



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 19, 2025

19th 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, *Glory to God***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Nancy Wilk
in loving memory of her brother, John Freas.*



Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Leslie Clark

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "Thank You God"

Cherub Choir; Kim Muni, Director

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalms 119

L: Teach us, Lord, the way of your statutes.

P: Thy word is a lamp unto our feet.

L: Give us understanding so we can keep your law.

P: Thy word is a light to our path.

L: Lead us in the path of your commandments.

P: Thy word is a lamp unto our feet.

L: Turn our hearts to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

P: Thy word is a light to our path.

L: Let us worship God!

***Gathering Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate"**

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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)

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend. We do not always listen to your Word. We do not always act like Christ. Forgive us. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sister, God is near to all who call on the Lord.

P: In truth, we trust that God is near, just, and kind.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

*Affirmation of Faith:

Confession of 1967

P: We believe the Holy Scriptures are the one sufficient revelation of God in Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate,

L: To whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness and which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

P: The scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel.

L: The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony.

P: As God has spoken the Word in diverse and cultural situations, the church is confident that God will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" *arr. Rollo Dilworth*
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

First Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-10

(OT, pp.770-771)

*Hymn: "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 3:1-15

(OT, p.771)

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: Readers’ Digest”

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: “Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)”

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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.

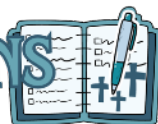
P: Now our service begins.

Postlude

Mike Rugge, Organist



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
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Ed Trout
- 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

Ellen Oakes

Deacons

Tom Clarke
Kate Colantonio
Fred Heuser

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Al Andrews
Sharon Cole
Chuck Maienza

Nursery

Kam Evans
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

Patti Pawling
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Rick Clark
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, October 19

9:00am - Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsal
9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages
10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
1:00pm - CROP Hunger Walk, at Logan Memorial

Tuesday, October 21

9:30am - Friendship Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, Oct. 22

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 23

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Scripture Verses for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-10 (NRSV)

The Vision of the Scroll

¹ He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. ⁶ And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

⁸ "But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." ⁹ I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. ¹⁰ He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

Second Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 3:1-15 (NRSV)

¹ He said to me, “O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

⁴ He said to me, “Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. ⁵ For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language but to the house of Israel, ⁶ not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. ⁷ But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me, because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸ See, I have made your face hard against their faces and your forehead hard against their foreheads. ⁹ Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” ¹⁰ He said to me, “Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; ¹¹ then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

Ezekiel at the River Chebar

¹² Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the Lord rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; ¹³ it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another and the sound of the wheels beside them that sounded like a loud rumbling. ¹⁴ The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me. ¹⁵ I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the River Chebar. And I sat there among them, stunned, for seven days.

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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.

Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Fine

Dsus D7 to Refrain

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984

MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber

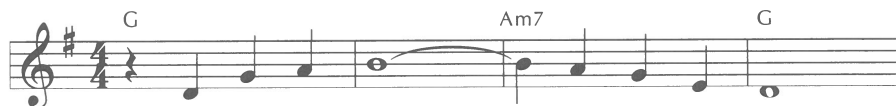
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THY WORD
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Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
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2026 Stewardship Launch Is Here!

Yes — it's the most wonderful time of the year!!

Stewardship season starts today! Pledges can be submitted online (see the QR code) or using the pledge cards located in the narthex. As always, your prayerful consideration toward your pledge is greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance from your Stewardship Committee.



2026 Stewardship Campaign

OUR **CHURCH** DOESN'T Run > Serve > Encourage > Grow
on its own... **WE NEED YOU!**

Can You 'Step' Up AGAIN for the CROP Hunger Walk?!



The CROP Hunger Walk was postponed last Sunday due to inclement weather, and has been rescheduled for **TODAY at 1pm!** You can still sponsor a walker by visiting the website & following the instructions to donate. Walkers will meet at Logan Memorial in Audubon & begin the walk there. Scan the QR code (or click the link in your e-News) to support our team in their walk to end hunger.



Friendship Circle Meets on Tuesday



The Friendship Circle will meet next week on **Tuesday, October 21**, at 9:30 AM in the Parlor. This fall they have been 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 them for an enriching time of fellowship, food, and a Bible lesson.



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



"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!

Boscov's Friends Helping ... Mission Teens!

Start your Christmas shopping early at Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* discount shopping day, **THIS Wednesday, October 22** from 8am - 11pm. Purchase a discount pass from Pat Masi for just \$5; use your pass for 25% off Boscov'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!



First Pres

YOUTH GROUP

SAVE the DATE(S)!



Youth Group MobilePack Service Project

The Haddonfield Council of Churches is hosting the annual *Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)* food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle

School. Our Youth Group has 25 spots reserved to help with this event on **Saturday, November 22 from 12:00 to 2:00pm**. Join volunteers of all ages & backgrounds as they come together to help pack life-saving meals for those suffering from food insecurity.

Scan the QR code here to register (or click on the link in your e-News). All youth, church members, friends and families are welcome to join in!

Contact Laura Masi if you have any questions.



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**, and our youth (& their friends) are invited to join. Any other willing and able adults (Merry Muckers?!) are also welcome to join as chaperones (please reach out directly to Eric Walker if interested or for more info at ewalker@haddonfieldpres.org). To avoid making the cost of the trip prohibitive for anyone wanting to attend, we are looking into ways to help subsidize the cost. Please contact Laura Masi if you're interested in attending or just want more info.

Details are:

When: June 21-27, 2026

Where: West Virginia

(most likely; the specific location is TBD)

Who: Rising 9th graders—12th graders

(including 2026 graduates)

Cost: \$600/person + additional expenses



Only 50 spots available! Scan the QR code for registration info or visit <https://asphome.org/about/> to learn more about the *Appalachia Service Project* organization.

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!



October Special for Supermarket Gift Cards

IHOC Supermarket Gift Card Special!



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.

Spectacular Advent Workshop—Save the Date!

Thank you to everyone who donated their costume jewelry! (We have plenty!). We're now looking for **small boxes or bags** that we can use for packaging the donated jewelry for the kids. Look for a box or bag in the Parlor to donate your boxes or bags ... or give your items to Suzanne Ritter. Thank you!



A colorful comic book style poster. At the top left, a yellow starburst says 'Fall Sermon Series'. In the center, a large white 'N' is on a blue background. Below the 'N', the text 'GOD'S JUSTICE LEAGUE: PROPHETS FROM THEN FOR NOW' is written in bold black letters. To the right, a yellow speech bubble lists dates and prophets: 9/7: JEREMIAH, 9/14: ISAIAH, 9/21: JONAH, 9/28: AMOS & MICAH. At the bottom left, a blue speech bubble lists dates and prophets: 10/5: HABAKKUK, 10/12: 2ND ISAIAH, 10/19: EZEKIEL, 10/26: EZEKIEL, 11/16: 3RD ISAIAH. The background features various comic book elements like stars, clouds, and superhero characters in costumes.