



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 14, 2025

14th 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 Sandy Langford,
in loving memory of Pat & Dick Edwards.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People)

Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings.

P: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

L: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

L: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

P: Let us worship God.

*Gathering Hymn: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremkó, Pastor

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



We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

P: The God of mercy forgives our sins and strengthens us in all goodness.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

*Affirmation of Faith:

The Confession of 1967

P: We believe that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

L: Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

P: But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

L: The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world,

P: And proclaims that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

*Two Cents a Meal Collection

Chancel Choir Anthem: "With a Voice of Singing" *by Martin Shaw*
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

First Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13 (OT, pp.635-636)

*Hymn: "I, the Lord of Sea & Sky" (Here I Am, Lord) #69

Second Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-14 (OT, p.698)

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: Take the Call” *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



Please note that all bread provided for the Eucharist is gluten-free.

Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion by Intinction

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For at this Table, you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray together, saying:

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

*Sending Hymn: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

#432

Benediction (unison)

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

Choral Response

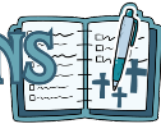
L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Sandy Langford
- Pat Masi
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Lois Noyes
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston,
Harlan Blackiston's wife
- 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
- Barb Maylath, former CPC member
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Anna Fogerty, granddaughter of the Wilk's
- Joe Russo, Tony Russo's father

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons

Melanie Diven
Kelly Evans
Janice Perry

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher
Cheryl Walmsley

Counters

Cheryl Hauske
Marcie Spiegle

Communion: Sharon Cole, with Deacons assisting

Scripture Verses for Today's Service

First Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13 (NRSV)

A Vision of God in the Temple

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes
and listen with their ears
and comprehend with their minds
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said,

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
¹² until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

(The holy seed is its stump.)

Second Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-14 (NRSV)

¹The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ²to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It came also in the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah until the end of the eleventh year of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

¹¹The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” ¹²Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.” ¹³The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, tilted away from the north.”

¹⁴Then the Lord said to me: “Out of the north disaster shall break out on all the inhabitants of the land.

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly, Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

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MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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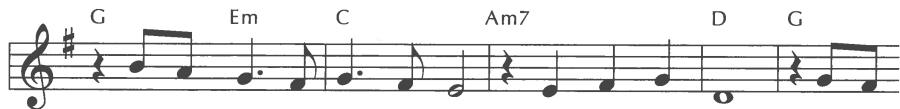
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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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.

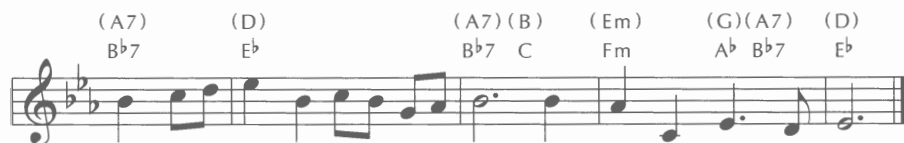
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK**
SEP 14

Sunday School Kick-Off Today!

We are SO excited about our first day of Sunday School this morning! We hope you'll sign up to teach our children before your calendar fills! This year we will have three levels of classes: Pre-K-2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade; and 6th - 7th grade. If there is a way for you to commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our children (but a single week helps, too!).



Our theme this fall is "Superheroes for God!"—and everything for the class is prepared for you.

Your leadership as a Sunday School volunteer is so important to our children & our church! Sign up by scanning the QR code here, or click the link in your weekly e-News.

With appreciation, Judy Wilson & the CE Committee

A decorative border made of various colorful ice cream cones with different toppings and faces, surrounding the central text.

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
PETE JOHNSON
FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE PRAISE BAND

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Friendship Circle Resumes This Tuesday!



The Friendship Circle is starting up again and will be gathering on **Tuesday, September 16**, at 9:30 AM in the Parlor. This fall they will be reading & discussing the book, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, by Rhashell D. Hunter, which is part of the PW Horizons Bible Study series. All women of the church are welcome to join us for an enriching time of fellowship, food, and Bible lessons.

