



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 21, 2025

15th 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 Sharon Cole,
in honor of her family.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Jonah 2

L: I call to the Lord in my distress!

P: And God answered me.

L: I call to the Lord in my distress!

P: Out of the belly of Shoel, I cried.

L: I call to the Lord in my distress!

P: And God heard my voice.

L: I call to the Lord in my distress!

P: Let us praise our God!

***Gathering Hymn: "Morning Has Broken!"**

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*All hymns today were selected specifically as they
represent some of Pete Johnson's favorites.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

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



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We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: God is gracious and merciful.

P: God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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: God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.

L: In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and sisters.

P: The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.

L: Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellow humans, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God.

P: God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all are called to serve and defend.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Celebrate Joyfully!"

by Price & Besig

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

First Scripture Lesson: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 2:10

(OT, pp.859-860)

*Hymn: "Spirit Song"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Jonah 3:1-4:11

(OT, pp.860-861)

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: Three Strikes, No Outs”

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

*Sending Hymn: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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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.

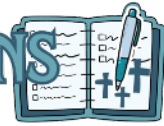
Postlude: “What About Me, Lord?”

(Recorded March 8, 2020)

Lyrics by Pete Johnson; Music by Derf Remington



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, 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

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Greeters

Beck Costello

Deacons

Melanie Diven
Kelly Evans
Janice Perry

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Cheryl Hauske
Marci Spiegle
Cheryl Walmsley

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-2nd

Kate Colantonio
Room 3

SS: 3rd-5th

Jenni Robinson
Room 7

SS: 6th-8th

Rick Clark
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Sept. 21

9:00am - Calvins Rehearsal
9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages
10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
11:30am - Celebration for Pete Johnson

Wednesday, Sept. 24

9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor
11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom
7:00pm - Historical House Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 25

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

Scripture Verses for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 2:10 (NRSV)

Jonah Tries to Run Away from God

¹ Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ² “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

⁶ The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

⁷ The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹ “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰ Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

¹¹ Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵ So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

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¹⁷ But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

¹ Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying,

“I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

¹⁰ Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

Second Scripture Lesson: Jonah 3:1-4:11 (NRSV)

Conversion of Nineveh

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸ Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands.

⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Jonah's Anger

¹ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Jonah Is Reproved

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Morning Has Broken

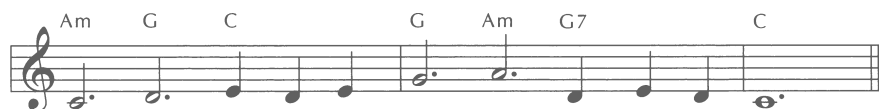
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

1. Oh, let the Son sing of God en - fold you, — with His
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness, — as your

1. Spir - it and His love, Let Him fill your heart and
2. hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet sur -

1. sat - is - fy — your soul. — Oh, let Him
2. ren - der to — His name. — Oh, give Him

1. have the things that hold you, — and His Spir - it like a
2. all your tears and sad - ness, — give Him all your years of

1. dove, Will de - scend up - on your life, and make you
2. pain, And you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus'

Words: John Wimber

Music: John Wimber

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(Spirit Song, continued)

1. whole. _____
2. name. _____

Je - sus. Oh,

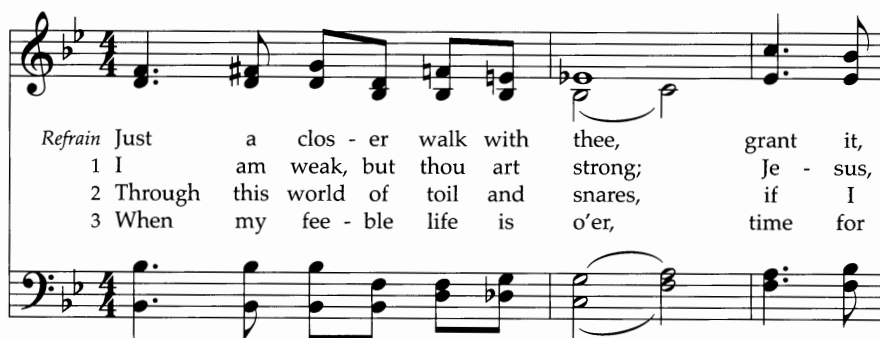
Je - sus, come and

fill your lambs. _____

Je - sus, Oh, Je - sus,

come and fill _____ your lambs. _____

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

Church Announcements

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Men's Breakfast This Wednesday



