



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 26, 2026

9th 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
Marie & John Yurkow, by Ro & Jeff Hudson.*



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal**,
Glory to God, 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 8

L: Lord, you have set your glory about the heavens.

P: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: When I look at your heavens, I see the work of your fingers.

P: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: What are human beings that you are mindful of them?

P: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: Yet you have crowned us with your glory and honor.

P: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

*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)

God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Spirit who renews us, hear our confession. We confess to clinging to things that drive us away from you. We wear our exhaustion like a badge of honor. We never stop working. We're too busy to love our neighbors. We're too tired to love ourselves. We're too over-scheduled to fit you in. Creator, help us to rest in you. We pray in the holy name of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and sisters, know that God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Our God strengthens us in all goodness.

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

P: We believe that in life and in death, we belong to God.

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: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

P: Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others & ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor & nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

L: We deserve God's condemnation.

P: Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Installation of Elders & Deacons:

Elders: ♦Al Andrews ♦Kathy Mullan ♦Carmen Muni
 (2nd Term) (1st Term) (2nd Term)

Deacons: ♦Melissa Corso ♦Daniel Mullan
 (1st Term) (2nd Term)

Commissioning of Trustees: ♦Jeff Moon (1st Term)

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:24-31

(OT pp.1-2)

*Hymn: "In This Time of Great Reflection"

(insert; vv.3-4)

New Testament Lesson: James 2:1-8

(NT p.229)

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 Pursuit of Equality"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "The Prayer"

*by David Foster & Carol Bayer Sager
Jeff Hudson & Cheryl Walmsley (Vocals)*

*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: "For Everyone Born"

#769 (vv.1-3)

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
- Lorrie Heuser
- Tony Logandro
- Barry Longmire
- Karen Mazak
- 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

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, July 26

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
Installation & Commissioning of
Elders, Deacons & Trustees

Fri. 7/31, Sat. 8/1

8:00pm - Village Playbox's
"Guys & Dolls" in the Social Hall



Deacons

Tom Clarke
Ellie Wyckoff

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Cheryl Hauske
Cathy Zobel

Scriptures for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:24-31 (NRSV)

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

New Testament Lesson: James 2:1-8 (NRSV)

Warning against Partiality

¹ My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

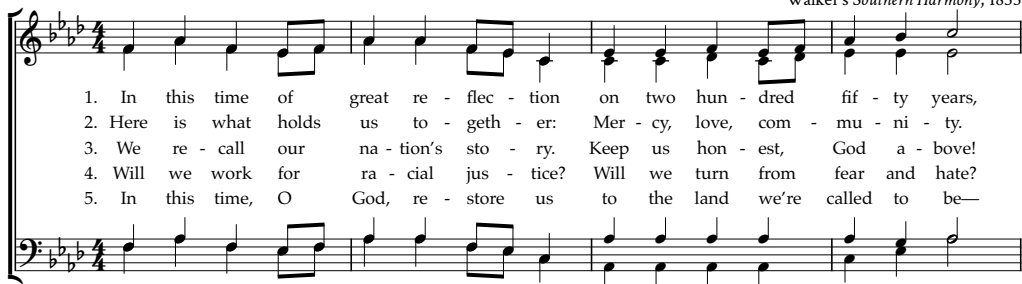
⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

In This Time of Great Reflection

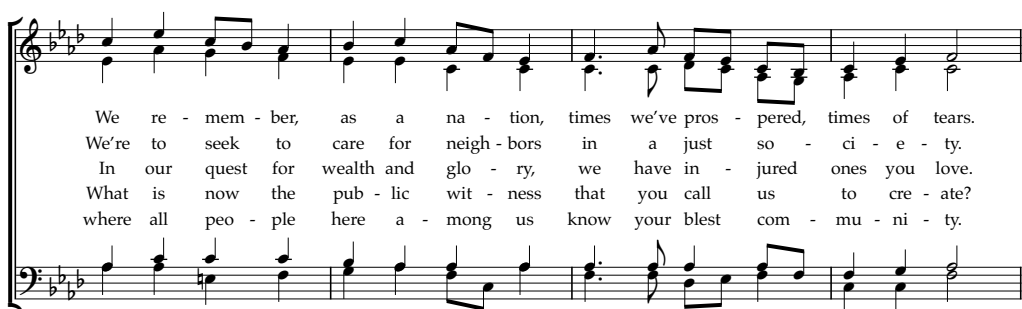
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2026

