



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 21, 2026

4th 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 Robert F. Zimmerman by his son, Mark Zimmerman, and in loving memory of Betty Warnke by her children & grandchildren.



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal, The Worshipping Church**, unless otherwise noted.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Charles C. Converse
Joanne Erwin (Piano) & Bruce Erwin (Violin)

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.

P: Happy are those who meditate on God's Word.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

P: They flourish and do not wither.

L: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God!

P: Let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

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7 & Green Band

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM
28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
(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)

God of compassion and mercy, look upon us as we confess our sins. We have failed to live in the light of your covenant. We are fearful, full of distrust, and slow to forgive. We seek our own safety. We trust only in things we can control. We speak too much and listen too little. Forgive our failure to live in your Word. Help us to be the people you have created us to be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and sisters, we serve a God of mercy.

P: Because of who God is, we receive God's grace.

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

L: We trust in God, who created the world good.

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

L: We ignore God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and in ourselves.

P: We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

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

P: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Special Music: "God of the Mountain"

Jenni Maienza (Vocalist)

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

(OT p.10)

*Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Genesis 18:1-2,9-15; 21:1-7

(OT pp.14,16-17)

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: “I Am One of Them and So Are You” *Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “The Ash Grove” *Traditional Welsh Folk Song*
Bruce Erwin (violin), Joanne Erwin (piano),
Fred Heuser (guitar), & Sean Remington (guitar)

*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: “He's Got the Whole World”

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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
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Sandy Langford
- Barry Longmire
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- 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, brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, June 21

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
10:30am - Congregational Meeting



June 22 - June 28

Pastor Eliza Away for Continuing Ed

Wednesday, June 24

9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor
NO Adult Bible Study this week!



Deacons
Suzanne Lange
Ellie Wyckoff

Nursery
Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream
Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters
Al Andrews
Dan Mullan
Hal Wyckoff

A Congregational Meeting has been called for today, **Sunday, June 21, 2026**, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of receiving program reports and for the election of officers. Please plan to stay after worship today for this important meeting.

Sunday, June 21 after worship
Congregational Meeting
for Program Reports



Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSV)

The Call of Abram

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 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. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Second Scripture Lesson: Genesis 18:1-2, 9-15; 21:1-7 (NRSV)

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

The Birth of Isaac

¹ The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

This Is My Father's World 384

The morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy. Job 38:7

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2. This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that
3. This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

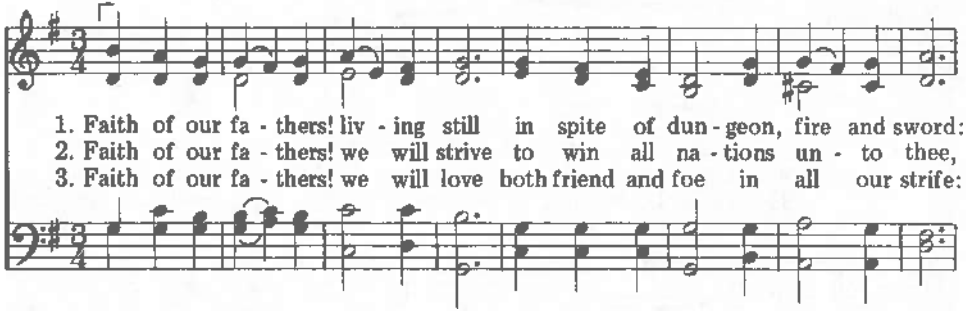
na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all
This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

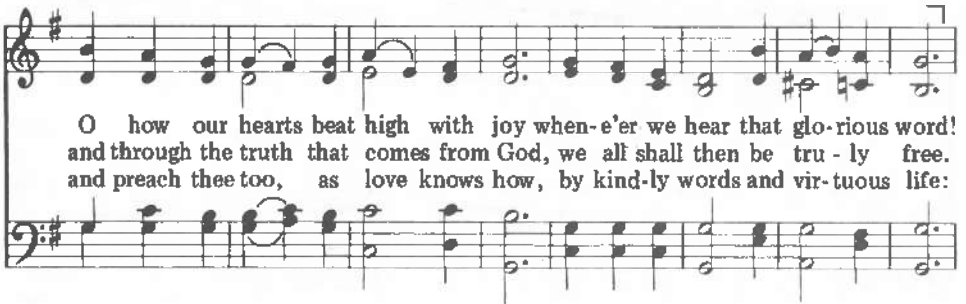
rocks and trees, of skies and seas— his hand the won - ders wrought.
earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.
Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

