

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 28, 2026

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE:

"What a Beautiful Name"

BT 4:21

Aretha Grant | Hillsong on Piano Versions

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Bill Olivier

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*

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *adapted from Psalm 89: 1-2, 5, & 52*

Sing of God's steadfast love forever.

With my mouth I will sing of and proclaim God's steadfast faithfulness to all generations.

Declare God's steadfast love is established forever;

God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord. Your faithfulness comes in the assembly of the holy ones.

Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and Amen. With our hearts and our minds open and receptive to God, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns vv. 1 & 4*

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

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts and minds, we confess we do not always open our hearts to see your glory, our ears to hear your wisdom, our eyes to see human needs, our hands in service to you, our mouths to proclaim your praise, or our lives to display Christ's love.

Forgive our sins, Lord Jesus. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and grant us that we may grow in Christ's grace and live for Christ each day. This we pray in Jesus' name and for his glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

By Christ's grace through faith, we have been saved. This is not our own doing; it is the free gift of God. Live ready to love and forgive as freely as Christ has first loved and forgiven us.

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

* CELEBRATING CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *Give Thanks* (No. 647 GTG)

* 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: *'Coming Soon' by Chris Tomlin*

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

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 22: 12–21 Come, Lord, Jesus!

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13: 20–32 God . . . and Only God Knows!

SERMON SERIES: **"I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS:** Pastor David Harvey
X. "I am coming soon."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

* HYMN: *No. 367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* vv. 1, 2, 4

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* vv. 1–4, No. 727 GTG

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION: *No. 596 May the Lord, Mighty God
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever;
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

POSTLUDE: "Yes, I am Coming Soon" BT 3:57
(Rev. 22:20–21) by Vitamin J

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, 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 Celebration for the marriage of church member Tim Topolski & Jillian Gottlib

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY

Greeters: Stephanie Burke,
Joan Cameron

Ushers: Deb Albrecht, Gail Weber

Worship Leader: Bill Olivier

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Sound System: Theo Padavano

MIDI: -

DLP: Ryan Burke

Ministers: The Congregation

Coffee Hour: Joan Cameron

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sun., June 28

10:00 AM Family Worship

11:15 AM VBS Meeting

Mon., June 29 *Office Closed*

Tue., June 30

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

Sun., July 5

10:00 AM Family Worship w/Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS Team Meeting following worship today in Fellowship Hall (or classroom) to go over anticipated schedule, decorating, material for activity leaders, safety protocols, and procedures. Thank you to all our volunteers and your willingness to help with VBS! Haven't signed up but would like to help? Join us! Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or speak with Deb Albrecht.



Blairstown Fourth Celebration: We will have a booth at the Footbridge Park 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 still needed especially to take down our booth. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you on the 4th!

Bible Study: Join us Tuesdays at the Outreach Center beginning at 10 AM. Contact the church office to be added to our weekly bible study reminders or visit the church calendar at fpcb-nj.org

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 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 of July is Lillian Smith. 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/>

Save the Date! Lumos Concert – Sep. 25 – *A Fleetwood Mac Candlelight Experience* – in the Sanctuary. More information to follow!

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