Restoration

Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835



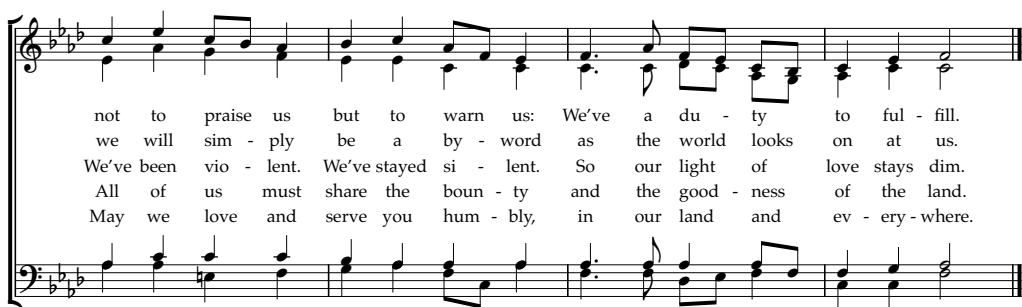
1. In this time of great re - flec - tion on two hun - dred fif - ty years,
 2. Here is what holds us to - geth - er: Mer - cy, love, com - mu - ni - ty.
 3. We re - call our na - tion's sto - ry. Keep us hon - est, God a - bove!
 4. Will we work for ra - cial jus - tice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
 5. In this time, O God, re - store us to the land we're called to be—



We re - mem - ber, as a na - tion, times we've pros - pered, times of tears.
 We're to seek to care for neigh - bors in a just so - ci - e - ty.
 In our quest for wealth and glo - ry, we have in - jured ones you love.
 What is now the pub - lic wit - ness that you call us to cre - ate?
 where all peo - ple here a - mong us know your blest com - mu - ni - ty.

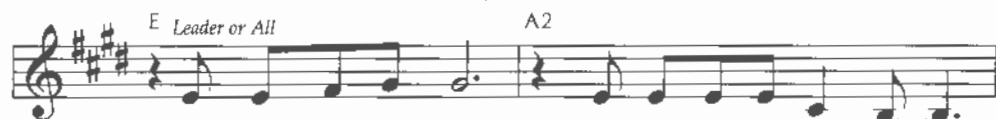


"We shall be," a prea - cher told us, "as a ci - ty on a hill"—
 If we fail to help the nee - dy and to build a land that's just,
 Through en - slave - ment, through dis - place - ment, we have cho - sen ways of sin.
 As we ce - le - brate our coun - try, help us, Lord, to un - der - stand:
 May we seek to be that ci - ty, not with pride but as a prayer.



not to praise us but to warn us: We've a du - ty to ful - fill.
 we will sim - ply be a by - word as the world looks on at us.
 We've been vio - lent. We've stayed si - lent. So our light of love stays dim.
 All of us must share the boun - ty and the good - ness of the land.
 May we love and serve you hum - bly, in our land and ev - ery - where.

For Everyone Born



- 1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

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(“For Everyone Born” continued)

Refrain

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and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

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joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

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 A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

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jus-tice and joy!

Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK**
JUL 26

Sanctuary Ceiling & Wall Repairs

Last week the inside repairs were started for the damage from the leaking roof. As you may recall, earlier this summer we replaced the flat roof. After the completion of those exterior repairs, we anticipated approximately 5 days to repair the visible damage on the interior of the sanctuary.



Of course, the best laid plans are never true in renovation work. As we opened the wall and ceiling near the organ, we found the damage was very severe. As we proceeded across the ceiling, we found many soft areas that need to be removed. Also, the insulation above the ceiling is basically destroyed. We are proceeding to remove the ceiling and replace the entire area. This process is expected to last 2-3 weeks. As we expose more areas this week, the schedule may change if more damage is identified. The Trustees will keep everyone informed of the progress as we move forward.

Looking to Serve? We're Looking for YOU!



