

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2026

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

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Revelation Song (Instrumental Version)* 03-54

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.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE: *No. 333 Seek Ye First* v. 1

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: *1 Chronicles 29: 10-13*

Blessed are you, Lord God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, the glory,  
the splendor, and the majesty.**

Everything in Heaven and on earth is yours.

**Yours, Lord, is the sovereignty.**

You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you.

You rule over all; might and power are of your disposing.

**Now, our God, we give you thanks. Now, we praise your  
glorious name!**

With minds open and hearts filled with praise, let us worship God.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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

**Dear God, our Heavenly Father, by the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
you are at work in our lives in ways unknown. We confess we do  
not discern the reality of your presence very well. We often  
confuse your will with our ways. We frequently find our lives  
conflicted and confused at knowing you. We ask and pray for your  
forgiveness. Cleanse us and create within us pure hearts that we  
may return to you, perfectly love you, and mightily magnify your  
name; in the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy  
forgive our sins and keep us in the way of eternal life.

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

\* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 293 This Is My Father's World*  
***This is my Father's world. And to my listening ears all nature  
sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.***

\* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*Welcome one another with the peace of Christ.*

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERTORY:  
Offertory: "*Revelation Song*" by Kari Jobe Carnes

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

## DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: Isaiah 64: 3–8; 65: 17–25  
Isaiah realizes the future is the work of God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 21: 1–7  
God is making all things new.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10: 28–33  
Jesus illustrates qualities of God the Father.

SERMON SERIES: **"I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS:** Pastor David Harvey  
*IX. "I am Doing a New Thing"*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

**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 as one community.**

**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 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 or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN: *No. 309 Of the Father's Love Begotten* vv. 1 & 3

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:

*Zipoli – Offertorio*

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



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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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**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, Brad Gross, Michelle Haiduc-Dale, Julie Harvey, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, Ed Jones, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorro & 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, Jim Walsh, Ben Weber, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Annie, Carter, Dave, David, Evelyn, Mia, Tracy, Valerie

**Prayers of Condolences** for the families of Paul & Sheila Avery; the Rev. Alan Schafer; Jan Hay-Winter

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## ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY

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**Greeter:--**

**Ushers:** Angelina Plut, Carissa Plut

**Worship Leader:** Deb Albrecht

**Pastor:** Rev. David Harvey

**Sound System:** Theo Padavano

**MIDI:** Frank Wilson

**DLP:** Jennifer Plut

**Ministers:** The Congregation

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

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**Sun., June 21**

10:00 AM Family Worship

**Mon., June 22** *Office Closed*

**Tue., June 23**

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

7:00 PM Church Leaders Meeting/FH

**Sun., June 28**

10:00 AM Family Worship

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Joint Elder/Deacon Meeting:** 7 PM Tue., June 23 at the church.

**Bible Study:** Join us Tuesdays at the Outreach Center beginning at 10 AM.

**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 and RaiseRight!

**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 or sign up in Fellowship Hall or speak with Carissa Plut.

**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/>

**Blairstown Fourth Celebration at Footbridge Park!** We will have a booth at the July Fourth Celebration. The festivities begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, July 4th and continue until 4:30 PM. It's a great way for the community to get to know us. Volunteers are needed to set up, staff and take down our booth. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact the church office. We hope to see you on the 4th!

**Help needed with our Tropical Trek VBS!** 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 is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. You can also contact Deb at [debalbrecht20@gmail.com](mailto:debalbrecht20@gmail.com) or call (908) 447-2112 to volunteer or for more information.

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