



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 12, 2025

18th 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.**



All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal**, ***Gloria to God***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Chancel flowers today are given by the Wilson family
in loving memory of Eleanor & Nate Ives.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "The Ash Grove"

Joanne Erwin & Douglas McVarish

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Isaiah 40

L: Comfort, O comfort, my people.

P: Our voices cry out.

L: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

P: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

L: Every valley shall be lifted up and hill made low.

P: The uneven ground shall become level.

L: And the rough places a plain.

P: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

L: And all the people shall see it together.

P: Let us worship, God!

*Gathering Hymn: "I Danced in the Morning"

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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)

Author of life, forgive us. We have treated your Holy Scripture like a dried-up fossil or a quaint artifact. We place your Word on our shelves like a pious decoration. Give us courage to face your Holy Word, to wrestle and wonder, ponder and pray, to listen for the voices of our ancestors, and search for your living wisdom on every page. In the name of your son, the Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Comfort, O Comfort my people. For God has brought forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

P: In God's mercy, God makes our paths straight.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith:**

A Brief Statement of Faith

P: We trust in God the Holy Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles,

L: Who rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

P: Who engages us through the Word proclaimed,

L: Who claims us in the waters of baptism,

P: Who feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

*2 Cents a Meal

Special Music: "Count on Me"

*by Bruno Mars
Vocals by Jenni Maienza*

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

(OT, p.667)

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

#649

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

(OT, p.668)

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: “God’s Justice League: Into the Comfort Zone”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God’s Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Halle, Halle, Halle”

arr. Marty Haugen

Bruce Erwin, Fred Heuser, & Jeff Moon

*Doxology: “Now Thank We All Our God”

#643 (verse 1)

*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: “Here I Am, Lord”

#69 (verses 1-2)

Benediction (unison)

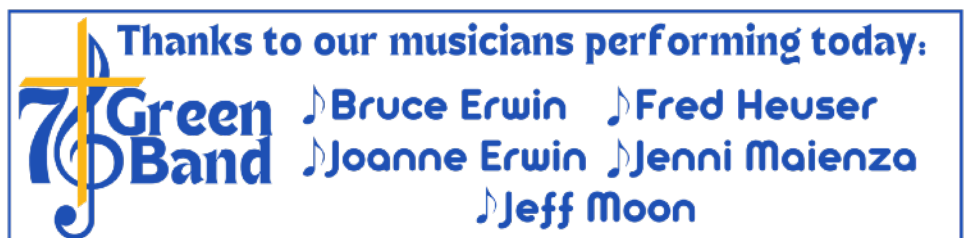
**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent
one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

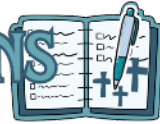
Postlude: “Turn, Turn, Turn”

by Pete Seeger; 7 & Green Band





PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

Family & friends of Sandeep Bharadwaj; Family & friends of Lois Noyes

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- 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
- 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



Greeters

Bill & Karen
Reeves

Deacons

Tom Clarke
Kate Colantonio
Fred Heuser

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Al Andrews
Sharon Cole
Chuck Maienza

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-2nd

Jackie Robinson
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Pam Myers
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Rick Clark
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, October 12

9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

1:00pm - CROP Hunger Walk, at
Logan Memorial

2:00pm - Village Playbox's
Children's Play @ FPCHH

Monday, October 13

Office Closed in Observance of
Columbus / Indigenous People's Day

Wednesday, Oct. 15

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 16

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Scripture Verses for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (NRSV)

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass;
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers; the flower fades,
[when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers; the flower fades,]
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV)

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?*

22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain
and spreads them like a tent to live in,*

23 who brings princes to naught
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.*

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.*

25 To whom, then, will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.*

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.*

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,
and assert, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?*

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.*

29 He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.*

30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,

31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. It's
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me, ♯

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

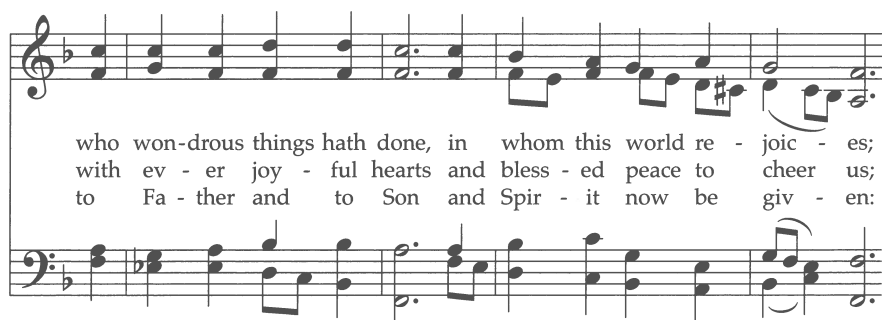
As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

