

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 19, 2026

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *"In Dir ist Freude" BWV 615 by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Betsy Peterson

**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.**

* PRAISE SONG: *Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)*

No. 701, GTG

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Our Lord, you are King!

**You rule from your throne above the winged creatures as
people tremble and the earth shakes.**

You are praised in Zion, and you control all nations.

**Only you are God! And your power alone, so great and fear-
some, is worthy of praise.**

You are our mighty King, a lover of fairness, who will see justice is done.

With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 455 All Creatures of Our God and King vv. 1, 3, 5, 6*

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have neither loved you with our whole
heart and mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as
ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what
we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in
your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name;
though Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

If God marked our inquiries, who could stand? With God there is
forgiveness. Friends, hear, accept, and claim the good news of the gospel.

**Because of Jesus' saving work on the cross, I am forgiven! You
are forgiven. We are forgiven!**

* CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 304*

v. 1

* 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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Being baptized today is Logan Sophia, born April 18, 2017;
Alidah Jane, born May 4, 2019; & Cybil Alastair, born February 28, 2024
to parents Michael & Elizabeth Kelley*

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD:

Elder Deb Albrecht

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL & AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S LOVE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Confession of 1967 9.21, 9.22*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men and women when the gospel is proclaimed, believed, and lived. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all people, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We, therefore, accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, God almighty. We give thanks . . . now and forever. Amen.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM & THE BLESSING

PRESENTATION OF LOGAN SOPHIA, ALIDAH JANE,

& CYBIL ALASTAIR KELLEY:

v. 1, No. 451, The Hymnbook

***Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones to thee we bring;
Grant to them Thy dearest blessing, let Thine arms around them be;
Now enfold them in Thy goodness, from all danger keep them free.***

Let us affirm our commitment to these children of God.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Logan Sophia, Alidah Jane, and Cybil Alastair Kelley into the Body of Christ and the family of God. We promise to love them, encourage them, share the good news of the gospel with them. May they grow in the knowledge of and accept the truth of Christ's great love. Amen.

* BAPTISMAL HYMN: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* No. 488 GTG

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: Judges 3: 15–30, Ruth 1: 1, 16–22

The Hebrews shared an othered history with the Moabites.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1: 1–6, 17

Jesus' genealogy includes a foreigner, a Moabite, nonetheless.

SERMON SERIES: *Reviving the Golden Rule:* Pastor David Harvey
2. *Overcoming Moab's Otherness*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN: No. 358 *Help Us Accept Each Other* tune 442, vv. 1 & 4

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

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: No. 361 *How Firm a Foundation* vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION: No. 596 *May the Lord, Mighty God*

POSTLUDE: *"Jesu, Meine Freude" BWV 227* by J. S. Bach

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY

Greeter: Gary Albrecht

Ushers: Deb Albrecht, Pete Peterson

Worship Leader: Betsy Peterson

Elder Assisting

w/Baptism: Deb Albrecht

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Sound System: Theo Padavano

DLP/MIDI: Jennifer Plut

Ministers: The Congregation

Altar Flowers: Lillian Smith

Coffee Hour: Carissa Plut

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, Michelle Haiduc-Dale, Julie Harvey, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, 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, Jan Smith, Jim Walsh, Ben Weber, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Annie, Carter, Dave, David, Evelyn, Mia, Tracy, Valerie

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sun., July 19

10:00 AM Family Worship w/Baptism

Mon., July 20 *Office Closed*

9:00 AM VBS/FH

Tue., July 21

9:00 AM VBS/FH



Wed., July 22

9:00 AM VBS/FH

Thu., July 23

9:00 AM VBS/FH

Fri., July 24

9:00 AM VBS/FH

Sun., July 26

10:00 AM Family Worship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery: The Nursery room in Fellowship Hall is available for you and your children to use during the service. We ask that you stay with your child—the room is not staffed. The service can be heard through a speaker in the room. We hope that this will be a comfortable space available to you and your child(ren) on Sundays.

Tropical Trek VBS Set-Up: Everyone is invited to help decorate and set up for VBS in Fellowship Hall today following worship. Help us transform Fellowship Hall into a tropical island! We have the decorations — we just need many hands to put them up. A light lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact Deb Albrecht at (908) 447-2112.

The **FPCB Book Club's** next meeting will be 6:00 PM on Wed., July 29 at Erika Wulster's new home at 1569 Teels Road, Building 6C, in Pen Argyl, PA. We will be discussing the book, 'Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good' by Jan Karon. New members are always welcome, please consider joining us whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Please speak with Teri Harvey.

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/>

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 Deb Albrecht.

Lumos Concert on Sep. 25: *A Fleetwood Mac Candlelight Experience* — a String Trio performance — in our Sanctuary. 1st Seating: 6:30-7:30 PM | 2nd Seating: 8:30-9:30 PM. Entry: 1st Sitting Doors open at 5:45 PM | 2nd Seating: Doors open at 8 PM – visit our website to order tickets.

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