



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2026
17th 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 by Sharon Cole,
in honor of her family.*



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



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalm 105

L: Give thanks to the Lord!

P: We call upon God's name.

L: Seek the strength of the Lord.

P: We call upon God's name.

L: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

P: We call upon God's name.

L: Remember God's miracles and judgments.

P: We call upon God's name.

*Gathering Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM
28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
(856) 547-6139 † www.fpchaddonheights.org
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)

God of mercy, we confess that, we have set our minds on human things instead of divine things. We doubt your loving care. We grab for more than we need. We shrink from living as your followers. Forgive us and renew us for a new life in Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful.

P: God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

*Affirmation of Faith:

The Westminster Confession of Faith

P: We know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, our God,

L: To whom we worship and glorify accordingly.

P: By thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, fearing, believing, trusting, hoping, rejoicing, and calling upon God's name.

L: We give God all our thanks and praise.

P: We walk humbly with our God.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Two Cents a Meal Collection

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Lord, Here I Am"

by John Ness Beck

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3:10-17

(OT, p.50)

*Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 4:1-17

(OT, p.51)

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: “In Search of Holy Ground”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*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

*Closing Hymn: “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

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Benediction (unison)

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

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Tony Logandro
- Karen Mazak
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- 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
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
- Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister
- Janice Logandro, Tony Logandro's wife

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Tom & Vicki
Clarke

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Erin Gallagher

Counters: Al Andrews, Leslie Clark, & Cathy Zobel

Deacons: Melanie Diven, Kelly Evans, & Kyle Jaremko

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Sept. 20

9:30am - Sunday School Kick-Off!

10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

Wednesday, Sept. 23

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 24

Church Office Closed (Pastor Eliza & Mary Johnson both out of the office)

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



For September:

RICE!

(1-2lb. bags or boxes)



Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3:1-17 (NRSV)

Moses at the Burning Bush

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,

and this my title for all generations.

¹⁶ "Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷ I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 4:1-17 (NRSV)

Moses's Miraculous Power

4 Then Moses answered, "But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'"^{*} **2** The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff."^{*} **3** And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. **4** Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand—⁵ "so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

6 Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was diseased, as white as snow.^{*} **7** Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body^{*}—**8** "If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. **9** If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."^{*}

10 But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."^{*} **11** Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"^{*} **12** Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."^{*} **13** But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else."^{*} **14** Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad."^{*} **15** You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do.^{*} **16** He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. **17** Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."^{*}

62 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory . . ." 1 Tim. 1:17

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

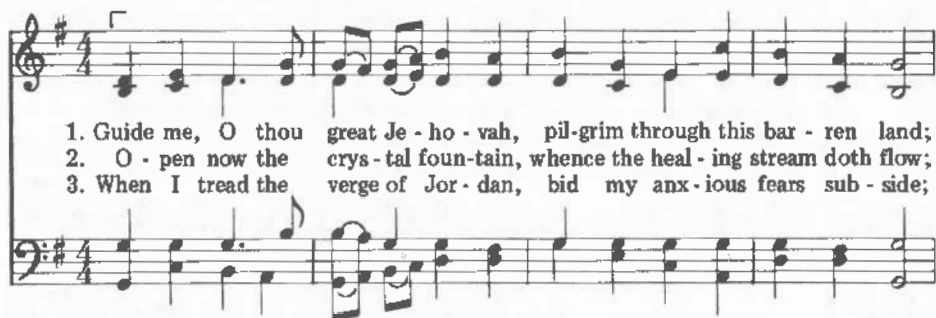
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This God is our God . . . he will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might - y - hold me with thy power - ful hand:
let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through:
death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:



Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



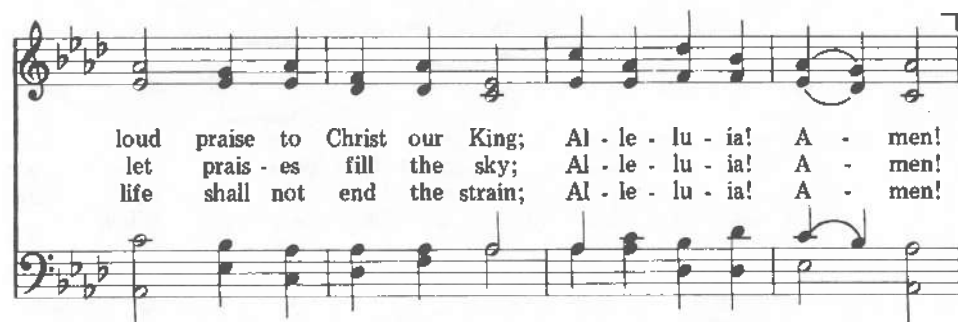
more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing 108