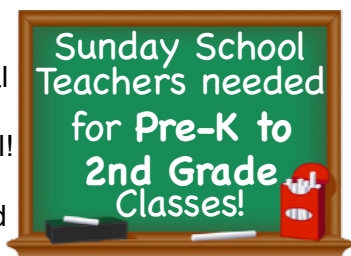
The men of FPC will be gathering on Wednesday, **September 24**, at 9:00 AM in our parlor. Join them to share in camaraderie, a hearty breakfast, and a lively discussion on a thought-provoking topic or question. Be sure to let Rick Clark know if you're coming for their head count. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School Superheroes Needed!

Our SS classes started last week with a special kick-off gathering and we're excited to begin training 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 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 from the CE Committee!



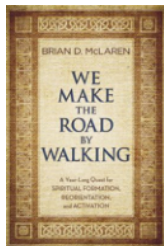
Adult Sunday School Classes Are In Full Swing!

Our two Sunday School classes for adults began last Sunday.

The Wired WORD™



The first class (in Room 2) is using *The Wired Word* curriculum, which chooses a weekly current event and analyzes how it relates to Scripture, encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives.



The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, (in the Nursery) is reading the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. The book provides insight on what it means to live joyfully & responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace, with discussion questions designed to encourage meaningful conversation. All adults are welcome — we hope you'll join us for either class!

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 next **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.

Uncovering Your Historical House Workshop

Our very own, Douglas McVarish, will be presenting a free workshop on uncovering the history of your historic house at 7pm **THIS Wednesday, September 24** in Greenfield Hall of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, located at 343 Kings Highway East. We hope you can join him for this informative and interesting workshop!



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!



"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**, judged by a panel of local 'celebrities'.

Sunday, September 21, 4-6PM

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

839 Haddon Ave., Collingswood

Tickets: \$20 Adults; \$10 Kids

(under 10)



Your dinner ticket includes: spaghetti and meatballs with salad, rolls and dessert. 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.*)

7 & Green Band Assistance Needed

We need your help! If you could use a bit of extra money, please consider being our setup person for the new *7 and Green Band*. It's not a lot of heavy lifting... mainly chairs & music stands.

They practice on the Saturday before the Sunday that they perform, so you just have to make sure they are set up for that rehearsal. The job also includes taking down the band's equipment, and periodically the bell choir's equipment as well. **Pay is \$50 for each time** you set up or break down the equipment. Contact the church office or Al Andrews for info.



Classical Recital Coming Next Month

Bruce Erwin will be giving a violin recital on **Saturday, October 18**, at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. The program will include Bela Bartok's *2nd Rhapsody* for violin and piano, Beethoven's *Romance in F major*, Tchaikovsky's *Scherzo op. 42* and a couple of fiddle tunes. Come on out to hear our talented violinist!

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.



Youth Group MobilePack Service Project

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



The Haddonfield Council of Churches is hosting the annual *Feed My Starving Children* (FMSC) food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle School on **Saturday, November 22**. Join volunteers of all ages & backgrounds as we come together to help pack life-saving meals for those suffering from food insecurity. Make sure to save the date — more details and the link to register will be coming soon!

SAVE the DATE



SEPTEMBER

Collection:

RICE!

(1-2lb bags or boxes)



Fall Sermon Series

10/5: HABAKKUK

10/12: 2ND ISAIAH

10/19: EZEKIEL

10/26: EZEKIEL

11/16: 3RD ISAIAH

9/7: JEREMIAH

9/14: ISAIAH

9/21: JONAH

9/28: AMOS & MICAH

GOD'S JUSTICE LEAGUE:

PROPHETS FROM THEN FOR NOW

