



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2026

16th 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 Sandy Langford,
in loving memory of Pat & Dick Edwards;
and given by Don Hart, in honor of Libby's birthday.*



All hymns & scriptures today are **in your bulletin.**



Pre-Service Music

*7 & Green Band
Day by Day; In My Life; Count on Me;
Down by the Riverside; Folsom Prison Blues*

Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"
Joanne Erwin, Keyboard

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalms 124

L: Our help is in the name of God,

P: Who made Heaven and Earth.

L: For the Lord was on our side:

P: When enemies attacked us.

L: For the Lord was on our side:

P: When the floods swept over us.

L: Our help is in the name of God,

P: Who made Heaven and Earth.

*Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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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)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are too conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, instead of noticing your quiet blessings. We conform to this world's reckless waste, instead of caring for the world you entrusted to us. We conform to this world's shallow values, instead of living by your values. Help us to conform to your ways and transform us into your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, hear the good news. God is gracious and righteous.

P: **Our God is full of compassion.**

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

P: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Gloria Patri: "Glory Be to the Father"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***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

Special Music: "You Are the Light of the World"

*by Paul Tate
Jenni Maienza, Vocals*

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 1:8-22

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*Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 2:1-10

(insert)

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: "In Search of a New Story"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Shall We Gather at the River"

*by R. Edwards
7 & Green Band*

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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: "Peace Like a River"

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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: "Plastic Jesus"

7 & Green Band



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

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

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons
*All Hands
on Deck!*

Nursery
Kam Evans
Maria Masi

LiveStream
Erin Gallagher

Counters
Al Andrews
Leslie Clark
Cathy Zobel



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Sept. 13

9:30am - Deacons' Pancake Breakfast,
in the Social Hall
10:30am - Worship in the Social Hall,
& streamed on Facebook

Monday, Sept. 14

Mary Johnson out of the office;
church office hours may vary

Tuesday, Sept. 15

9:30am - Friendship Circle, Parlor

Thursday, Sept. 17

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

September 17 - 19

8:00pm - Village Playbox's "One Act
Play Festival" in the Social Hall

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 1:8-22 (NRSV)

The Israelites Are Oppressed

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 2:1-10 (NRSV)

Birth and Youth of Moses

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

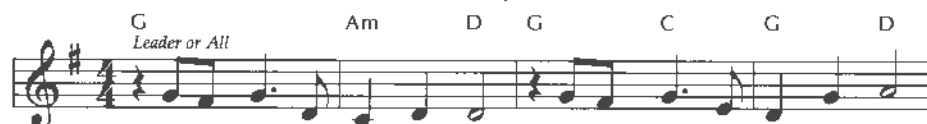
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

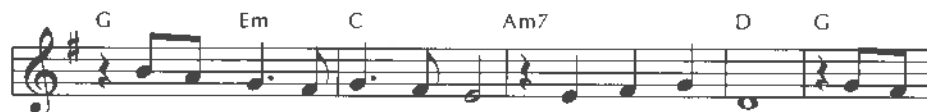
Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK
SEP 13**



Deacons' Famous
Pancake Breakfast
TODAY in the Social Hall!
Pancakes @9:30am
Worship @10:30am

**MANY THANKS TO OUR HARD-WORKING
DEACONS FOR BREAKFAST TODAY!**

Sunday School Starts Next Sunday!

We are SO excited about our first day of Sunday School for the new year next Sunday, **September 20, at 9:30am!** We hope you'll be able to volunteer to teach one of our Sunday School classes! If you can commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our children — but a single week helps, too!. Everything is prepared ahead of time for you! Sign up to teach on the board in the Parlor. Contact Kathy Mullan for more information.



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.)

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 on **Sunday, September 27**, after worship in her study. Please let her know if you are interested by contacting the office or reaching out to her directly.

Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary

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!

125 YEARS OF FAITH



CELEBRATION BRUNCH!
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1

- Tavistock Country Club
- Buffet Brunch*
- Entertainment

**no charge; reservations required*

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.



CROP
HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 11



For September:

RICE!
(1-2lb bags
or boxes)



IN SEARCH OF



FALL SERMON
SERIES 2026

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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)

2026-2027 Church Directory

Coming in September!

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office with any revisions. Thank you!

