



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2026
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.**



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Bruce Erwin,
in loving memory of his parents, Jack & Ella Erwin.*



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



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Isaiah 40

L: The glory of the Lord will be revealed,

P: And all people shall see it together.

L: The grass withers, the flower fades,

P: When the breath of the Lord blows upon it.

L: The grass withers, the flower fades;

P: But the word of our God will stand forever.

*Gathering Hymn

Congregational Selection

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM

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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 mercy, hear us as we confess to you. We speak when we should listen. We hesitate when we should act. We harden our hearts instead of opening them. Selfishness hinders our service to others. Inaction prevents our proclamation of your word. Redeem us in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sisters, amid the countless things we cannot fully comprehend is this:

P: God so loves us as to shower us with grace and mercy.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (*Red Hymnal*)

***Affirmation of Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 11, selected verses (*NT pp.225-226*)

*Hymn: "We Walk by Faith & Not by Sight"

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Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14

(*NT pp.91-92*)

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.

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Abide with Me"

by Cindy Blevins

Douglas McVarish, Penny Whistle

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Communion

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

*Closing Hymn: "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

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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:

• Adin Borden	• Lynn & Tom Spina
• Sally Burrough	• Deborah Blackiston
• Nancy & Bob Celebre	• Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
• Donna & John Duca	• Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
• Joe & Marie Guerra	• Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
• Lorrie Heuser	• Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
• Tony Logandro	• Dick Boyle, Candace Lowden's brother-in-law
• Barry Longmire	• Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
• Evelyn Miraglia	• Elijah Scardilli, friends of Hudsons' grandson
• Patti Pawling	• Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
• Dottie Rheinbold	• Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
• Michael Sabolcik	• Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>LiveStream</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Kate Colantonio	Abby Burrough	Erin Gallagher	Will Burrough
Janice Perry	Maria Masi		Patti Pawling
			Judy Wilson

Communion Server: Carmen Muni

Sunday, Sept. 6

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

Monday, Sept. 7

Happy Labor Day! (Church office closed)

Wednesday, Sept. 9

7:00pm - Session Meeting, Parlor

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Thursday, Sept. 10

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

Saturday, Sept. 12

11:00am - 7 & Green Band Rehearsal

Scriptures for Today's Service

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 11: selected verses (NRSV)

The Meaning of Faith;

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

The Faith of Abel, Enoch, & Noah;

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

The Faith of Abraham;

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Hebrews 11: *selected verses* — continued

The Faith of Moses;

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

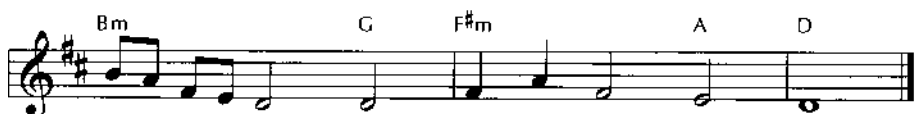
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) F (Em7) Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) F (Asus) Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) B^b (D) F (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) C7 (D) F (G) B^b (A7) C7 (D) F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; 7 ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) B^b (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (Asus) Csus (A) C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29 / Luke 22:18 / Mark 14:25).

Church Announcements



Celebrating our 125th Anniversary

125 YEARS OF FAITH



In honor of the 125th Anniversary of our church, we will be holding brunch immediately after church on **Sunday, November 1**. The event will be at Tavistock Country Club and will include entertainment along with a buffet brunch. There will be no charge for the event, but you will need a reservation in order to attend. More information is to follow!

CELEBRATION BRUNCH! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1



- Tavistock Country Club
- Buffet Brunch*
- Entertainment

**no charge; reservations required*

Have a Say in the Church Budget!

It's that time of year again, and a budget committee needs to be established. This committee always includes the president of Trustees, Personnel Committee chair, church treasurer and Stewardship Committee chair. However, input and perspective are needed from congregation members who are willing to serve as at-large representatives on the committee. Two volunteers are ideal. You don't need to be good with numbers to participate, just willing to share your thoughts during the discussions. The committee meets one time in person in late September; anything else that comes up is handled via email. Once the budget has been set the work of the committee is finished. If this interests you please let Leslie Clark know. It will be first come, first selected!



Have You Seen Me??

We have misplaced this very treasured **and original (!)** bulletin from the worship service celebrating FPCHH's 10th Anniversary in November 1911. If you have seen it, please contact the office. It is approximately 6" x 6" and was in a clear plastic page protector. Thanks for your help!



2026 CROP Hunger Walk

Registration for the Haddon Heights **CROP Hunger Walk** is open! No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people— it's part of a movement, taking steps to provide meals for those in our community and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. Join in the fight against hunger and help make a difference in the lives of others.



Scan the QR code here (or click on the link in your e-News) to register to walk or to sponsor a walker in our Interborough Ministerium.

walk. give. change the world.



Village Playbox Presents ...

Village Playbox returns to the stage this month with their One-Act Play Festival, on September 17, 18, & 19 in our Social Hall. Join them for an evening of variety & entertainment.



Dates: Thursday, September 17, 8pm
Friday, September 18, 8pm
Saturday, September 19, 8pm

Tickets: \$10 per person (Purchase by scanning the QR code here or go to: <http://villageplaybox.org/tix/checkoutact1scene1.htm> — tickets also available at the door.)

2026 Church Directory 2027 Coming in September!

Have you checked to make sure your contact info listed in our current church directory is correct? Don't forget to contact the church office to update your info before we print the next one!



IN SEARCH OF

FALL SERMON
SERIES 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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OF HADDON HEIGHTS



FINDING GOD IN THE STORIES OF EXODUS

Sept. 13: In Search of a New Story (Exodus 2)

Sept. 20: In Search of Holy Ground (Exodus 3-4)

Sept. 27: In Search of a Softened Heart (Exodus 7-11)

Oct. 4: In Search of a Great Escape (Exodus 14)

Oct. 11: In Search of Whine and Bread (Exodus 16)

Oct. 18: In Search of Decency and Order (Exodus 18)

Oct. 25: In Search of An Instruction Manual (Exodus 20)

Nov. 1: In Search of All Our Saints (Exodus 33, Deut. 34)

Nov. 15: In Search of Our Promised Land (Joshua 3-4)

Nov. 22: In Search of Gratefulness (Deuteronomy 8)

Deacons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast & Worship in the Social Hall

NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us as we celebrate
the end of summer and
return to our 10:30 AM
worship time!

Sunday, September 13
@ 9:30 AM



Breakfast
at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am 
in the Social Hall



For September:

RICE!
(1-2lb bags
or boxes)

