



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 24, 2025

Eleventh 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.**



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

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



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Mark Zimmerman
in loving memory of his brother, Robert R. Zimmerman.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Psalms 111

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

L: All who practice, have great understanding.

P: I give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

L: Great are the works of the Lord.

P: Full of honor and majesty are God's work.

L: Holy and awesome is God's name.

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

L: All who practice, have great understanding.

P: Let us worship God!

**Gathering Hymn: Congregational Selection (Red Hymnal Only)*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SUMMER 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)

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. We have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you only in desperation, and not in our day to day lives. Forgive us and renew us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2

L: People of God, be assured of God's mystery that is Christ himself.

P: In Christ is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith:**

Confession of 1967

P: We believe that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

L: Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

P: But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

L: The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world,

P: And proclaims that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children:

Game: Trivial Pursuit

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 1:1-9

(OT, p.584)

*Hymn: "Come & Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

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New Testament Lesson: James 3:13-18

(NT, p.230)

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: "Bible Master's Edition"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "I Dreamed of Rain"

by Jan Garrett

Douglas McVarish (Vocals)

*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: "Be Thou My Vision"

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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



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 Blackiston,
Harlan Blackiston's wife
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Harriet, friend of the Spinass
- 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



Deacons

Molly Callahan
Laura Masi

Nursery

Abby Burrough
Maria Masi

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Tony Masi
George Newnam



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, August 24

9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary & on FB)

Mon 8/25-Sun 8/31

Pastor Eliza on Vacation

Wednesday, Aug 27

9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor

2025-2026 Church Directory

Coming in September!

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office if anything needs to be corrected or updated!



Scripture Verses for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 1:1-9 (NRSV)

¹ The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

Prologue

² For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,

³ for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;

⁴ to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young—

⁵ let the wise, too, hear and gain in learning
and the discerning acquire skill,

⁶ to understand a proverb and a figure,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Warnings against Evil Companions

⁸ Hear, my child, your father's instruction,
and do not reject your mother's teaching,

⁹ for they are a fair garland for your head
and pendants for your neck.

New Testament Lesson: James 3:13-18 (NRSV)

Two Kinds of Wisdom

¹³ Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵ This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Church Announcements



Men's Breakfast Meets Wednesday

The men of FPC will be gathering on **Wednesday, August 27**, 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!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed This Fall!

We are not trying to rush these last summer days, but we *are* excited about our first day of Sunday School for the new year on **September 14!** We just know that this is the first set of commitments & plans you would like to make before your calendar fills! This year we will have three levels of classes:

PK-2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade; and 6th - 7th grade. If there is a way for you to commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our children. But a single week helps, too! Class will start at 9:30 and end at 10:20. Our theme is "Superheroes for God!"— all assistance,



curriculum, and snacks are prepared for you! ***Your leadership as a Sunday School volunteer is so important to our children & our church!*** Sign up by scanning the QR code to the left or click the link in your weekly e-News.

With appreciation, Judy Wilson & the CE Committee

Pastor Eliza Out of the Office Next Week

Please note that Pastor Eliza will be out of the office next week from **Monday, August 25 through Sunday, August 31**, for vacation. Please contact the office for any church-related needs, or Marci Spiegle, Session Clerk, in an emergency.



Bathroom Renovations Underway!

The first floor bathrooms are *almost* ready for use, and the second floor bathroom is coming along quickly. Check your weekly e-News for pictures of the progress. *Please use the Parlor bathroom during the renovation process.*

Celebrating 'Super-Pete' Johnson!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 21**, as we gather after worship to recognize and celebrate Pete Johnson's years of service and leadership as our Praise Band director. Pete was a member of the Praise Band since it's inception over 25 years ago, and has served as it's leader for the past 10 years. During this time our church has continued to benefit from his musical talent, and we're truly grateful for his countless hours dedicated to planning the music and preparing the equipment for worship on the second Sunday of each month. Please plan to stay after worship on September 21 to honor Pete for all he's done for this music ministry!



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 28**, after worship in her study. Please let her know if you are interested by contacting the office or reaching out to her privately.

Clearing Out Your Costume Jewelry?

Our annual Spectacular ADVENT Workshop (aka Advent Happening) is planned for December 7th, and is open to all ages! It will have a similar format to last year's event & lunch will be provided.



The Advent Workshop committee is looking for **costume jewelry** (bonus points if it's Christmas related!) for use in the *Secret Gift Shop*, where our kids get the opportunity pick out gifts for their parents and/or siblings. If you are purging or scaling back on your costume jewelry, feel free to drop off any items that you no longer wear or use in the Christmas-decorated shoe box on the piano in the parlor. Sandwich bags are in the box in case you don't have a container for your jewelry; please use a baggie to keep your items from tangling with others. Thank you!

We're Hiring!

Interested in a bit of extra money? We are in need of someone to set up and breakdown the equipment for the new musical ensemble that will perform on the second Sunday of the month. Their practices will be on the Saturday before their Sunday performance, so the position will require setting up the equipment on Saturday morning before practice, or after worship on the Sunday before their next Saturday rehearsal. Set up time will be negotiable as long as it is ready to go for rehearsal. The salary is \$50 per event (which includes both set up and break down). The position also includes breaking down the tables and equipment for the bell choir, after worship, on the Sundays that they perform. If you think this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office or Al Andrews, Personnel Chair.



Building Use Requests Now Online!

Do you need to submit a request to use the church building for your next concert or gathering, but you can't locate a form? You can now fill out & submit your form online on our website. Access the online form here: <https://fpchaddonheights.org/online-forms/building-use-request/>, or scan the QR code on the right.





FOOD
pantry

AUGUST
Collection:
Peanut
Butter &
Jelly!



9:30
AM

SUMMER
WORSHIP

JUN 29
THROUGH
AUG 31

Save
the
Date!

Deacons' Famous Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 7 | 9:30 AM



Coffee & pancakes
at 9:30am



✝ Worship at 10:30am
in the Social Hall



AUGUST 3
CONFIDENTIAL
King David,
on the Roof,
with the Army

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CROSS
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stack
UP the
stories
aug 17

Faith on Board
BIBLE MASTER'S EDITION

Summer Sermon Series

FAITH ON BOARD
WHERE GAMES MEET GOD

DO NOT PASS
GOD
JULY 27

Faith's
SWEET
Adventures
July 20

your **LIFE**
JULY 13
God's
way

START
JULY 13

FINISH