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# **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

# November 16, 2025 23rd 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.

TODAY'S HYMNAL

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



The Chancel flowers today are given by Candy Frantz & family in loving memory of loved ones.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Stewardship

Leslie Clark

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

#### We Come Into God's Presence

<u>Call to Worship</u> (L-Leader / P-People)

Isaiah 61

A L: God built the heaven, the earth, and everything in them.

N P: God calls us to build our lives:

L: To restore broken places;

P: To build our faith;

L: To build our community;

P: To build bridges of understanding.

L: Come, let us build God's church.

P: We give God our praise and glory!

\*Gathering Hymn: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM
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(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)

Holy God, you see us as children of your constant care. Yet, we confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have hurt our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Yet we know that your Spirit heals the wounds in our lives and empowers us to heal the life of our communities. Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be people who live out our baptism. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Brothers and Sisters, God is building a new heaven & a new earth.

P: The former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri

#### \*Affirmation of Faith:

The Nicene Creed, #15

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Song of Isaiah" by Brad Nix Polly Mitchell & Pam Myers, Vocals

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-4 (OT, p.694)

\*Hymn: "O For a World" #372

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT, p.696)

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 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: Brave in a New World"

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: "God of Our Life"

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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



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
- 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



# Greeters

Will Burrough

#### Deacons

Ro Hudson Suzanne Lange Daniel Mullan

#### LiveStream

Korey Owens Erin Gallagher

#### **Counters**

Tony Masi Leslie Clark Carmen Muni

#### Nursery

Abby Burrough Maria Masi

# SS: PreK-2nd

Kate Colantonio
Room 3

# SS: Adults

Class-led Room 2

# SS: Grades 3–5

Ellie Wyckoff Room 7

#### **Faith-Walk Class**

Pastor Eliza Nursery

#### SS: Grades 6-8

Jenni Robinson Room 6

# THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES..

# Sunday, Nov. 16

9:00am - Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsals

9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages

10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

3:00pm - Village Playbox's

"Showplace" @ FPCHH

# Tuesday, Nov. 18

9:30am - Friendship Circle, Parlor

## Thursday, Nov. 20

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Fri-Sat, 11/21-11/22

8:00pm - VP's "Showplace" @ FPCHH

#### **Scripture Verses for Today's Service**

#### First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-4 (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
- <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

- <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
- <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

## Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17-25 (NRSV)

The Glorious New Creation

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy

and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it

or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

#### Isaiah 65: 17-25 (continued)

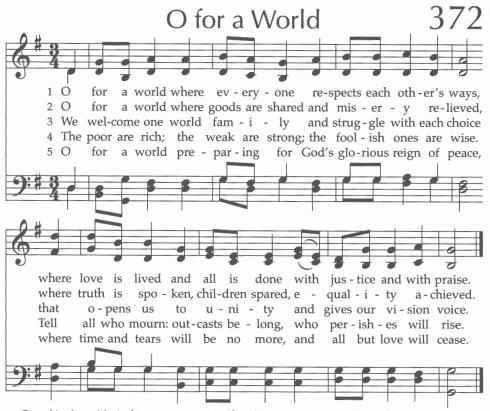
- <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
  <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.
- <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical shalom.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

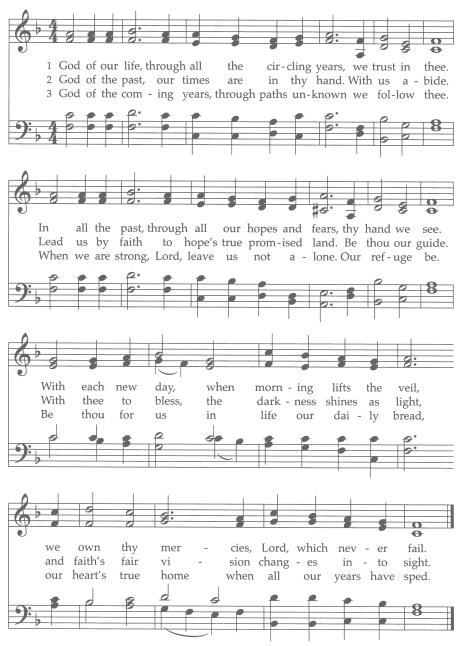
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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# God of Our Life



This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

# **Church Announcements**



# Spectacular Advent Workshop!

On **Sunday, December 7**, immediately following the worship service, we invite everyone to join us for a festive lunch together in the Social Hall. We'll be





serving soup and salad, and hope our attendees will bring their favorites to share. Following lunch, the children will be able to visit our many different stations including fun crafts, games, our Christmas Shop (where



they can pick out small gifts for their parents and siblings), and a special one-on-one visit with Santa (now one of the stations, rather than an end-of-day event!). While the children are rotating through their stations, interested adults can return to the sanctuary

to sing Christmas Carols with our talented vocalists and musicians. There is a Sign-Up poster in the parlor — please add your name if you plan to attend, as well as what you plan to bring (you don't need to bring a food item—we'll be grateful just for your attendance!). You can also just call or email the church office to let us know you're coming. This will be a wonderful day of good food, fellowship, music, and joy as enter this Advent season ... you don't want to miss it!

