



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 28, 2025

## 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.**



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



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Mary Jane Lange in loving memory of her parents, Alice & Charles Smith.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

*Mike Rugge, Organist*

### We Come Into God's Presence

**Call to Worship** (L—Leader / P—People)

*Micah 6/Amos 5*

L: With what shall we come before the Lord?

**P: Shall we come with burnt-offerings?**

L: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?

**P: Shall we come with festival?**

L: Will the Lord take delight in solemn assemblies?

**P: O mortals, God has already told us what is good.**

L: What does the Lord require of us?

**P: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

L: To let justice roll down like waters,

**P: And righteousness like an ever flowing stream.**

\*Gathering Hymn: "Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples" #757

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)

**Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need. You call us to share our abundance, but we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Silent Confession

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**L:** People of God, who is in a position to condemn?

**P:** **Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy.**

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

**L:** The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations the search for cooperation and peace.

**P:** **Although nations may serve God's purpose in history, the church denies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life.**

**L:** Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited,

**P:** **The cause of the world's poor is the cause of Jesus' disciples. Amen.**

## **We Read and Proclaim God's Word**

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Reflections from Micah" *by Joseph Martin*  
*Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music*

**First Scripture Lesson:** Amos 5:18-24

(OT, p.854)

\*Hymn: "This Is My Song"

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**Second Scripture Lesson:** Micah 4:1-7; 6:1-8 (OT, pp.864 & 866)

**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: Walk Humbly & Carry a Plowshare”  
*Rev. Eliza C. Jaremkó*

**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: “Come! Live In the Light”

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**Benediction** (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent  
one from the other.**

Choral Response

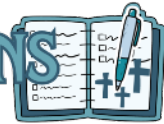
L: Our worship together has ended.

**P: Now our service begins.**

Postlude



# 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**

Laura &  
Maria Masi

## **Deacons**

Melanie Diven  
Kelly Evans  
Janice Perry

## **LiveStream**

Korey Owens  
Erin Gallagher

## **Counters**

Cheryl Hauske  
Marci Spiegle  
Cheryl Walmsley

## **Nursery**

Abby Burrough  
Maria Masi

## **SS: Adults**

Class-led  
Room 2

## **Faith-Walk Class**

Pastor Eliza  
Nursery

## **SS: PreK-2nd**

Kim Muni  
Room 3

## **SS: 3rd-5th**

Kate Colantonio  
Room 7

## **SS: 6th-8th**

Rick Clark  
Room 6

## **THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...**

### **Sunday, Sept. 28**

- 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 - Membership Informational Meeting, Pastor Eliza's Study

### **Monday, Sept. 29**

Mary & Eliza Away: Office Closed

### **Wednesday, Oct. 1**

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

### **Thursday, Oct. 2**

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

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

### **First Scripture Lesson: Amos 5:18-24 (NRSV)**

*The Day of the Lord a Dark Day*

<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light,

<sup>19</sup> as if someone fled from a lion

and was met by a bear

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them,

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like water

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## **Second Scripture Lesson: Micah 4:1-7 (NRSV)**

### *Peace and Security through Obedience*

<sup>1</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's temple  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more;

<sup>4</sup> but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid,  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

<sup>5</sup> For all the peoples walk,  
each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God  
forever and ever.

### *Restoration Promised after Exile*

<sup>6</sup> On that day, says the Lord,  
I will assemble the lame  
and gather those who have been driven away  
and those whom I have afflicted.

<sup>7</sup> The lame I will make the remnant,  
and those who were cast off, a strong nation,  
and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion  
now and forevermore.

## Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

### *God Challenges Israel*

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

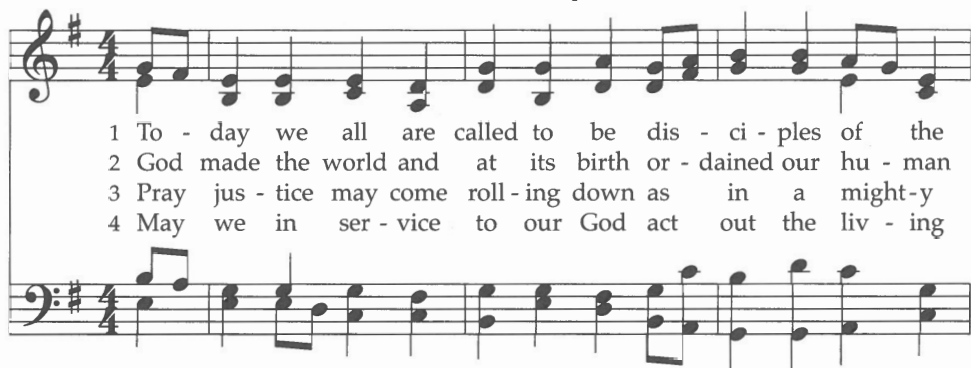
### *What God Requires*

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

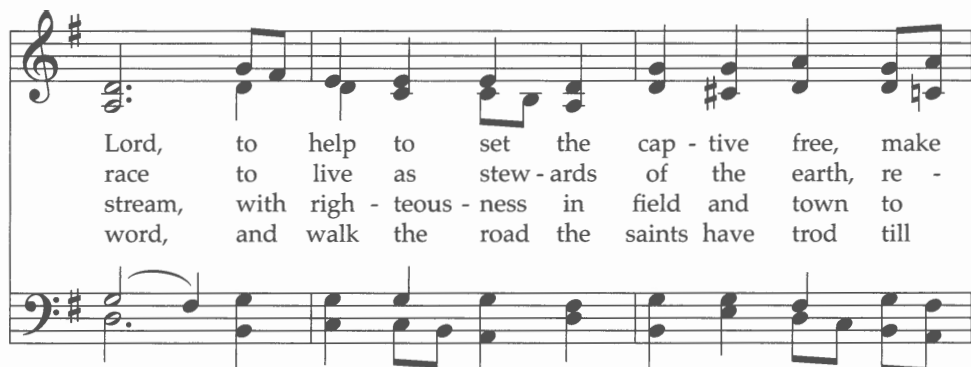
<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

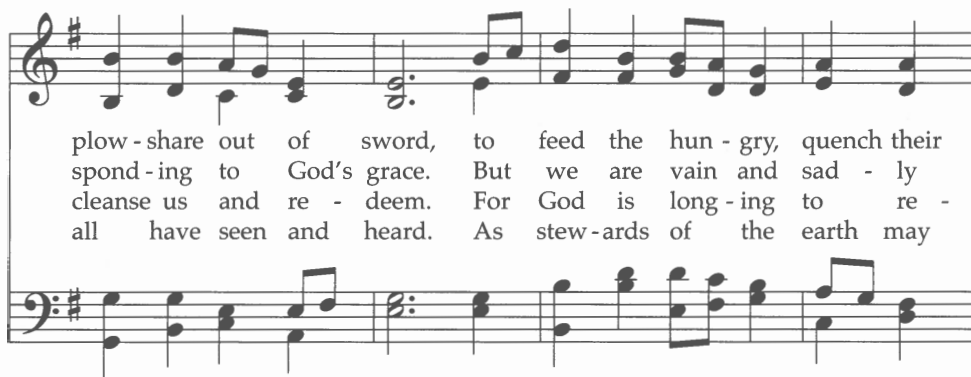
# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might-y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