Are you looking for a way to serve our congregation and church? FPCHH is looking for one more person to serve on our Board of Deacons. The term is 3 years with the option to renew for a 2nd term. Deacon's duties include serving as an usher typically 2 months of the year and a few Sundays in the summer. Our Deacons also coordinate our church-wide pancake breakfasts, the annual yard sale, and outdoor picnic in the spring. Please contact Al Andrews or Bill Burrough if you are interested or would like more information about the role.

Don't Forget to Bring in Your Summertime School Supplies

Our Missions Committee is still collecting school supplies for elementary schools in Haddon Heights, Barrington, Lawnside and Collingswood. Donations should be brought in by **Sunday, August 2**, & can be placed in Room 2 and/or the Missions cabinet in the parlor. Suggested items:

- #2 pencils
- ball point pens (red, blue, black)
- 24-pack crayons
- spiral notebooks
- glue sticks
- 1" and 2" binders
- pocket folders
- Packs of 3x5 index cards
- dry erase markers
- post-it notes
- highlighters
- notebook paper
- composition books
- pencil erasers, cap and pink



Project: **Birthday Kits**

What kid doesn't love birthday cake with candles, special plates & napkins? What parent doesn't love to provide these things for their child? How does one weigh buying all these special items against nutritious food when they are food insecure? All good questions. The Mission Committee wants to provide "**Birthday Kits**" and we need your support. In July and August, we are asking the congregation to purchase a **cake mix** and a **can of icing** (or more). Our goal is to have 50 cake mixes and cans of icing by Sunday, August 23. Missions will purchase 50 each of cake pans, candles, plates & napkins to complete the kits. We'll also **match each and every birthday kit**, so that we will have 100 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.



Village Playbox Summer Performances



Village Playbox will be performing the hit musical, *Guys & Dolls*, by Frank Loesser. Come out and support VP in this fast-paced romantic comedy!

Dates:

Fridays & Saturdays:

July 31 & August 1 @8pm

August 7 & 8 @8pm

Sundays:

Aug. 2 & 9 @3pm

All shows are held in our Social Hall. Visit <http://villageplaybox.org/guysanddolls.htm> for ticket information.

Summertime Fellowship Hour

As the Deacons have done in past summers, they will continue to serve snacks and cold drinks following Sunday's worship service. Coffee will return in September when we change back to our 10:30am worship time and the weather gets cooler.



2026 Church Directory

2027 Coming in September!

Have you checked to make sure your contact info listed in our current church directory is correct? Don't forget to contact the church office to update your info before we print the next one!



Office Absences

and Varying Hours

Please note the following dates:

Mary Johnson on Vacation:

Monday, August 3 through
Sunday, August 16*

Pastor Eliza on Vacation:

Monday, August 17 through
Sunday, August 23

**Office hours may vary during these dates.*

Please contact the office for assistance during office hours or Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, when the office is closed. There will be a pastor on call for pastoral emergencies when Pastor Eliza is out of the office.



For July:
Cleaning Supplies
(Yes, again!)



June 21 through Sept. 6

SUMMER WORSHIP

9:30am

We Hold These Truths: A Sacred Conversation

A Summer Sermon Series

"In Pursuit of 'We'": July 12 (Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-12, 43-47)

"In Pursuit of 'These Truths'": July 19 (John 18:33-38; Acts 15:1-19)

"In Pursuit of 'Equality'": July 26 (Genesis 1:26-31; James 2:1-8)

"In Pursuit of 'Their Creator'": August 2 (Micah 6:18; Matthew 25:31-46)

"In Pursuit of 'Life'": August 9 (Deuteronomy 30:11-20; John 10:10a-18)

"In Pursuit of 'Liberty'": August 16 (Exodus 3:1-11; Luke 4:16-21)

"In Pursuit of 'Happiness'": August 30 (Psalm 1; Matthew 5:1-11)

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such Principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to secure their safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former system of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in their object to establish an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be presented to the candid and impartial mind of every man acquainted with the facts.

He has refused to assent to our Laws, unless we will assent to his edicts, decrees, and resolutions, all having in their object to establish an absolute Tyranny over these States. He has refused to assent to our Laws, unless we will assent to his edicts, decrees, and resolutions, all having in their object to establish an absolute Tyranny over these States.