



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026

13th 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.**



*The Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of
Robert R. Zimmerman, by his brother, Mark Zimmerman.*



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



Welcome & Announcements

Sharon Cole

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

L: God's reach is endless.

P: God's mercy is unstoppable.

L: God's grace is lavish.

P: God's love is constant.

L: God's wisdom is vast.

P: God's hope is stubborn.

L: God's presence is here—

P: With us, among us, moving through us.

L: We are in God's house.

P: Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

*Gathering Hymn

Congregational Selection

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we have been created in your image and redeemed in Christ. Yet, despite our best efforts, and sometimes due to our worst efforts, we have sinned. We have burned bridges. We have run away from problems. We have forgotten who we are. We have forgotten whose we are. Forgive us and welcome us home once again. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: No matter how many times we run, or how far we go, or how lost we get,

P: **God welcomes us home.**

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

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

*Gloria Patri

#807 (*Red Hymnal*)

***Affirmation of Faith:**

A Brief Statement of Faith

L: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

P: **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.**

L: God makes us heirs with Christ of the Covenant.

P: **Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

L: God is faithful still.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Rev. Dan Pure

New Testament Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

(*NT p.208*)

*Hymn: "God of Grace & God of Glory"

#669

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-2; 11-24

(*NT pp.78-79*)

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.

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory: "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord" *by John Peterson*
Beth & David Eastman, Vocals

*Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

*Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace" #502

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

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
- Lorrie Heuser
- Tony Logandro
- Barry Longmire
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Patti Pawling
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Dick Boyle, Candace Lowden's brother-in-law
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, friends of Hudsons' grandson
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
- Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister
- Goswick Family, friends of Suzanne Lange

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons

Bill Burrough
Laura Masi

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Will Burrough
Judy Wilson



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, August 23

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

Regular Worship Time
10:30am
Starts September 13



For August:

Peanut Butter & Jelly



2026-2027 Church Directory

Coming in September!

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office with any revisions. Thank you!



Scriptures for Today's Service

New Testament Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSV)

Gratitude for Mercy

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-2, 11-24 (NRSV)

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

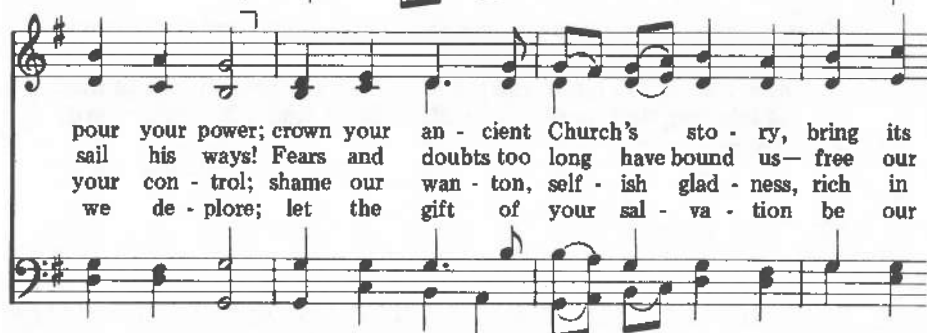
The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

