



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

*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 the Bogina family,
in loving memory of Ivan F. Bogina.*



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)

Exodus 15

L: The Lord is our strength and our might.

P: God has become my salvation.

L: This is my God, and I will give praise.

P: This is my ancestors' God, and I will rejoice.

L: In God's steadfast love, all people are redeemed.

P: The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

L: Let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn: "O for a World"

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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)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us, but we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved others, and we have not loved ourselves. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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:**

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

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:1-14

(OT pp.60-61)

*Hymn: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:15-31

(OT p.61)

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 Pursuit of a Great Escape"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Bread of the World"

by Michael Bret Rhodes

Chancel Choir; Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

*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 / Litany for World Communion Sunday

P: We believe that we approach's our Lord's Table alongside Christians throughout this whole world.

L: We dine at God's table as sisters and brothers, diverse in culture, yet nourished as one.

P: The bread & cup we share here unite all who claim Christ as Lord.

L: In Christ's broken body, we're fed and made stronger.

P: Here, we pray for God's peace to be done through us.

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You, the Ruler of the Universe, have fed us by your own hand. Help us arise from this table to serve your world with your peace, justice, and reconciliation. 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: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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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:

- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Karen Mazak
- Evelyn Miraglia
- 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
- Janice Logandro, Tony Logandro's wife
- Maggie, granddaughter of Jim & Jill Hoovler

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>LiveStream</u>	<u>Counters</u>
	Jack Powers & DJ Volk	Kate Colantonio Ro Hudson Margie Kent	Erin Gallagher	Vicki Clarke Sharon Cole Dan Mullan
	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>SS: Adults</u>	<u>Faith-Walk Class</u>	<u>Communion</u>
	Abby Burrough Maria Masi	Class-led Room 2	Pastor Eliza Nursery	Leslie Clark Vicki Clarke
<u>SS: PreK-2nd</u>	<u>SS: Grades 3-5</u>	<u>SS: Grades 6-8</u>		
Kate Colantonio Room 3	Kathy Mullan Room 7	Rick Clark Room 6		

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:1-14 (NRSV)

Crossing the Red Sea

¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, ² “Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. ³ Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, ‘They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them.’ ⁴ I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.” And they did so.

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, “What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?” ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; ⁷ he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸ The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. ⁹ The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:15-31 (NRSV)

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶ But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸ Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

The Pursuers Drowned

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

O for a World

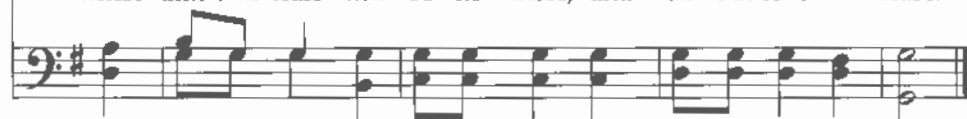
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- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
- 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

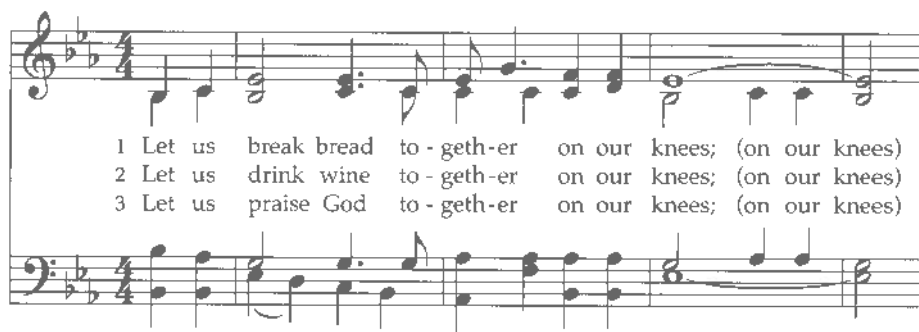


led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.



One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)



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Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK**
OCT 4

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, October 4

9:00am - Calvin Choir Rehearsal
9:30am - Sunday School for All Ages
10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
11:30am - Friendship Circle Hoagie Sale

Wednesday, Oct. 7

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 8

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

125 YEARS OF FAITH



Celebration Brunch!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Now Accepting Reservations!