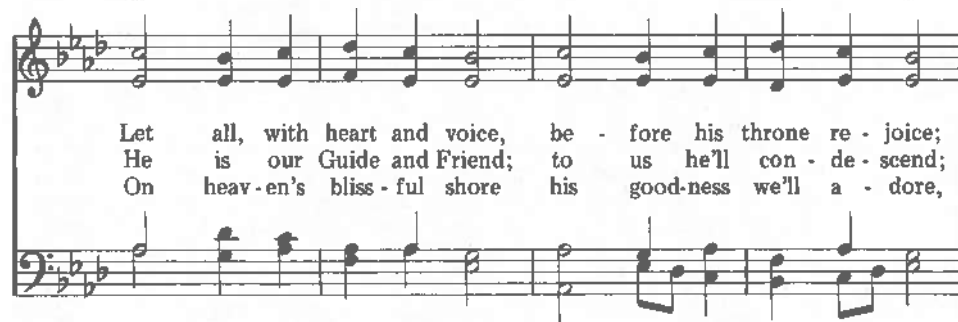
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Ps. 95:1



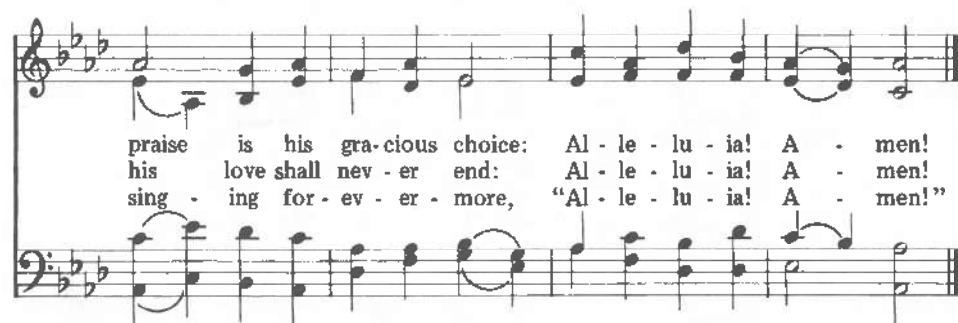
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra-cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
SEP 20

Sunday School Starts Today!

We are SO excited about starting our Sunday School classes this morning (9:30am). We hope you'll be able to volunteer to teach one of our Sunday School classes — if you can commit to 2 or more consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our children — but a single week helps, too!.



Everything is prepared ahead of time for you! Sign up to teach on the board in the Parlor. Contact Kathy Mullan for more information.

Adult Sunday School Returns Too!

Our adult Sunday School classes will begin meeting again on **Sunday, September 20**, at 9:30am. The regular adult Sunday School class, meeting in Room 2, is using *The Wired Word* curriculum, which chooses a weekly current event and analyzes how it relates to scripture, while encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives.



The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, (in the Nursery) is reading the book, *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*, by Hanna Reichel, which provides a thoughtful framework for discernment rooted in scripture, historical wisdom, and the core commitments of Christian faith. All adults are welcome — we hope you'll join us for either class!

Church Office Closed on Thursday

Please note that the church office will be closed on **Thursday, September 24**, due to Pastor Eliza and Mary Johnson both being out of the office. Please contact Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, in an emergency. We apologize for the inconvenience!



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 27**, after worship in her study. Please let her know if you are interested by contacting the office or reaching out to her directly.

Mission Committee Seeking New Members



Are you passionate about missions and helping others?

In honor of Eliza's Summer Series sermons ... *We, the People of the Mission Committee*, are looking to expand our committee! The Committee financially supports 9 different local organizations and has many projects throughout the year. If you would like to join the Mission Committee or learn more about it, please contact Hal Wyckoff.

SJ Piano (... and Violin ... and Cello) Trio Is Back

You're invited to a special concert by the South Jersey Piano Trio on **Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 PM** at the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield (124 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield). Come out to hear our very talented Joanne (cello) and Bruce (violin) Erwin aside pianist, Norma Meyer, for this special performance.



Seating is first come, first serve; there is no charge but donations are accepted.



2026 CROP Hunger Walk

Registration for the Haddon Heights **CROP Hunger Walk** is open! The CROP Walk helps to provide meals for those in our community & supports programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. Scan the QR code here to register to walk or to sponsor a walker in our Interborough Ministerium.



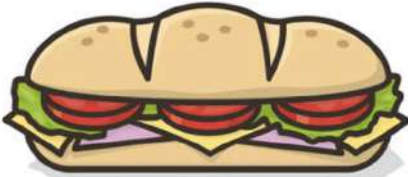
walk. give. change the world.



**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 11

HOAGIE SALE



The women's Friendship Circle hoagie sale is a fundraiser that will support their many charitable projects.

Look for us in the parlor!

Carmen's Deli* 8" Hoagies Italian or Turkey

1 for \$10

2 for \$18

3 for \$25

More than 3, \$8 each

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September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11

**PICK UP
October
18**

* Carmen's Deli is part of Del Buono's Bakery on the Black Horse Pike in Haddon Heights, owned by FPCHH congregant Tom Whitman. When you see Tom, say "thank you" for his support of our fundraiser.

125 YEARS OF FAITH



CELEBRATION BRUNCH! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Tavistock Country Club
- Buffet Brunch*
- Entertainment

**no charge; reservations required*