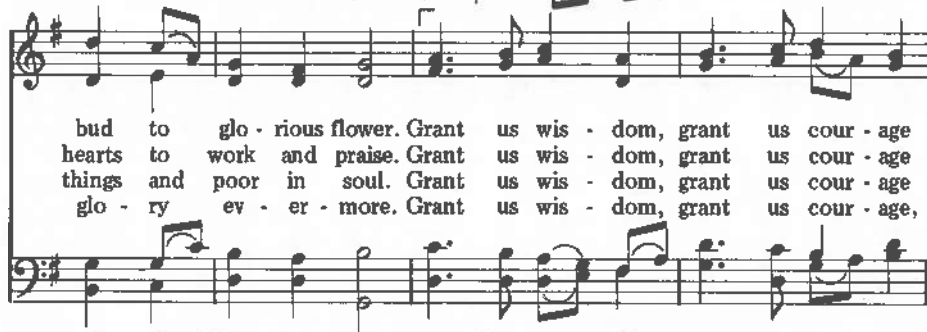
669 God of Grace and God of Glory

And who knows but that you have come . . . for such a time as this? Es. 4:14

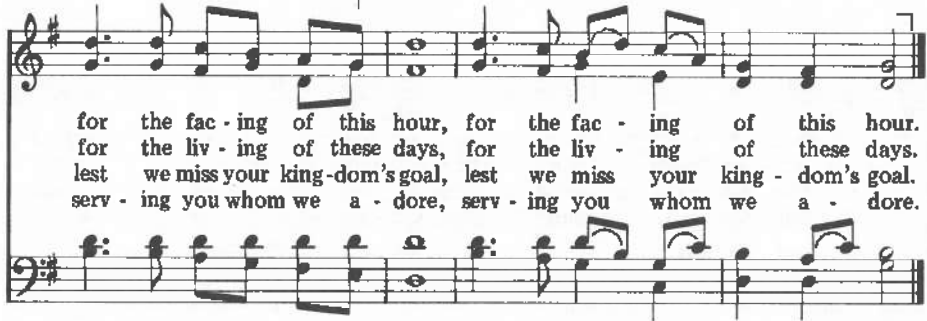

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
 3. Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us— free our
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 502

God is able to make all grace abound to you . . . 2 Cor. 9:8

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779, alt.; st. 5, anonymous

MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

NEW BRITAIN

C.M.

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
AUG 23



WELCOME, WE DO TODAY, REVEREND 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 Presbytery **For** Southern NJ. He received his M-Div from Princeton Theological Seminary & has helped churches all over South Jersey develop mission studies & set corporate goals for the better part of his 50+ career years. For most of his life, Dan has had an abiding interest in the healing arts. For over 20 years, he has taught complementary alternative medicine throughout the US, Canada, & Europe, resulting in the development of a unique, holistic approach to organizational development, conflict management, & energy focus in group process. Besides preaching, Dan's passion is playwriting & comedy improv, & has hobbies that 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 — may the pulpit be with you!

Our 125th Anniversary Celebration Begins! 125 YEARS OF FAITH

The start of our church's 125th Anniversary celebration will be on **Tuesday, September 1**, when the Borough of Haddon Heights will present Pastor Eliza with a proclamation noting and celebrating this special event. Anyone who would like to attend is invited & encouraged to do so **at 7:00pm at Borough Hall** (625 Station Ave.).



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ

A Successful School Supplies Collection



What a wonderful treasure of school supplies you donated!! The supplies have been divided between four local school districts: Lawnside Public School, Barrington Schools (Woodland & Avon), Sharp School (Collingswood), & Haddon Heights Elementary Schools (Atlantic Avenue, 7th Avenue, & Glenview).

The supplies will be delivered to the schools prior to the start of classes. Thank you to all who donated to our mountain of supplies.

Project: **Birthday Kits**

The Mission Committee is providing "**Birthday Kits**" for families who want to provide a special celebration for their children's birthdays but may not have the funds to do so. We are asking the congregation to purchase a **cake mix and a can of icing** (or more), with a goal of collecting 50 cake mixes and icing cans **by this Sunday, August 23**. Missions will purchase 50 sets of cake pans, candles, plates & napkins to complete the kits; they will also **match each birthday kit**, culminating with 100 kits by the end of August. On **August 30** (our *Mission Service Sunday*), everyone is invited after worship to help us pack up the completed kits for a special birthday celebration for these families.



Sanctuary Ceiling & Wall Repairs

The inside repairs are continuing for the damage from the leaking roof. As we opened the wall & ceiling at the organ, we found the damage was very severe; we found there were 4 ceilings in place concealing previous water damage. We also had a delay as we worked with our architect to determine the correct replacement for the layers of ceiling. As the building is wood frame, we needed a determination on the correct system to be installed for the replacement. It was determined that 5/8" drywall, fire-rated, would be installed against the wood framing to provide adequate protection. Once installed a new acoustical ceiling would be installed. New acoustical materials are on order and should arrive shortly. We anticipate completion before the Church year begins. You will be kept informed of the progress as we move forward.



Deacons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast & Worship in the Social Hall

Save
the
Date!

Sunday,
September 13
@ 9:30 AM

Join us as we celebrate the
end of summer and return to
our 10:30 AM worship time!



Breakfast
at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am 
in the Social Hall 