Doxology: Verse 1 Only

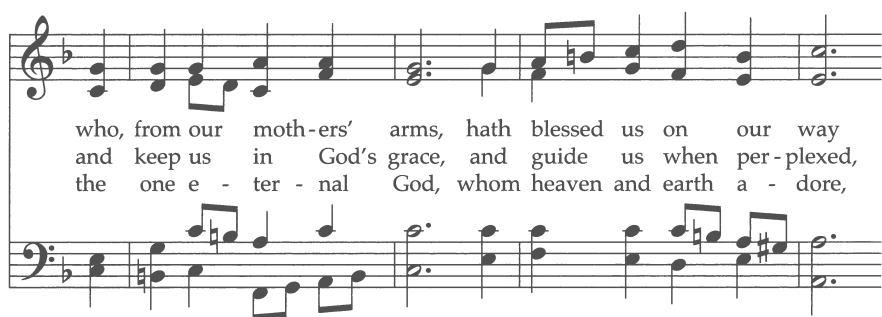
643 Now Thank We All Our God



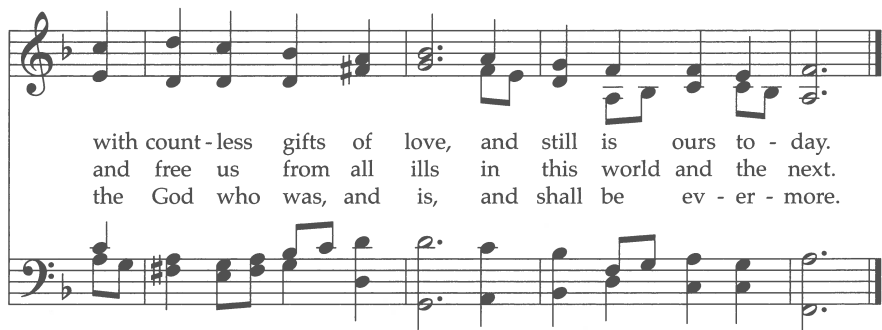
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice, es,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

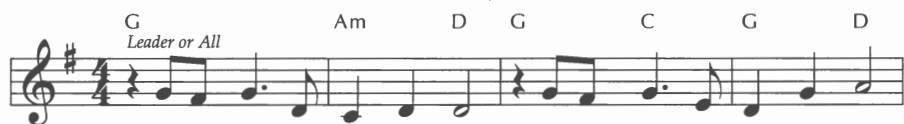
Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Verses 1 & 2

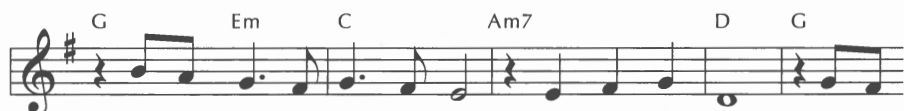
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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Church Announcements

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Time to 'Step' Up for the CROP Hunger Walk!



The CROP Hunger Walk is **TODAY at 1pm!** You still have time to sponsor a walker ... just visit the website (or reach out to Patti Pawling) & follow the instructions to donate. Walkers will meet at Logan Memorial in Audubon and begin the walk there following a similar route as in previous years. Scan the QR code here (or click the link in your e-News) to support our team in their walk to end hunger.



Custom FPCHH Mugs for Sale — \$10 each

The deacons are happy to announce that they are once again taking orders for your **personalized FPCHH coffee mugs**. The cost is still only \$10. If you don't have one yet, now is your chance! There is an order sheet on the piano in the parlor. Please indicate on the order sheet what name you would like on your mug. Payment can be given to any deacon. Contact Bill Burroughs with any questions. **Orders due TODAY—October 12!**



Classical Recital — October 18

Bruce Erwin will be giving a violin recital on **Saturday, October 18**, at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. The program will include Bela Bartok's *2nd Rhapsody* for violin and piano, Beethoven's *Romance in F major*, Tchaikovsky's *Scherzo op. 42* and a couple of fiddle tunes. Come on out to hear our talented violinist!

On Stage for Village Playbox - Today!



The 2025-2026 season of the Village Playbox continues this month when Giant Grasshopper Theatre returns with their children's performance, *The Room on the Broom*: a tale about a witch and her cat, who fly about the forest picking up animal hitchhikers along the way. But with too much weight on the broom, they take a tumble and come face to face with a hungry dragon--and then real the fun begins! (There will also be an encore of last year's popular play, *The Gruffalo*!) The show is **TODAY, October 12 @ 2PM**, Tickets are \$5.00.

"Unmentionables" Need Your SUPPORT!