2026 Stewardship Launch Rescheduled!

Please note that the highly-anticipated launch of our 2026 Stewardship Campaign has been moved to **Sunday, October 19**. Please take this extra time to prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. Just like the lilies of the field, you need to neither toil nor spin, in your thoughtful pledge toward our 2026 budget.



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

We're Hiring!

Interested in a bit of extra money? We are in need of someone to set up and breakdown the equipment for the *new musical ensemble* that will perform on the second Sunday of the month. Their practices will be on the Saturday before their Sunday performance, so the position will require setting up the equipment on Saturday morning before practice, or after worship on the Sunday before their next Saturday rehearsal. Set up time will be negotiable as long as it is ready to go for rehearsal. The salary is \$50 per event (which includes both set up and break down). The position also includes breaking down the tables and equipment for the bell choir, after worship, on the Sundays that they perform. If you think this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office or Al Andrews, Personnel Chair.



"Battle of the Meatball" Spaghetti Dinner

The Collingswood Rotary has a fun-filled fundraiser coming up all are invited! Come out and enjoy a delicious meal as Collingswood local chefs and businesses battle it out for the first ever **Meatball Contest!**

Sunday, September 21

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

839 Haddon Ave., Collingswood

Tickets: \$20 Adults

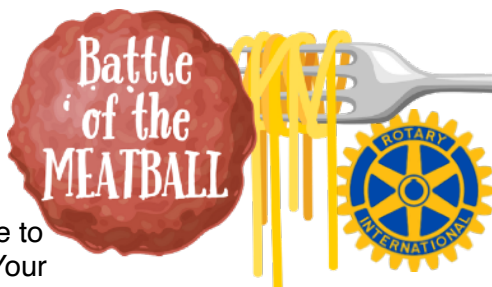
\$10 Children 10 & under

With MC/DJ Bennie James, it is sure to be an enjoyable community event. Your dinner ticket includes: spaghetti and meatballs with salad, rolls and dessert. The rotary raises funds for many local service projects with this event to support the Collingswood Public Schools Athletic Association.

Local judges include: Mayor Daniela Solano-Ward, Police Chief Kevin

Carey, former NBC News Anchor Terry Ruggles, Collingswood Living Magazine Publisher Grace Hopper, NJPen Writer/Editor Matt Skoufalos, and Collingswood Retrospect Publisher Brett Ainsworth. Contact Kathy Mullan for tickets or for more info, or scan the QR code here to purchase tickets.

(Check your e-News for a clickable link.)



FPCHH Musicians Performing at Collingswood PorchFest

The newly named Celtic band, *Swallowtail*, with church members Bruce and Joanne Erwin, Polly Mitchell, and Douglas McVarish, as well as regular

guest, Julie Lyons, will be performing at the

Collingswood Porch Fest on Saturday,

September 27, at 3pm. The venue will be the Griffith family porch, 34 Hillcrest Avenue (the first block off Haddon Ave near the Collingswood Manor Methodist Home). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and come listen to our talented FPCHH musicians!





SEPTEMBER
Collection:
RICE!
(1-2lb bags or boxes)





Time to Clear Out Your Jewelry Box!

Save the date for our **Spectacular ADVENT Workshop** (aka Advent Happening) on December 7! The Workshop committee is looking for costume jewelry (bonus points if it is Christmas related!) that they can use in the Secret Gift Shop, where the kids can pick out gifts for their parents or siblings. If you are cleaning out your costume jewelry, please consider donating items by placing them in the Christmas-decorated shoe box on the piano in the parlor (bags are provided to keep your items neat). Thank you!



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Sept. 14

9:30am - Sunday School Kick-Off!

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

Tuesday, Sept. 16

9:30am - Friendship Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, Sept. 17

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 18

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal