

# Welcome to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

7:00 PM **ORDER OF WORSHIP** Nov. 24, 2026

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

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: Timothy Topolski

WELCOME: Pastor David Harvey

CHORAL INTROIT: Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Deb Albrecht

From the depths of our being, heaven rings, the world sings and we thank you, O God, our Creator.

**For bread that nourishes our bodies and friendship that enriches our spirits, we praise you, Lord Jesus, our Redeemer.**

We thank you, our God, for the many ways your mysterious presence has sustained us throughout the year, O Holy Spirit.

**As we have been fed by your grace, feed us this night that we may rightly praise your holy name.**

With gladness and grateful hearts, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come vv. 1–2*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.** Let us pray. *(in unison)*

**Extravagant God, giver of all good gifts, as you brought the Israelites into a land flowing with milk and honey—a land where they were free from bondage and oppression, you have given us this good land—a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and corn, of fertile plains, and majestic mountains. We thank you, God, for the bounty that fills our tables, for the gift of family that warms our hearts, for friends who support us through the thick of it and through the thin of it—for all your gifts and the privilege to freely gather in worship in this land of beauty and bounty, we thank you and praise your name; this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* SONG OF GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S FAITHFULNESS:

*Give Thanks* *(No. 647, Glory to God)*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!***

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

OFFERING & OFFERTORY:

*The offering tonight will be used to support the Northwest Jersey Truckstop Outreach in Columbia, NJ*

* GLORI PATRI & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 579 Glory Be to the Father*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

## DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: Deuteronomy 8: 7–18 *Bless God, always!*

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4: 4–9 *Rejoice and give thanks.*

ANTHEM: "*We Bring Thanksgiving*" *by Pepper Choplin* — Chancel Choir

SERMON: *Blessedly Grateful* — Pastor David Harvey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN: *No. 554 Let All Things Now Living*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: *(using debt & debtors)*

## DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 555 Now Thank We All Our God*

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION: Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE: Timothy Topolski

# *Northwest Jersey Truckstop Outreach*

IRS EIN #: 82-2643621(a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization)

The offering this evening will be used to support the Northwest Jersey Truckstop Outreach in Columbia, NJ. Plates are positioned on the windowsills and on the small table at the back of the Sanctuary. Contributions may also be made electronically via our QR code below, through the church website: fpcb-nj.org or by mailing your offering to the church office.

The Northwest Jersey Truckstop Outreach is a ministry that serves drivers and travelers at the Travel Center of America in Columbia, New Jersey that is located 70 miles west of New York City on Route 80. Here, big rigs can park, refuel, and undergo repairs, and long-haul drivers can shower, wash clothes, grab a hot meal and purchase essentials before or after they deliver their load to the major metropolis or other destinations.

The Northwest Jersey Truckstop Outreach mission is to offer Christian fellowship, aid, and education to any and all. They hold a weekly Bible study every Wednesday at 7:00 PM and invite all to join. Because they are nonprofit, they lovingly appreciate all donations that enable them to continue to do God's work.

For more information on the Northwest Jersey Truckstop Outreach, please visit: https://www.facebook.com/RevItUpOutreach or visit https://highlandspresbyterynj.org/2023/08/03/the-nwjtso-north-west-jersey-truck-stop-outreach/

*The Thanksgiving altar produce was generously donated by Emily and Frank Arena and will be given to a local food pantry.*

*Thank you to the Chancel Choir for their gift of music and to all who helped make today's service special.*

**Greeter:** Gary Albrecht
**Pastor:** Rev. David Harvey
**Organist:** Timothy Topolski
**Worship Leader:** Deb Albrecht




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