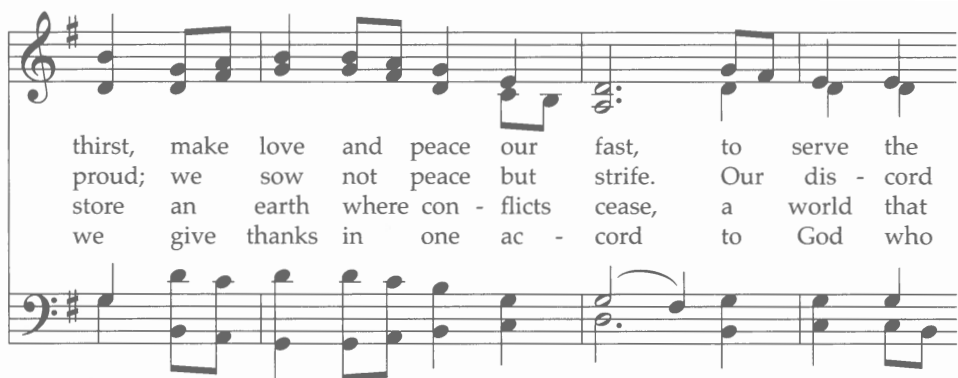


plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

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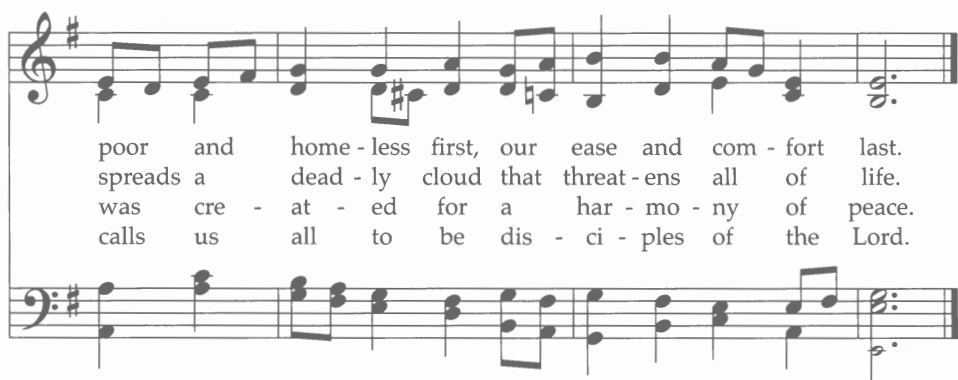


*(Today We Are Called to Be Disciples, continued)*



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

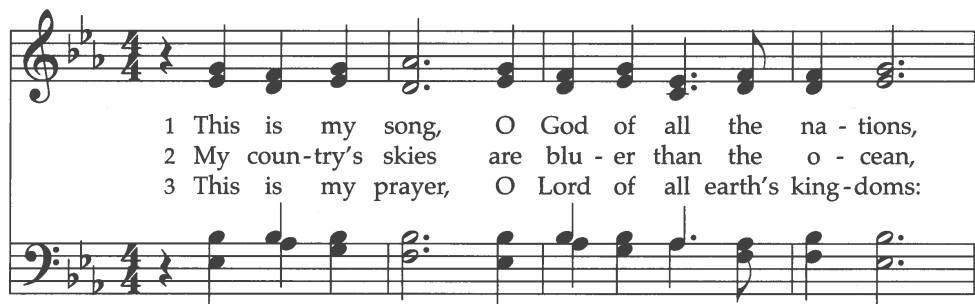
The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.



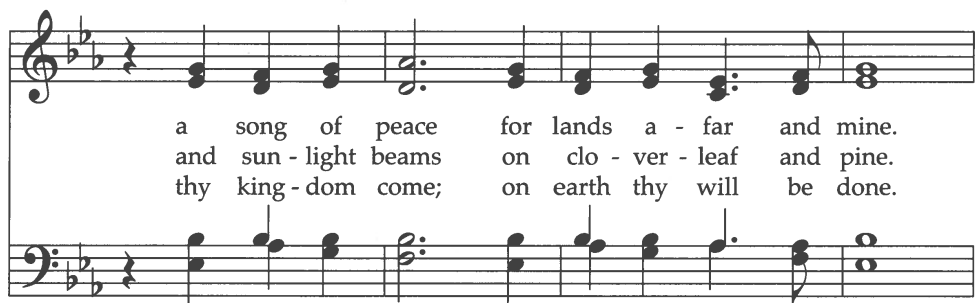
poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It also consists of a treble and a bass staff in D major. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