# 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship season has begun, and *It's a Wonderful Life*! This year our Stewardship committee asked, **what kind of angel are you?** There are so many stories of the 'angels' in our church that quietly stepped in to help

someone in need ... each of us has experienced this God-sent help, and likely have provided the same for others. Your pledge contributes to the work of this church in countless ways — it's not just money; it's a



blessing on our church. Please be an angel and pledge now, so we can plan for next year. Pledges can be submitted online (scan the QR code) or using the pledge cards located in the narthex. Your prayerful consideration toward your pledge is greatly appreciated!



**November Collection:** 

Stuffing Mix & Instant Potatoes

## Did You Hear What I Hear?

Many of us appreciate, and are inspired by, Pastor Eliza's sermons. We nod in agreement, chuckle and sometimes ((()) outright laugh, & silently give thanks to God for what we are hearing. But this doesn't apply to all us. For some, hearing the sermons, and yes, even the whole service, is

difficult even when the sound system and Eliza's voice are clear and can be heard by many. In the past, we have had hearing assist devices for those who had trouble hearing. Unfortunately, they were found to be incompatible with the new sound system. As a substitute to our hearing assist devices, beginning November 16, copies of Pastor Eliza's sermons will be available at the sanctuary doors each week ... just ask the Deacon on duty if you would like one. (Please note: Pastor Eliza will be preaching from the sermon copy available, but she occasionally goes 'off script.' We hope that having copies of the sermon available will allow everyone to "hear" the sermon. Thanks be to God!

# Village Playbox On Stage This Week!

This is the last week to see the Village Playbox's performance of *Showplace—The story of Steel Pier* (book, music & lyrics by Rob Kristie; directed by John Blackwell).



This is a chronological musical story of the unique venue known as Steel Pier of Atlantic City, NJ. It blends both fictional and nonfictional characters along with historical data of this phenomenal showplace. It covers the Steel Pier history from 1925 to 1977. You'll feel like you are there!



Dates: November 21 & 22 at 8:00PM

November 16 at 3:00PM

**Tickets**: \$24.00 (\$2 discount for online tickets)

Seniors/Students: \$21.00 Child Under 12: \$12.00

Visit http://villageplaybox.org/showinfo.htm



# Sunday School Needs & Update

**SS Need:** Our Sunday School program could use a **mini-fridge** for the second floor. If anyone has one from a recent college dorm, apartment, or garage clean-out, we would appreciate having it! Please let Judy Wilson know.



SS Volunteers: We are deeply grateful for the many wonderful Sunday School teachers who have been leading our children this fall! There are a few opportunities for you to have the great experience of sharing God's word with our young ones between now and Christmas. Give it a try! Looking beyond

the holidays, you will definitely want meaningful things to fill your January and February days! As always, you can 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!

# "Unmentionables" Need Your SUPPORT!

Don't forget about the "Unmentionables"! In 2008, *Bra Recyclers* realized bras weren't being donated but also that they often ended up in landfills. *Bra Recyclers* helps provide shelters and high schools with these needed garments. Throughout October & November, look

through your "unmentionables" drawer and place any no longer used bras (any style, any size) in the bin in the parlor. The organization also collects *new* ladies' undies, which can be placed in the bin as well. You



can also donate to help us purchase these items for the group — just place your donations in the offering plate (checks payable to *FPCHH* & clearly marked *UNMENTIONABLES*) or donate on our PayPal site using the QR code & selecting *Unmentionables* in the dropdown list. Contact Jenni Maienza with any guestions!



# First Pres SAVE the YOUTH GROUP DATE(S)!



# Hayride & Bonfire Social Outing

All FPC teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join our Youth Group at Springdale Farms for a fall Hayride & Bonfire outing **TODAY**, **SUNDAY**, **November 16**, at **4:41pm**. Join us to capture the

fall weather together! The price is \$20/person and you can register by scanning the QR code here.





# Youth Group MobilePack Service Project

Our Youth Group has <u>25 spots</u> reserved for the annual *Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)* food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle

School on Saturday, November 22 from 12:00 to 2:00pm.

Join us and other volunteers 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

FPCHH 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 — they have currently filled all 50 spots, but they are opening up 4-5 additional spots for our youth (plus 2-3 adults). If you're interested, **please let Laura Masi know ASAP.** We also learned that we can use funds from the Ella B. Chase fund (received from Collingswood Pres) to cover 50% of your cost, bringing the total to \$300pp! Details are:

When: June 21-27, 2026 Where: West Virginia

Who: Rising 9th graders-12th graders

(including 2026 graduates)

Cost: \$300/person + add'l expenses
Scan the QR code for registration info or visit
<a href="https://asphome.org/about/">https://asphome.org/about/</a> to learn more about the

Appalachia Service Project organization.