Unmentionables! Too often, they aren't mentioned or even thought of when we look to donate to people in need. In 2008, Bra Recyclers realized that not only weren't bras being donated but that they all too often ended up in landfills. Bra Recyclers serves as a pipeline to shelters and high schools to get needed garments to women of all ages and needs. We can help! Throughout October & November, look through your "unmentionables" drawer and bring any no longer used bras (any style, any size) to the bin in the parlor. Fellas - we didn't leave you out! In addition to bras, they also collect NEW ladies' undies! You can place any new undies (packaged/tagged, please!) in the bin as well, or donate to help us purchase these items for the group. Place your donations in the offering plate (checks payable to FPCHH & clearly marked *UNMENTIONABLES* fundraiser) or donate on our PayPal site using the QR code & selecting *Unmentionables* in the drop-down list. Contact Jenni Maienza with any questions!



No Tricks ... Just Treats!

Come join in the fun at First Pres on Halloween afternoon (Friday, October 31) when we greet our local trick-or-treaters with God's love and a sweet treat! Wear a favorite costume and meet us at church from 3:00 - 5:00pm — we'll supply the candy, we just need some friendly faces to represent our faithful church family. See Vicki Clarke for more info!



Office Closed Monday, October 13

Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 13**, in observance of Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day.

Bosco's Friends Helping ... Mission Teens!

Start your Christmas shopping early at Bosco's **Friends Helping Friends** discount shopping day on **Wednesday, October 22** from 8am - 11pm. Purchase a discount pass from Pat Masi for just \$5; use your pass for 25% off Bosco's lowest sale prices on everything in the store, or enter the discount code online for 25% off your online purchases. All profits from the discount passes go directly to support Mission Teens.



Sunday School Superheroes Needed!

Our SS classes are in full swing and we're excited to enter this new season of inspiring our littlest *Superheroes for God* this fall! We have three levels of classes: Pre-K-2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade; and 6th - 7th grade; and we need all of our **Adult Superheroes to volunteer!** Everything for



the class is prepared for you, and if you can commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our kids — but a single week helps, too. Sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News. Thank you!



October Special for Supermarket Gift Cards



As we enter fall and are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for please consider purchasing Shop Rite or Acme gift cards supporting the IHOC. The gift cards come in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 to either store. Typically, Acme & Shop Rite donate 5% to IHOC when you purchase a gift card, **but for the month of October, IHOC will receive 10% of the amount of the gift card** (e.g.

a \$100 gift card will generate a \$10 donation to IHOC). Contact Cheryl Hauske to buy a gift card or to learn more about this program.

Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of PFSNJ is holding their annual Fall Gathering on **Saturday, October 18**, from 9:30am - 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield (20 Kings Hwy East). The speaker is Dorrie Papademetriou, founder of *MudGirls Studios* in Atlantic City. *MudGirls Studios* transforms the lives of women facing adversity, offering them training, employment, and guidance toward a path of self-sufficiency—using clay as their vehicle to



**Empowering Women.
Making Hope Out Of Clay.**

change lives. Through their own creations and sales of functional art & aesthetic objects, these women gain a source of



long-term supplemental income along the way. Join women from throughout our presbytery to learn about this local south Jersey program of hope and resiliency. Registration & light breakfast begins at 9:30am; all women & friends are invited. RSVP to Joanne Erwin.



**October Collection:
Cereal, Breakfast Bars
& Instant Breakfast**



First Pres

YOUTH GROUP

SAVE the DATE(S)!

Youth Group MobilePack Service Project

The Haddonfield Council of Churches is hosting a *Feed My Starving Children* (FMSC) food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle School on **Saturday, November 22**. Join volunteers of all ages & backgrounds as we come together to help pack life-saving meals for those suffering from food insecurity. More details and the link to register will be coming soon!

Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

We're excited to announce that our FPC Youth Group is liaising with FPC Haddonfield and Trinity Pres (Cherry Hill) to bring more opportunities for service & social activities to our youth. Along those lines, Haddonfield Pres is hosting a **Summer Youth Mission Trip** in 2026, & our youth (and friends) are invited to join. Details are below (flyer coming soon):

- June 21-27, 2026
- West Virginia (most likely; specific location is TBD)
- Rising 9th graders—12th graders (incl. 2026 graduates)
- Cost is \$600/person + add'l expenses (only 50 spots!)

Scan the QR code for registration info or visit

<https://asphome.org/about/> for more info about the ASP organization.

(Laura Masi, our Youth Group Director, has attended several mission trips starting in her high school years, and has firsthand knowledge of how “these experiences empower students, cultivate leadership, allow them to experience new cultures, and ignite a lasting passion for volunteerism.”)

