION:

Pastor David Harvey

- ❖ Craig & Kaye Evans: Blair Academy
- ❖ Marlene Wilburn: Children's Center

**PRAYER OF CELEBRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF, STUDENTS,
GRADUATES, SUMMER JBURG CAMPERS, & RETIREES**

~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School activities ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERTORY:

Solo: “*This Town Is My Home*”

written & sung by Craig Evans

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

DECLARING GOD’S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: Genesis 12: 1–9 Abram and Sarai journey forth.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 21: 15–25 Jesus commissions Peter for ministry.

SERMON: *Winding Down, Starting Out* Pastor David Harvey

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Contemporary Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes and songs in our hearts. I believe God wanted gladness to flow like a river, so the Good Lord created a bountiful earth with plenty for all to share.

I believe in Jesus, who turned water into wine, partied with outcasts and sinners, and touched the broken so they could leap and dance. I believe Jesus opened the doors and set an extra place so we could feast.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile, who sends us invitations to come and dine, who nudges us to openness and tenderness. I believe the Spirit is present every time we gather to break bread and stirs within us the desire to live joyfully, to walk hopefully, and to enact justice boldly.

Forever, I will live in the embrace of God and be a witness to Christ’s resurrection joy. Amen.

* HYMN: *No. 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

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

DEPARTING IN GOD’S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 339 Be Thou My Vision* vv. 1 & 3

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

The Human Family: 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 McMorro & her family, Henry Parsons, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Addie Wasserman, Molly Grace Young, Audrey, Eva, Gail, Liza, Joan

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

ASSISTING DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Judy Trigg

Worship Leader: Mandy Burke

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ministers: The Congregation

Ushers: Melissa D'Agostino & Lillian Smith

Sound System: Theo Padavano

DLP: Jennifer Plut

MIDI: Frank Wilson

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Recognition Sunday, June 22

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Brunch/FH

Monday, June 23 *Office Closed*

6:30 PM BEC/OC

7:00 PM Session/OC

Tuesday, June 24

6:30 PM Enduring Gifts/OC

Sunday, June 29

10:00 AM Family Worship

11:15 AM Deacon Meeting/FH

11:15 AM VBS Team Meeting/FH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chosen, Season 3 will resume at 7 PM on Sundays, June 22 and 29.

Recognition Sunday: We will celebrate our graduates from elementary school, high school, and those receiving higher education degrees with a special worship service followed by a brunch in Fellowship Hall today following worship. We will also recognize and thank our Sunday School staff for their contributions to the life of our church this year.

FPCB Book Club's next meeting will be 7 PM on Thu., June 26 at Jan Swift's house. We will be discussing the factually based, Revolutionary War novel, Carrying Independence by Karen A. Chase. New members are always welcome, please consider joining us whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Please speak with Teri Harvey or Kaye Evans.

Vacation Bible School August 11–15! *Road Trip: On the Go with God!*



We are holding VBS at our church this summer. Adult and teen helpers encouraged to volunteer mornings from 8:30–11:30 Monday to Friday - August 11–15. Even if you are only available for one day or a couple of days, we can still use your help! ***We particularly need volunteers for Thursday and Friday August 14 & 15!*** There is a sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact Deb Albrecht at debalbrecht20@gmail.com or (908) 447-2112.

VBS registration is available at fpcb-nj.org/vbs/

Gift Cards! Home Depot, Dunkin, ShopRite, ACME, Panera, Starbucks cards, and more are available. See Gail Weber to order or to learn more about Loaves & Fishes & RaiseRight! Gift cards can also be ordered online and shipped directly to you! It's easy to sign up and order your own cards and ecards! Visit <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll/>; to join our program, enter enrollment code: 1A96B372376L7. RaiseRight phone app. available as well!

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 for the sign-up link on the home page or sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Altar Flowers: Do you have a special occasion you would like to commemorate with altar flowers? Altar flowers can be cut or potted; from your garden, a store, or even delivered from a local florist! 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/>. The PW flower lady of the month of June is Erika Wulster.