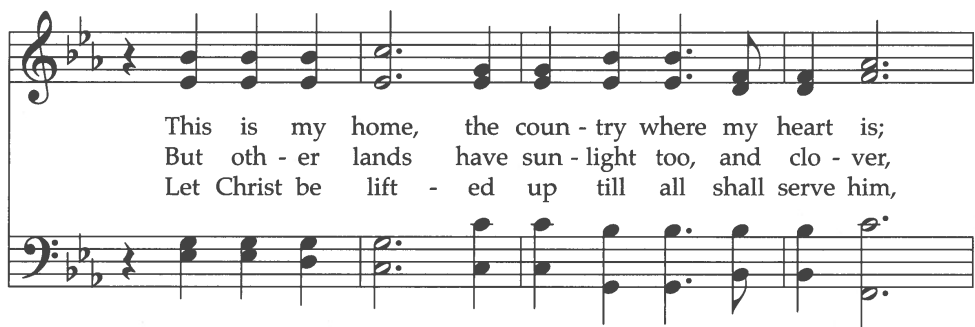
## This Is My Song



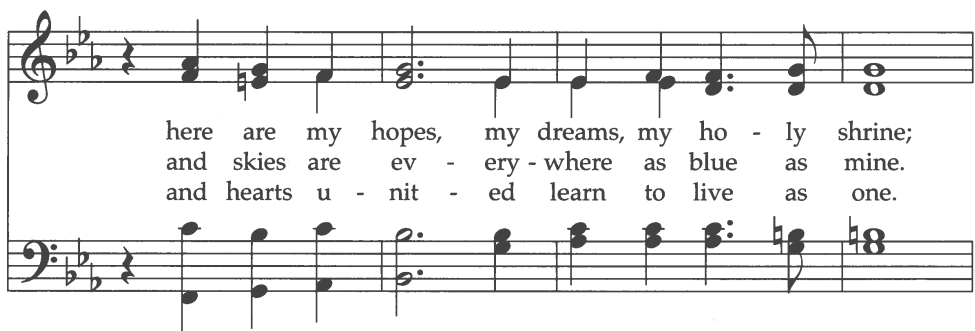
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

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*(This Is My Song, continued)*

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.  
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.  
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## Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

## Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

# Church Announcements

THIS  
WEEK  
SEP 28



## 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 **today**, after worship in her study.

## Come Out to 'Dine & Discover' with IHOC

IHOC will be holding an informational dinner gathering at FPCHH (in the Parlor) on **Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00pm**. The gathering will give attendees the opportunity to explore the questions and myths associated with homelessness and learn more about IHOC's new initiatives. **Please RSVP by October 1 to Cheryl Hauske**, or directly to IHOC ([info@ihocsj.org](mailto:info@ihocsj.org)) to let them know you're attending.



## Custom FPCHH Mugs for Sale — \$10 each

The deacons are happy to announce that they are once again taking orders for your **personalized FPCHH coffee mugs**. The cost is still only \$10. If you don't have one yet, now is your chance! There is an order sheet on the piano in the parlor. Please indicate on the order sheet what name you would like on your mug. Payment can be given to any deacon. Contact Bill Burrough with any questions. *Orders due by Sunday, October 12!*



## Time to 'Step' Up for the CROP Hunger Walk!

Save the date for this year's CROP Hunger Walk, on **Sunday, October 12, at 1pm**. We'd love to get more registered walkers this year, so take a look at the website

(or reach out to Patti Pawling) & consider signing up to walk with FPCHH. We'll meet at Logan Memorial Church in Audubon and begin the walk there following a similar route as in previous years. Scan the QR code here (or click the link in your e-News) to register to walk or support our Haddon Heights team in their walk to end hunger.



walk. give. change the world.

## Sunday School Superheroes Needed!

Our SS classes are in full swing and we're excited to enter a new season inspiring 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!

## Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of PFSNJ is holding their annual Fall Gathering on **Saturday, October 18**, from 9:30am - 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield (20 Kings Hwy East). The speaker is Dorrie Papademetriou, founder of *MudGirls Studios* in Atlantic City. *MudGirls Studios* transforms the lives of women facing adversity, offering them training, employment, and guidance toward



### Empowering Women. Making Hope Out Of Clay.



*Some pieces created in the MudGirls Studios program.*

a path of self-sufficiency—using clay as their vehicle to change lives.

Through their own creations and sales of functional art & aesthetic objects, these women gain a source of long-term supplemental income along the way. Join women from throughout our presbytery to learn

about this local south Jersey program of hope and resiliency.

Registration & light breakfast begins at 9:30am; all women & friends are invited. RSVP to Joanne Erwin.

## Boscov's Friends Helping ... Mission Teens!

Start your Christmas shopping early at Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends** discount shopping day on **Wednesday, October 22** from 8am - 11pm.

Purchase a discount pass from Pat Masi for just \$5; use your pass for 25% off Boscov's lowest sale prices on everything in the store, or enter the discount code online for 25% off your online purchases. All profits from the discount passes go directly to support Mission Teens.



## Office Closed Monday, September 29

The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 29, due to both Mary and Pastor Eliza being away for the day. Please contact Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, in an emergency.



## 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!

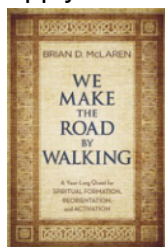
## Adult Sunday School Classes Are In Full Swing!

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!

## 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.



## Youth Group MobilePack Service Project

**First Pres** *Service Project*  
**YOUTH GROUP**

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: 2<sup>ND</sup> ISAIAH
- 10/19: EZEKIEL
- 10/26: EZEKIEL
- 11/16: 3<sup>RD</sup> ISAIAH

### GOD'S JUSTICE LEAGUE: PROPHETS FROM THEN FOR NOW



- 9/7: JEREMIAH
- 9/14: ISAIAH
- 9/21: JONAH
- 9/28: AMOS & MICAH

