



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 27, 2026
18th 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 Mary Jane Lange,
in loving memory of her parents, Alice & Charles Smith.*



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

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



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Minute for Mission: World Communion Offering

Marci Spiegle

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Romans 13

L: People of God, proclaim:

P: Now is the moment for us to wake from sleep.

L: People of God, proclaim:

P: Now, salvation is nearer to us than when we became believers.

L: People of God, proclaim:

P: We will live honorably.

L: People of God, proclaim:

P: We put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Let us proclaim our worship to God!

*Gathering Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God & King"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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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 inhibits 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

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

by Victor C. Johnson, Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 7:14-25

(*OT, p.54*)

*Hymn: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

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Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 11:1-10

(*OT, pp.57-58*)

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 Softened Heart”

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

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

*Closing Hymn: “I, the Lord of Sea & Sky”

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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
- Tony Logandro
- 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



Greeters

Amanda &
Tara Klemash

Deacons

Melanie Diven
Kelly Evans
Kyle Jaremko

LiveStream

Erin Gallagher

Counters

Al Andrews
Leslie Clark
Cathy Zobel

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-2nd

Kate Colantonio
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

Could be YOU!
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Rick Clark
Room 6

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Sept. 27

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 - New Member Info Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 29

6:30pm - Trustees' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, Sept. 30

9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor
11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, Sept. 24

Church Office Closed (Pastor Eliza & Mary Johnson both out of the office)

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 7:14-25 (NRSV)

The First Plague: Water Turned to Blood

¹⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. ¹⁶ Say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, "Let my people go, so that they may serve me

in the wilderness.” But until now you have not listened. ¹⁷ Thus says the Lord, “By this you shall know that I am the Lord.” See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸ The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.’ ” ¹⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron: Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water—so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.” ²⁰ Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile; all the water in the river was turned into blood, ²¹ and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt. ²² But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. ²³ Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians had to dig along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the river. ²⁵ Seven days passed after the Lord had struck the Nile.

Second Scripture Lesson: Exodus 11:1-10 (NRSV)

Warning of the Final Plague

¹ The Lord said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterward he will let you go from here; indeed, when he lets you go, he will drive you away. ² Tell the people that every man is to ask his neighbor and every woman is to ask her neighbor for objects of silver and gold.” ³ The Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, Moses himself was a man of great importance in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s officials and in the sight of the people. ⁴ Moses said, “Thus says the Lord, ‘About midnight I will go out through Egypt. ⁵ Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the handmill and all the firstborn of the livestock. ⁶ Then there will be a loud cry throughout the whole land of Egypt, such as has never been or will ever be again. ⁷ But not a dog shall growl at any of the Israelites—not at people, not at animals—so that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.’ ⁸ Then all these officials of yours shall come down to me and bow low to me, saying, ‘Leave us, you and all the people who follow you.’ After that I will leave.” And in hot anger he left Pharaoh. ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, in order that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.” ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his land.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

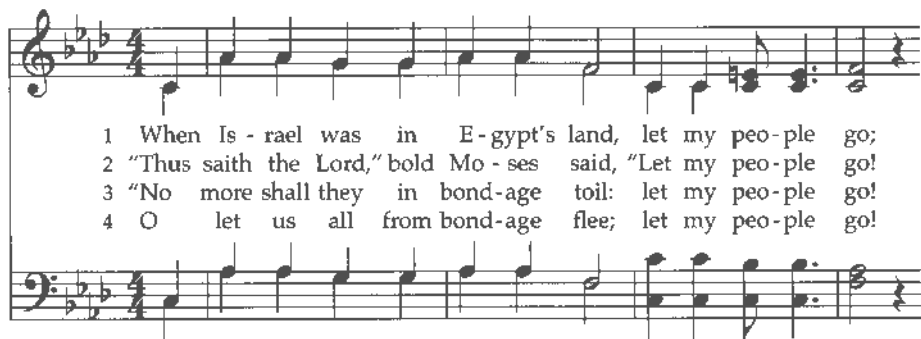
Harmony

with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 your Lord to hear, Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!

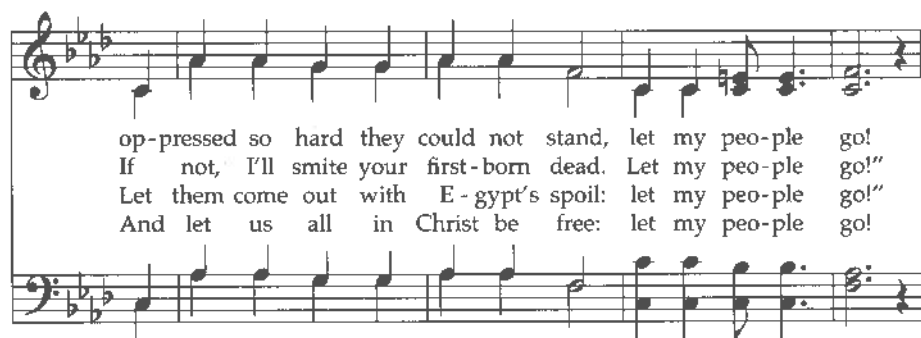
Unison

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land 52



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!



op-pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
 If not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain



Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's



land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.

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.

Church Announcements

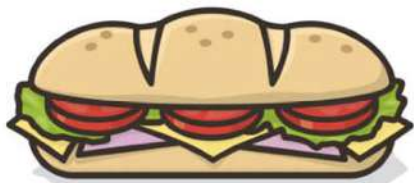
**THIS
WEEK
SEP 27**

Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

We started out our Sunday School year strong last Sunday morning (9:30am) & hope that trend continues! We still need volunteers for the PreK-2nd grade class and the 3rd-5th grade class. Committing to 2 or more consecutive weeks is great consistency for our children — but a single week helps, too. Everything is prepared ahead of time for you - so we just need an hour of your time for our littlest disciples. Sign up to teach on the board in the Parlor. Contact Kathy Mullan for more information.



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
18**

* 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 September:

RICE!

(1-2lb. bags or boxes)



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, 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.

Men's Breakfast This Wednesday

The men of FPC will be gathering on Wednesday, **September 29, at 9:00 AM** in our parlor. Join them to share in camaraderie, a hearty breakfast, and a lively discussion on a thought-provoking topic or question. Be sure to let Rick Clark know if you're coming for their head count. Hope to see you there!



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.

SJ Piano (... and Violin ... and Cello) Trio Is Back

You're invited to a special concert by the South Jersey Piano Trio **TODAY, September 27 at 3:00 PM** at the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield (124 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield). Come out to hear our very talented Joanne (cello) and Bruce (violin) Erwin aside pianist, Norma Meyer, for this special performance. Seating is first come, first serve; there is no charge but donations are accepted.



Adult Sunday School Topics for This Fall

Our adult Sunday School classes began meeting last Sunday at 9:30am. 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, (in the 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. All adults are welcome! We hope you'll join us for either class.



2026-2027 Church Directories Available

The 2026-2027 was distributed to our members and friends last week via email. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office. Printed copies are available in the narthex and church office. Please contact the office if you need one delivered to you.



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.

walk. give. change the world.



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.

Save the Date!

125 YEARS OF FAITH



CELEBRATION BRUNCH! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1



- Tavistock Country Club
- Buffet Brunch*
- Entertainment

**no charge; reservations required*

Sign-up information announced during worship today!

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)