



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal, *The Worshipping Church***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Ro and Jeff Hudson,
in honor of Ellen Hudson and Kevin Marceski,
on their anniversary.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joanne Erwin, Lay Leader

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalm 84

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!

P: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!

P: Even the sparrow finds a home.

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!

P: The swallow finds a nest.

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!

P: Happy are those who live in your house.

L: Let us come into this dwelling place to worship God!

*Gathering Hymn: *Congregational Selection* (Red Hymnal Only)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP @ 9:30AM
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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremkó, Pastor
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Mercy, forgive us, for we do not walk in your ways. You shower us with your blessings, but we ignore them. You bring us new life, but we take it for granted. You forgive us, but we have trouble accepting your mercy. Renew us in your love, and help us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, know that God's grace is all you need.

P: **God's power strengthens us in our weakness.**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried; the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Rev. Daniel Pure

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 84:1-12

(OT, p.543)

*Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:17-4:6

(NT, pp.167-168)

Hymn of Preparation: “Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken”

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

Sermon: “Is It Possible to Be Cranky Free?”

Rev. Daniel Pure

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Why Me Lord?”

by Kris Kristofferson

Joanne Erwin, Polly Michell & Margaret Westfield (Vocals);

Fred Heuser (Guitar); Mike Rugge (Piano)

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

We Go to Live God's Word

*Sending Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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Benediction (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent
one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Sandy Langford
- Pat Masi
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Lois Noyes
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston,
Harlan Blackiston's wife
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Harriet, friend of the Spinass
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Patricia Sheffler, former CPC member
- Anne Winch, Dawson Winch's sister
- Bonnie Scribner, Wayne Scribner's wife
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Barb Maylath, former CPC member
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Anna Fogerty, granddaughter of the Wilk's

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons

Bill Burrough
Tom Clarke

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Tony Masi
George Newnam

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, August 31

9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary & on FB)

Monday, Sept. 1

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 2

6:30pm - Trustees' Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, Sept. 4

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

2025-2026 Church Directory

Coming in September!

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office if anything needs to be corrected or updated!



Scripture Verses for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 84:1-12 (NRSV)

The Joy of Worship in the Temple

To the leader: according to The Gittith. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints,

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,

ever singing your praise. *Selah*

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca,

they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;

the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than live in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O Lord of hosts,

happy is everyone who trusts in you.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:17-4:6 (NRSV)

On Divisions in the Corinthian Church

¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

²⁰ and again,

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹ So let no one boast about people. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

The Ministry of the Apostles

¹ Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ⁴ I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

⁶ I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us what "Not beyond what is written" means, so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another.

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He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn. 20:22

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the

life a - new, that I may love what
 heart is pure, un - til my will is
 whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
 nev - er die, but live with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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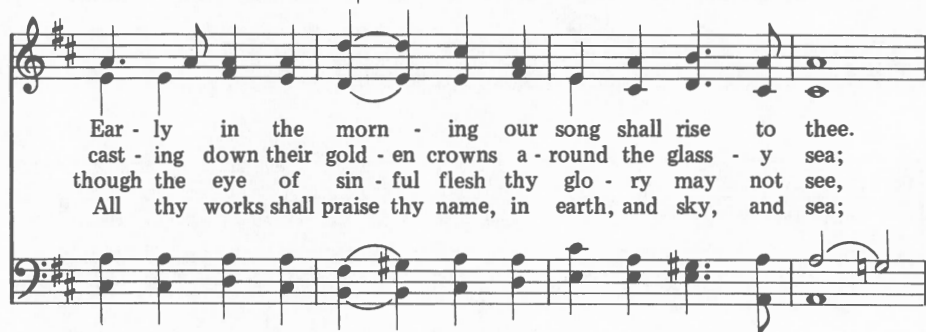
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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 2

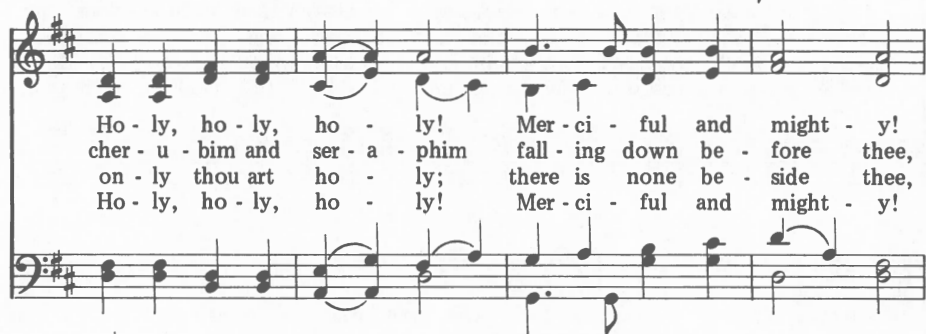
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Rev. 4:8



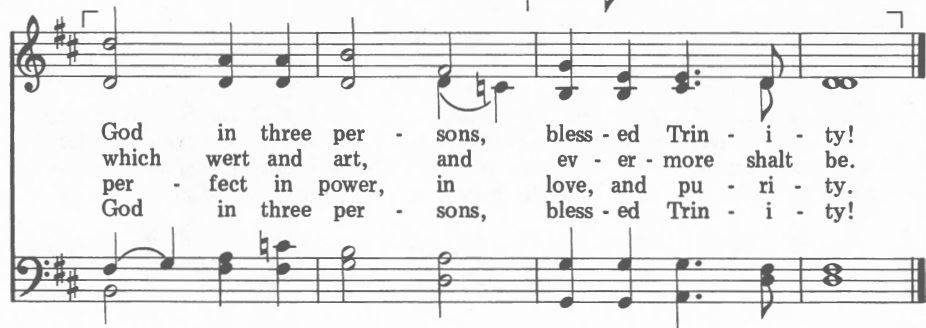
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Church Announcements



