



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2026

5th 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 Al & Anne Andrews in loving memory of Anne's parents, Anne & James Lomax; and given by Lois Maynard & Douglas McVarish in honor of their 36th Anniversary.



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

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



Welcome & Announcements

Gloria Swiecicki

Joys & Concerns

Prelude:

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalm 89

L: Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

P: We proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

L: Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

P: God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: Let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn: "God Is Here!"

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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 of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin, and yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, know that you have been saved by grace through faith.

P: This is not our doing, but the gift of God.

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 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

Jackie Robinson

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4, 9

(OT p.10)

*Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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New Testament Lesson: James 2:14-18, 21-22, 26

(NT, p.230)

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: “Faith Is an Action Verb”

Rev. Dr. Virginia Leopold

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “The Great Storm Is Over”

*by Bob Franke
Douglas McVarish, Vocalist*

The congregation is invited to join in singing the chorus:

“Alleluia, the great storm is over;

Lift up your wings and fly; Lift up your wings and fly;”

*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: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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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:

The family & friends of Donald Hart, Jr., son of Don & Libby Hart

- Adin Borden
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Sally Burrough
- Deborah Blackiston
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Donna & John Duca
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Lorrie Heuser
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Sandy Langford
- Dick Boyle, Candace Lowden's brother-in-law
- Barry Longmire
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Elijah Scardilli, friends of Hudsons' grandson
- Carmen Muni
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons
Suzanne Lange
Fred Heuser

Nursery
Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream
Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters
Dan Mullan
Judy Wilson
Hal Wyckoff

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, June 28

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

June 29 - July 5

Pastor Eliza on Vacation

Saturday, July 4

8:30am - HH 4th of July Parade!
Meet at corner of Station & 4th Aves.

Monday, July 6

Office Closed in observance of July 4



Wishing all our families & friends
a **safe** and **happy**
Independence Day!

Scriptures for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4, 9 (NRSV)

The Call of Abram

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and our offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

New Testament Lesson: James 2:14-18, 21-22, 26 (NRSV)

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith.

²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion.

²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

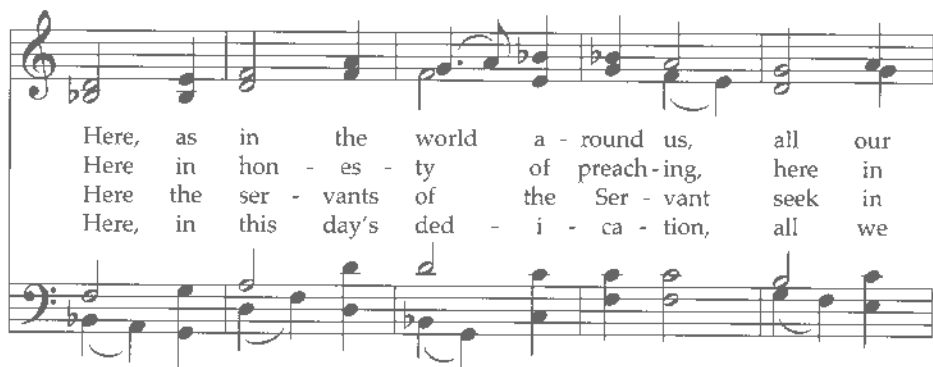
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

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Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

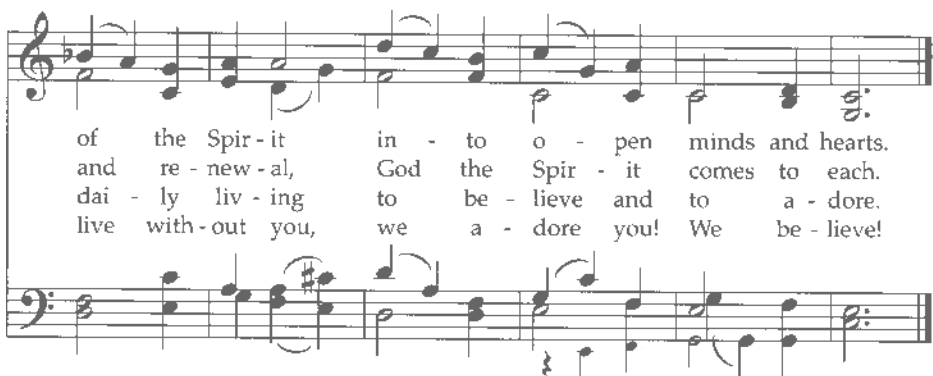
(God Is Here!, continued)



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

(Great Is Thy Faithfulness, continued)

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK
JUN 28**

Welcome, Rev. Dr. Ginny Leopold!

Please help us welcome Rev. Dr. Virginia Leopold who will be providing the sermon today in Pastor Eliza's absence. Pastor Ginny resides in Shamong, NJ. A teacher for 19 years, she then went to Princeton Theological Seminary, following which she began a 32-year ministry as Associate Pastor at The Protestant Community Church of Medford Lakes, NJ. She has retired from there, but continues to substitute preach in Presbyterian churches throughout South Jersey. She received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in 2000. Many thanks to Pastor Ginny for being here today!



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 Burroughs if you are interested or would like more information about the role.

Recognizing Our Service Members on July 5th

Please join us for a special worship service next **Sunday, July 5**, when we'll hear from 6 of our congregation's veterans about their service & experiences while they served in the armed forces. Many thanks to our Music & Worship committee & all the others who have been planning this special service. Hope to see you there!



Pastor Eliza on Vacation Next Week

Please note that Pastor Eliza will be out of the office on vacation from **Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 5**. Please contact the office or Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, for any immediate needs. Rev. Peter Hofstra from FPC Merchantville (856-662-6252) is also available for pastoral emergencies during her absence.



Please see **Vicki Clarke** for more info & to let her know you're coming!

Help us represent FPC sharing God's **LOVE** and **CANDY** with our community!

We Need **YOU!** Haddon Heights
4TH OF JULY PARADE!
SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

We'll meet at **8:30am** on the corner of **Station & 4th Avenues.**
Please contact **Vicki Clarke** for more info!

Start Stocking Up on School Supplies!

The Missions Committee is collecting school supplies to donate to local schools to supplement student resources. We'll be delivering supplies to the Haddon Heights Elementary Schools, Barrington Schools, Lawnside School and Sharp Elementary in Collingswood. Donations should be brought in by **Sunday, August 2**, & can be placed in Room 2 and/or the Missions cabinet in the parlor. Below is a list of possible items to donate:

- #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 & pink



Memorial Brick Orders Due July 15

If you would like to remember loved ones who have passed away by placing an engraved paving brick in our Memorial Garden, your order form & payment (checks payable to FPCHH) are due by **Wednesday, July 15**. The paving bricks are \$150 each and will be installed in the garden about 12 weeks after we place our order. (An order form is on the back of this bulletin.) Order forms can be found in the narthex or in the church office. Please place your completed form & payment in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.



Congregational Hymn Selection

As part of our tradition here at FPCHH, **starting on July 12** and continuing through Labor Day, we are following our *Summer Music* routine, which allows our congregation to suggest a favorite hymn for the first hymn of the worship service. Start stretching those shoulder muscles for a prominent hand raise, and please try to choose hymns from the **RED hymnal**, *The Worshiping Church*, in order to provide some consistency for our amazing organist.



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.