- Tavistock Country Club
- Buffet Brunch
- Entertainment



We'll begin celebrating our 125th anniversary on **Sunday, November 1**, with a church-wide buffet brunch at Tavistock Country Club. All members & friends are invited to attend; there is no charge, but you must make a reservation. We are restricted to 130 attendees, so if you plan to come, please be sure to sign up at the table in the parlor **starting on Sunday, October 4**. A committee member will be there to record your reservation and your table seating preference. If you're unable to sign up in person, you can contact the church office (info.fpchh@gmail.com; 856-547-6139) to reserve a spot; be sure to include your name(s) & who you would like

TAVISTOCK DRESS CODE

Tavistock is very particular about their dress code; please adhere to these rules regarding attire.

The following items are NOT allowed:

- jeans
- sweat pants; sweatshirts
- printed tee shirts
- inappropriate clothing or accessories
- baseball caps

to sit with, if you have a preference. It will be a fun afternoon with your friends from First Pres as we celebrate this special occasion!

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

**Next Sunday!
October 11**

Mission Committee Seeking New Members



Are you passionate about missions and helping others? In honor of Eliza's Summer Series sermons ... *We, the People of the Mission Committee*, are looking to expand our committee! The Committee financially supports 9 different local organizations and has many projects throughout the year. If you would like to join the Mission Committee or learn more about it, please contact Hal Wyckoff.

Sunday School & Bible Study Topics This Fall

We hope you'll join one of these Adult Bible Study groups this fall!

The Wired WORD™

The regular adult Sunday School class, meeting in Room 2, is using *The Wired Word* curriculum, which chooses a weekly current event and analyzes how it relates to scripture, while encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives.



The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, (Nursery) is reading the book, *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*, by Hanna Reichel, which provides a thoughtful framework for discernment rooted in scripture, historical wisdom, and the core commitments of Christian faith.

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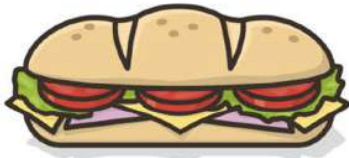
Our Wednesday Bible Study group meets weekly via Zoom at 11am from the comfort of their homes. They are beginning their study of the book of Revelation for this fall. Please contact the office for the zoom link.

Electronics Recycling & Paper Shredding Event

On **Saturday, October 17, from 9am-11am** (or until the shredding truck is filled), Audubon & Haddon Heights residents are encouraged to bring their electronics and paper (limit of 4 boxes per person) to the Borough of Audubon Parking Lot (606 W. Nicholson Road — between Applebees & Audubon Senior Towers) for proper recycling and shredding. This even is held rain or shine. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Hauske.



HOAGIE SALE



The women's Friendship Circle hoagie sale is a fundraiser that will support their many charitable projects.

Look for us in the parlor!

Carmen's Deli* 8" Hoagies Italian or Turkey

1 for \$10

2 for \$18

3 for \$25

More than 3, \$8 each

ORDER/PAY

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11

**PICK UP
October
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* Carmen's Deli is part of Del Buono's Bakery on the Black Horse Pike in Haddon Heights, owned by FPCHH congregant Tom Whitman. When you see Tom, say "thank you" for his support of our fundraiser.



For October: Cereal, Breakfast Bars & Instant Breakfast



IN SEARCH OF HOLY GROUND

FINDING GOD IN THE STORIES OF EXODUS

FALL SERMON SERIES 2026 | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HADDON HEIGHTS

9/13 In Search of a New Story (Exodus 2)

9/20 In Search of Holy Ground (Exodus 3-4)

9/27 In Search of a Softened Heart (Exodus 7-11)

10/4 In Search of a Great Escape (Exodus 14)

10/11 In Search of Whine and Bread (Exodus 16)

10/18 In Search of Decency and Order (Exodus 18)

10/25 In Search of An Instruction Manual (Exodus 20)

11/1 In Search of All Our Saints (Exodus 33, Deut. 34)

11/15 In Search of Our Promised Land (Joshua 3-4)

11/22 In Search of Gratefulness (Deuteronomy 8)