

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 7, 2026

* Please stand if you are able; **bold text spoken** and *bold/italic sung* by all.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE:

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Deb Albrecht

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:

O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all life, come and visit us this morning.

Refresh our faith, rekindle with us deep hope, mold us by your love.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world in love,

Reclaim our hearts in our worship of you.

O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward the new creation,

Move within us and help us to live in relationship with you and one another.

With joyful and grateful hearts, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (vv. 1, 2, 4)*

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

Triune God, we praise you that you claim us and are the God of life, love, and laughter. Though Jesus prayed that we might be one, ...

We confess that we fail to live in unity and community with you and one another. We can be an othering people, and we break our communion with you through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us, we long, too, for you to reconnect with us that we may experience deep and intimate communion with you and all humankind. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

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

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

* CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 293*

v. 1

This Is my Father's World

* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome one another with the peace of Christ.

~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERTORY

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

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 80: 7–19

As the vine of God, Israel lives in need of restoration with God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15: 1–16, 26

ANTHEM:

Chancel Choir

SERMON SERIES: **"I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS:**

Pastor David Harvey

VII. *"I am the true vine and my Father is the true vine grower.*

*I am the vine and You are the branches,
those who abide in me, I will abide in them."*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. 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 with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life and in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* COMMUNION HYMN: *No. 508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

Elder Deb Albrecht

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity.

God sent the whole world God's only Son. Since God loved us so much, we too, should love one another.

This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all who are truly sorry for their sins and would humbly put their trust in him to come to the feast which he has prepared. Listen to the gracious words of our Savior Jesus Christ:

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light". Matthew 11: 28-30

This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. John 6: 40

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come into them and eat with them, and they with me. Revelation 3: 20

Pastor David Harvey

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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

Holy Lord . . . as we pray together:

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know the power of Christ's redemptive love and may we desire to lean into and live in the power of your grace and truth. Give us courage to dismantle and break down the barriers that separate us from your love and from living lovingly on this planet, within this nation and in this community. In Jesus' name, we pray saying: "Our Father who art . . . and the glory, forever. Amen."

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

OFFERING OF THE ELEMENTS: *Approach the Table, receive the bread, take the cup, and return to your pew.*

SHARING THE BREAD & DRINKING THE CUP

COMMUNION BLESSING:

Elder Deb Albrecht

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Awesome God, we give you thanks for the hope we have in Jesus, who died, is risen and reigns over all. Rekindle within us hope for a better tomorrow. Enable us to live in the present with confidence, courage, and the full conviction that nothing within all of your creation shall ever separate us from your mysterious and miraculous love revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 276 Great is Thy Faithfulness*

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL 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: Angela Balogach, Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Julie Harvey, Michelle Haiduc-Dale, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, Brad Gross, Ed Jones, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow & her family, Henry Parsons, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Molly Young, Audrey, Eva, Liza, Joan

Illness & Injuries: George Burke, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Christine Hengel, Michael Kelly, Jan Smith, Jan Swift, Judy Trigg, Jim Walsh, Ben Weber, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Annie, Carter, Dave, David, Evelyn, Mia, Tracy, Valerie

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ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY

Greeter: --

Ushers: Chester Topolski, Gail Weber

Worship Leader & Communion

Assistant: Deb Albrecht

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ministers: The Congregation

Choir Director: Maggie Morokutti

Sound System: Theo Padavano

MIDI: Frank Wilson

DLP: Jennifer Plut

Communion Prep: Joan Cameron

Coffee Hour: Joan Cameron

Children & Worship: Joan Cameron; *Jesus is Risen-The Road to Emmaus*

Faith Works: Zach Burke; *First Called Christians; Acts 11: 19-30*

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sun., June 7

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship w/Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM M&F Meeting

Mon., June 4 *Office Closed*

Wed., June 10

7:00 PM Book Club

Thu., June 11

10:30 AM S&F/OC

Recognition Sun., June 14

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **FPCB Book Club's** next meeting will be 6:30 PM on Wed., June 10 at Mandy Burke's house (15 Liberty Lane, Mt. Bethel). We will be discussing the book "[In the Country of the Young](#)" by Lisa Carey. New members are always welcome, please consider joining us whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Please speak with Teri Harvey.

Recognition Sunday, June 14: Please mark your calendar for a very special Sunday where we will recognize and celebrate our graduates during the 10 AM worship service. Whether it's graduation from elementary school, the completion of a graduate degree or anything in between, we want to honor those individuals and their accomplishments. You don't want to miss this celebration and wonderful gathering following worship, so mark your calendars! To ensure your graduate is included, please email the church office at fpcb@ptd.net with their name, school and graduation year by Sunday, June 7.

Church Treasurer: Enjoy working with numbers? Our church is seeking a volunteer Treasurer to help support this ministry of the church. If you are organized, detail-oriented, and willing to serve, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the church office for more information.

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

Help needed with our Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School!

Can you spare some time to help decorate? Would you like to lead an activity? Or guide a group of kids? Can you help with registration and greeting? Even if you can only help for a couple of days, we can use your help. We need people to help with decorating and set-up to get ready for VBS the week of July 20–24 and we need group guides and activity leaders. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. You can also contact Deb Albrecht at debalbrecht20@gmail.com or call (908) 447-2112 to volunteer or for more information.



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! The PW flower coordinator of the month is Gail Weber. 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/>

Community News

The Episcopal Church of At. Luke & St. Mary
346 High Street,
Hope, NJ 07844

Suggested donation:
\$10 at the door

The Arts at St. Luke's
PRESENTS

JESSE BARDWELL
AND THE
NOBLE BROTHERS

With Amir Mortezaei on piano
and Danielle Fischetti on fiddle

Saturday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

Classic rock, folk, bluegrass, a little country, and a lot of fun.

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