



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2026

14th 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 Ro & Jeff Hudson,
in honor of Ellen Hudson & Kevin Marceski on their anniversary.*



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)

Matthew 5

L: Come, all who are poor.

P: Come, all who need comfort.

L: Come, all who are meek.

P: Come, all who mourn.

L: Come, all who are hungry.

P: Come, all who are thirsty.

L: Come, all who make peace;

P: Let us sit with Jesus.

L: Let us worship God!

*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)

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose apathy. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Sisters and Brothers, rejoice and be glad!

P: For Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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 Confession of Belhar

P: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

L: That the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;

P: That the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;

L: That the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

P: That God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and,

L: That God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience,

P: Which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 1

(OT p.489)

*Hymn: "In This Time of Great Reflection"

(insert, all verses)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-11

(NT p.4; to be read from the Common English Bible)

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 Happiness”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Sitting in the Stern of a Boat” *by Rev. McLeod
Bruce Erwin, violin; Joanne Erwin, cello*

*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

*Closing Hymn: “Come, Live in the Light”

#749

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
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Tony Logandro
- Barry Longmire
- 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
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- 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
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
- Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
- Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister
- Matthew, grandson of Al & Anne Andrews

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Deacons

Kate Colantonio
Laura Masi

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens, Jr

Counters

Will Burrough
Patti Pawling
Judy Wilson



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, August 30

9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB
10:30am - Mission Service Sunday -
Birthday Kit assembly in the parlor

Tuesday, Sept. 1

7:00pm - FPC Proclamation at HH
Borough Meeting, at Borough Hall

Thursday, Sept. 3

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

Regular Worship Time
10:30am
Starts September 13



**Chancel and Bell
Choir rehearsals
begin next week
on Thursday,
September 3!**

Scriptures for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 1 (NRSV)

The Two Ways

¹ Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread

or sit in the seat of scoffers,

² but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-11 (Common English Bible)

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down
and his disciples came to him. ² He taught them, saying:

Happy people

³ "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is
theirs.

⁴ "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

⁵ "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because
they will be fed until they are full.

⁷ "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

⁹ "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's
children.

¹⁰ "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous,
because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹ "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all
kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me.

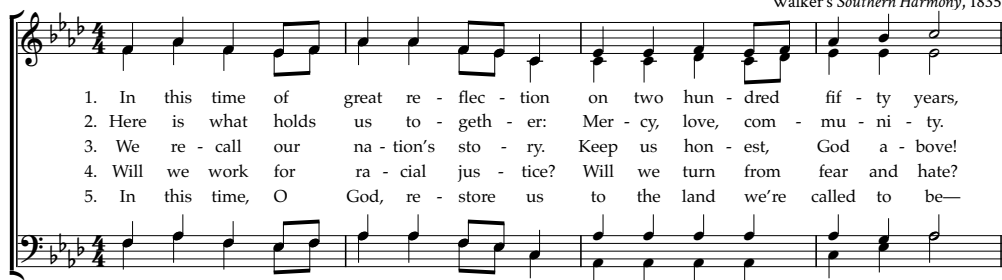
(All Verses)

In This Time of Great Reflection

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2026

Restoration

Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835



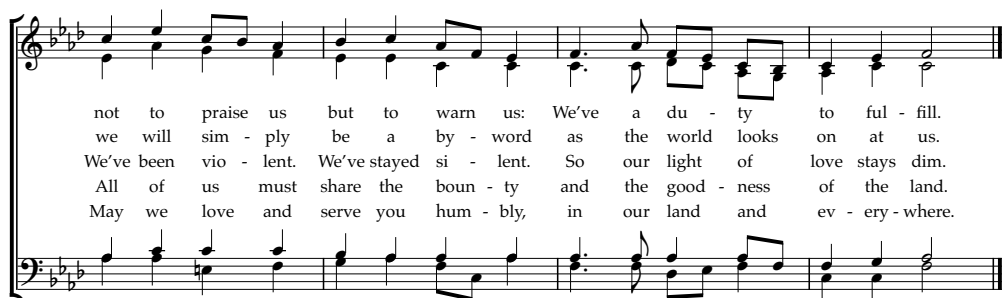
1. In this time of great re - flec - tion on two hun - dred fif - ty years,
2. Here is what holds us to - geth - er: Mer - cy, love, com - mu - ni - ty.
3. We re - call our na - tion's sto - ry. Keep us hon - est, God a - bove!
4. Will we work for ra - cial jus - tice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
5. In this time, O God, re - store us to the land we're called to be—



We re - mem - ber, as a na - tion, times we've pros - pered, times of tears.
We're to seek to care for neigh - bors in a just so - ci - e - ty.
In our quest for wealth and glo - ry, we have in - jured ones you love.
What is now the pub - lic wit - ness that you call us to cre - ate?
where all peo - ple here a - mong us know your blest com - mu - ni - ty.



"We shall be," a prea - cher told us, "as a ci - ty on a hill"—
If we fail to help the nee - dy and to build a land that's just,
Through en - slave - ment, through dis - place - ment, we have cho - sen ways of sin.
As we ce - le - brate our coun - try, help us, Lord, to un - der - stand:
May we seek to be that ci - ty, not with pride but as a prayer.



not to praise us but to warn us: We've a du - ty to ful - fill.
we will sim - ply be a by - word as the world looks on at us.
We've been vio - lent. We've stayed si - lent. So our light of love stays dim.
All of us must share the boun - ty and the good - ness of the land.
May we love and serve you hum - bly, in our land and ev - ery - where.

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
AUG 30**

Our 125th Anniversary Celebration Begins!

The start of our church's 125th Anniversary celebration will be next **Tuesday, September 1**, when the Borough of Haddon Heights will present Pastor Eliza with a proclamation noting and celebrating our special anniversary. Anyone who would like to attend is invited & encouraged to do so at **7:00pm at Borough Hall** (625 Station Ave.).



Save the Date!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
**125th Anniversary
Celebration**

Tavistock Country Club

- Buffet Brunch*
- Entertainment

**no charge; reservations required*

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. However, you will need to make a reservation in order to attend. More information is to follow.

Mission Project after Worship

Thank you to everyone who contributed cake mixes and icing for our Birthday Kit project. The Mission Committee has purchased cake pans, candles, plates & napkins to complete the kits. Today after worship we'll be gathering for our Mission Service Sunday (5th Sunday of the month) — everyone is invited to join us in packing up the birthday kits for a special birthday celebration for these families.



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!



A Successful School Supplies Collection



What a wonderful treasure of school supplies you donated!! The supplies have been divided amongst, and delivered to, four local school districts: Lawnside Public School, Barrington Schools (Woodland & Avon), Sharp School (Collingswood), & Haddon Heights Elementary Schools (Atlantic Avenue, 7th Avenue, & Glenview). Thank you to all who donated!



Sanctuary Ceiling & Wall Repairs

The inside repairs to the chancel ceiling & walls are almost complete; we expect to be back in the chancel area by next Sunday. Thanks for your patience, and a special thank you goes to Mark Zimmerman and "the guys" for working so diligently to make these important repairs.

Deacons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast



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

Breakfast
at 9:30am



Worship at 10:30am +
in the Social Hall



IN SEARCH OF



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)



For August:

Peanut Butter & Jelly