Faith of Our Fathers 692

Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 3



1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon, fire and sword:
2. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive to win all na - tions un - to thee,
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife:



O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!
and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be tru - ly free.
and preach thee too, as love knows how, by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life:



Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
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ST. CATHERINE
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518 He's Got the Whole World

In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:10

Unison

1. He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the
2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the
3. He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the
4. He's got you and me, broth - er, in his hands, he's got

whole world in his hands, he's got the
wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the
ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the
you and me, sis - ter, in his hands, he's got

whole world in his hands, he's got the
wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the
ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the
you and me, broth - er, in his hands, he's got the

D.C. Coda (after Verse 4)

whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

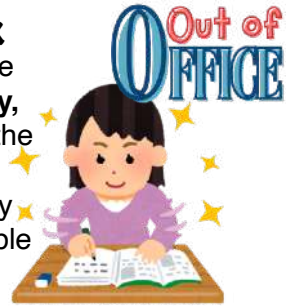
Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
JUN 21



Continuing Ed for Pastor Eliza Next Week

Please note that Pastor Eliza will be out of the office next week from **Monday, June 22 through Sunday, June 28**, for continuing education. Please contact the office or Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, for any immediate needs. Rev. Phil Oehlers from Woodbury Presbyterian Church (856-845-1244) is also available for pastoral emergencies during her absence.



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



See **Vicki Clarke** for more info!

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

SAVE the DATE!
Haddon Heights
**4TH OF JULY
PARADE!**
SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Men's Breakfast This Wednesday



The men of FPC will be gathering on Wednesday, **June 24**, at 9:00 AM in our parlor. Join them to share in camaraderie, a hearty breakfast, and a lively discussion on a thought-provoking topic or question. Please let Rick Clark know if you're coming for their head count. Hope to see you there!

Recognizing Our Service Members on July 5th

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



Beginning on June 21, worship on Sunday mornings will begin at 9:30. This traditional change allows congregation members to have more of their day remaining after worship. This worship time will remain in place through Labor Day weekend, September 6.



For June:



Cleaning Supplies!



PERSEVERING *toward* WHOLENESS

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) convenes June 22-July 2, 2026, with online committee meetings followed by in-person plenaries. While this year's gathering remains hybrid, GA will consider reinstating a fully in-person format, including the return of exhibit halls, beginning in 2028.

Saturday, June 27, will be a **community day of service** and witness in the Milwaukee area. A **mission fair** will be held on that day from 2-5 p.m. in response to calls to bring the exhibit hall back.

The **election for co-moderator** will be held at the end of the assembly, on July 2. The Rev. CeCe Armstrong and the Rev. Tony Larson, co-moderators of GA226, will preside over the GA227 plenaries.

Eight pastors have announced they will stand for co-moderator:

- The Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley will stand with the Rev. Dr. William C. Myers.
- The Rev. Rebecca Luter will stand with The Rev. Chris Peters.
- The Rev. Dr. Frances Lin will stand with the Rev. Dr. Sean Chow.
- The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer will stand with the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero.

Overtures on unification

The Unification Commission guided the formation of the **Presbyterian Life & Witness** (formerly the Interim Unified Agency), and GA227 will determine whether the current model becomes the denomination's permanent form of shared life.

Commissioners will hear the UC's report and vote on the 2027-2028 budget. Overtures recommend a new introduction to the Manual of the General Assembly, the reinstatement of the Office of Theology and Witness, and the reinstatement of the immigration attorney position.