REVEREND WELCOME, WE DO TODAY DAN PURE

Please help us welcome back Rev. Dan Pure, who is presiding today in Pastor Eliza's absence. Pastor Dan served here at FPC in 2017, 2019-2020 as substitute pastor, and has filled in for Pastor Eliza multiple times in the past. He is an ordained PC(USA) minister and a retired member of the PForSNJ. He received his Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and has helped churches all over South Jersey develop mission studies and set corporate goals for the better part of his 54-year career. Besides his first love of preaching, Dan's passion is playwriting and comedy improv. Dan's hobbies include modifying tubed hi-fi gear and music listening, as well as occasional scale military modeling. He is a devout Eagles fan as well as a *First Generation* Star Wars devotee! Thanks for being here with us today, Pastor Dan!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed This Fall!

We are not trying to rush these last summer days, but we *are* excited about our first day of Sunday School for the new year on **September 14!** We just know that this is the first set of commitments & plans you would like to make before your calendar fills! This year we will have three levels of classes:

PK-2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade; and 6th - 7th grade. If there is a way for you to commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our children. But a single week helps, too! Class will start at 9:30 and end at 10:20. Our theme is "Superheroes for God!"— all assistance,



curriculum, and snacks are prepared for you! **Your leadership as a Sunday School volunteer is so important to our children & our church!** Sign up by scanning the QR code here or click the link in your weekly e-News.

With appreciation, Judy Wilson & the CE Committee

Celebrating 'Super-Pete' Johnson!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 21**, as we gather after worship to recognize and celebrate Pete Johnson's years of service and leadership as our Praise Band director. Pete was a member of the Praise Band since it's inception over 25 years ago, and has served as it's leader for the past 10 years. During this time our church family has benefitted from their musical talents, and we are truly grateful to Pete, who has spent countless hours planning the music and preparing the equipment for worship on the second Sunday of each month. We hope you'll join us in honoring Pete for all he's done for this music ministry!



We're Hiring!

Interested in a bit of extra money? We are in need of someone to set up and breakdown the equipment for the *new musical ensemble* that will perform on the second Sunday of the



month. Their practices will be on the Saturday before their Sunday performance, so the position will require setting up the equipment on Saturday morning before practice, or after worship on the Sunday before their next Saturday rehearsal. Set up time will be negotiable as long as it is ready to go for rehearsal. The salary is \$50 per event (which includes both set up and break down). The position also includes breaking down the tables and equipment for the bell choir, after worship, on the Sundays that they perform. If you think this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office or Al Andrews, Personnel Chair.

New Member Informational Meeting



Are you interested in learning more about membership at FPCHH? Pastor Eliza is holding an informational meeting about membership in the Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, September 28**, after worship in her study. Please let her know if you are interested by contacting the office or reaching out to her privately.

The church office will be closed on

Monday, September 1,
in observance of
Labor Day



RESTROOMS ARE OPEN!



Bathroom Renovation Progress

The first floor bathrooms are finished and open for use! (At the time of this writing, the status of the 2nd floor bathroom is unknown.) Check your weekly e-News for pictures of the progress, and thanks to Kevin, Billy & Danny for their awesome work!

Choir Rehearsals Starting Next Week

Start warming up those voices (and hands/wrists!) because our Chancel and Bell Choirs will begin rehearsing again next **Thursday, September 4**. The Covenant Ringers will practice at 6:45pm, and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30pm. Hope to see you there!



Time to Clear Out Your Jewelry Box!

Save the date for our **Spectacular ADVENT Workshop** (aka Advent Happening) on December 7! The Workshop committee is looking for costume jewelry (bonus points if it is Christmas related!) that they can use in the Secret Gift Shop, where the kids can pick out gifts for their parents or siblings. If you are cleaning out your costume jewelry, please consider donating items by placing them in the Christmas-decorated shoe box on the piano in the parlor (bags are provided to keep your items neat). Thank you!



SEPTEMBER
Collection:

RICE!
(1-2lb bags
or boxes)



Starts Fall Worship Time
Next
Week! **10:30am**

Next Sunday! *Deacons' Famous Pancake Breakfast*

Sunday, September 7 | 9:30 AM



Coffee & pancakes
at 9:30am



✝️ Worship at 10:30am
in the Social Hall

Fall Sermon Series

GOD'S JUSTICE LEAGUE: PROPHETS FROM THEN FOR NOW

10/5: HABAKKUK
10/12: 2ND ISAIAH
10/19: EZEKIEL
10/26: EZEKIEL
11/16: 3RD ISAIAH

9/7: JEREMIAH
9/14: ISAIAH
9/21: JONAH
9/28: AMOS & MICAH

A vibrant, comic book-style illustration. In the background, a large, stylized letter 'N' is composed of colorful, patterned sections. Several superhero characters are depicted: a girl in a purple and green suit with a mask, a boy in a red suit with a mask, a girl in an orange suit with a mask, a boy in a blue suit with a mask, and a boy in a red suit with a mask. They are all in dynamic, action-oriented poses. The overall theme is 'God's Justice League' and 'Prophets from Then for Now'.