24-A and 24-C oversight

Clarification is sought regarding **Amendments 24-A and 24-C**, widely referred to as the Olympia Overture, which added "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" to the categories protected from discrimination in the *Book of Order*. The passage of 24-C requires councils of the church to determine a candidate's commitment to fulfill all requirements outlined in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. GA227 is asked to establish a committee to study 24-C to assess whether its implications impair freedom of conscience.

Mission co-workers and missiology

Three overtures address interconnected questions following the **closure of World Mission** and the elimination of 54 co-worker positions: whether non-disclosure covenants silenced mission co-workers, whether the process violated the denomination's own policies, and what missiology will guide the PC(USA)'s global engagement going forward. A group of denominational leaders, former mission co-workers, and academics gathered in March to begin drafting a missiological statement to present if RIW-02 passes and directs staff to develop a new formal theology of mission.



MRTI and fossil fuels

Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) has recommended **divesting from ConocoPhillips and Duke Energy**, citing a lack of meaningful policies and practices regarding greenhouse gas emissions and continued fossil fuel development. The recommendation would place both companies on the denomination's divestment/proscription list, prohibiting further investment until they meet the church's environmental standards. A separate business item (COM-001) would direct MRTI to continue engaging additional Climate Action 100+ companies, with possible further divestment recommendations to be considered by the 228th Assembly. Another item (CLJ-02) goes further, seeking full divestment as soon as 2030.

LGBT+ advocacy

GEN-02, "On Access to Healthcare," calls on GA to declare that the PC(USA) supports all individuals, including minors, in accessing medically necessary, **evidence-based gender-affirming healthcare**. The overture builds on POL-01 from GA226, which added gender identity and sexual orientation to the denomination's non-discrimination language. The ongoing implementation of the Olympia Overture amendments continues to shape how the denomination approaches inclusion in ordination.

Israel/Palestine

Commissioners are asked to condemn the **Israeli government's actions** in Gaza as violations of the United Nations Genocide Convention and to call on members of the

church to contact Congress and the president to block U.S. military sales to Israel until Israel complies with international human rights law. The stated clerk, the Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C., and church members are called upon to urge the U.S. government to enact a trade embargo on Israel until certain humanitarian conditions are met.

The new confession

A special committee has proposed a **new confession** for the PC(USA) addressing contemporary issues such as racism, intersectionality, colonialism and ecological justice. The four-part document is described as "both a declaration of our faith and a confession of our sins." If GA227 approves the draft, a separate committee would study and potentially amend it before a subsequent assembly votes on its inclusion in the Book of Confessions.

Christian nationalism

COM-033 recommends that the assembly formally repudiate the ideology and practices of **White Christian nationalism** "in all its forms," distinguishing patriotism from nationalism and arguing that White Christian nationalism is fundamentally about power rather than genuine Christian faith. A companion overture would amend the *Book of Order* to prohibit the denomination from aligning with any theology that privileges a particular faith tradition in civic life.



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MEMORIAL garden

engraved memorial bricks



We are offering members and friends the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away, wherever they may be currently buried, by placing an engraved paving brick in our Memorial Garden. The bricks can be engraved with the name of your loved one, as well as their date of birth, date of passing, or an alternative inscription.

The paving bricks are **\$150 each** and will be installed in the garden when they arrive (approximately 12 weeks after we place our order). Please fill out the form on the reverse side with your inscription & return it to the church with your payment.

The Memorial Garden was first established in the courtyard at Collingswood Presbyterian Church; in 2025 it was carefully relocated to FPCHH along Green Street.



paving brick order form

Example:

M	i	c	h	a	e	l		J	a	m	e	s			
M	u	l	h	o	l	l	a	n	d		J	r	.		
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0	6	/	2	0	/	2	0	2	5						

Each brick holds **4 lines** of up to **17 characters** each. Enter your text using **one character per box** (all punctuation & spaces are considered one character). All text will be centered.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost: \$150 per brick

All orders are due by Wednesday, July 15.

Order forms & checks (payable to FPCHH) can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church at: 28 Seventh Ave. Haddon Heights, NJ 08035