



**First Presbyterian Church**  
*of Metuchen*

**Where God's Love Welcomes All**



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

### **VISION**

*To be an inclusive, connected, and loving community mobilized to serve Jesus Christ.*

### **MISSION**

*We are a welcoming and diverse congregation that serves God by improving the spiritual, mental and physical well-being of people in our community and beyond through worship, education, fellowship, music, and mission outreach.*

**October 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.**

**This worship service is being media cast on Facebook Live.**



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

October 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Justin D. Karmann  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Robert A. Beringer  
Minister of Music: Brenda Day

## ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

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### GATHERING

PRELUDE – “Prelude in C Major”

Organ: Elaine Hansen

David N. Johnson

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WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Justin D. Karmann

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is King!

**People: Let the people tremble in awe before you.**

Leader: Our God is great in Zion.

**People: We exalt your great and awesome name.**

Leader: Mighty King, you are a lover of justice and have established equity.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Let us worship our Creator together.

HYMN #401 – “Here in This Place” (verses 1, 2, 4)

Gather Us In

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1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away;  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – *Unison*

Todd Ryder

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us as a reflection of your coming kingdom; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Domonique Dudley and Victoria Pennix

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 99

Todd Ryder

*This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God*

DUET – “It is Well with My Soul”

Catherine and Jon Saucedo

Spafford/Bliss

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 22:15-22

*This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God*

SERMON – “It’s a Trap”

Rev. Justin D. Karmann

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

HYMN #716 – “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (verses 1, 3)

Beach Spring

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1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

A MOMENT OF THANKS

Elder, Amy Bellisano

ELDER'S PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder, Gary Ostermueller

**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 *let us not fall into temptation* but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #772 – “Live into Hope”

Truro

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1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!
2. Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.
3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be;  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – “Psalm XIX”

Benedetto Marcello

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

## Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

## Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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## OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ has adopted a policy that is in compliance with the enactment of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) agreeing that a member has the right to have his/her health and personal information kept private and secure. **This means that an individual must give permission to have his/her name publicly shared with the congregation. PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE – 732-491-2300 to add a person to the prayer list.** Persons requested to be on the prayer list will remain for one month and then be removed. If you wish to have a loved one on the prayer list for a longer time, please contact Merry Matlock in the Church Office.

Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)  
\*Lorraine Bachman  
Mary Ann Balieczyk (*friend of Dawn Adam*)  
Alex Bertelsen (*Agnes' grandson*)  
Russ Bertelsen and children (*Amy's brother*)  
Betty  
Doug Bilgrav  
George Blomn (*Nancy Blomn-Kipnis' father*)  
Jessica Blomn (*Nancy Blomn-Kipnis' sister*)  
Joe Blomn (*Nancy Blomn-Kipnis' uncle in Arizona*)  
Jessica Brockway (*friend of Carolyn Perez & Deb Teall*)  
Thomas Bryant (*father of Laura Fischer*)  
Todd Chete (*1<sup>st</sup>-Cousin of Dawn Adam*)  
Lucy Aileen Corbalis (*mother of Niall Corbalis*)  
\*Mary Kay Dangremond  
Debbie Defazio (*aunt of Samantha Aldinger*)  
Lisa De La Fuente (*friend of the Kozo/Mollison family*)  
Cliff Dunham (*Susan's husband*)  
Ken Eckert  
Sylvia Elphick (*mother of Kelly Rosko*)  
**Jeanie Endicott** (*wife of Michael Endicott*)  
**Michael Endicott** (*grandson of Ruth Endicott*)  
\*Ruth Endicott  
Estevien Fuller-Peleh (*mother of Sandra Laluw*)  
Isabel Estrada (*niece of Vicky Lacson*)  
Lane Gibson (*former member and friend of Bill Nann*)  
Tim Good (*son of Tom Good*)  
\*Tom Good  
Joseph Hale (*son of Matt and Laura*)  
Kim Hale (*sister of Karen Kowalski*)  
Pete Hefferon (*member of the Garry family*)  
Estelle Hugger (*sister of Jane Milone*)  
David Jewett (*cousin-in-law of Ruth Knoll*)

\*Brad Keller  
\*Aneke Sorongan Kembau  
\*Ruth Knoll  
Jed Koball (*brother of Heather Koball*), his wife,  
Jenny Valles-Koball, and their son, Thiago Koball  
John Krauss (*brother-in-law of Susan Kozo*)  
\*Joan Krauszer  
Susanne Lukenda (*mother of Martha Silady*)  
Joan McCabe (*grandmother of Samantha Aldinger*)  
Judy Orr (*sister of Rob Orr*)  
\*Andre Pangkerego  
\*Joanne Raison  
Sandy Rasmussen (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
Yehuda Rosenstock (*friend of Ed and Jane Meyer*)  
Dave Rust (*brother of Mary Armeli*)  
\*Deb Sorensen  
Michael Starr (*friend of Gil Kutcher*)  
\*Betty Steinbeck  
\*Betty Sussick  
Dear friend of Sue and Ken VanDerSluis  
Virginia West (*friend of June Keehbler*)  
Lynn Hendricks Wong  
William Riley Woodard (*friend of Susan Short*)  
\*Doris Younken

\*members of the church

**Names highlighted in boldface recently added.**

### **FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**

MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*son of Elaine Hansen*)  
EM3 Cody Harmon, U.S. Navy, U.S.S. John Finn (*Sue Harmon's nephew*)  
CPL Edward Leitner, U.S. Marines, Albany, GA (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)  
MC3 Kevin Leitner, USS Iwo Jima (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)  
Captain Matthew McQueeney, USAF Pilot, deployed to the Middle East (*son/stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)  
\*Andre Pangkerego, U.S. Navy – U.S.S. Philippine Sea. (*son of Meity Peleh*)  
\*1LT Bradley Shaver, U. S. Army – Ft. Riley, Kansas. (*brother/son of Greg and Julie Walton Shaver*)  
Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard – First Class (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)

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## THIS WEEK...

Check out [www.fpcweb.org](http://www.fpcweb.org) and our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/FPCMetuchen> for upcoming events.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** . . . . .8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Worship Service – Sanctuary . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
 After-Worship Refreshments – Outside Front of Church  
 Virtual Sunday School . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Virtual Study with Rev. Beringer . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
 Virtual Indonesian Fellowship Worship . . . . . Noon  
 Fall Family Fellowship – TRUNK or Treat . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Deadline for Rose in Remembrance flower orders

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Call Church Office to make reservations for the Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.  
 Songs and Games–Tent at Social Center Parking Lot  
 • Ages 4 to Grade 2 . . . . .4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

The Pastor’s Study via Zoom . . . . . Cancelled for Today  
 Finance Commission Mtg.–Church Office . . . . .7:30 p.m.  
 Deadline for College Freshmen Care Package  
 Youth Group in Social Center - Tent/Building  
 • Junior High . . . . .5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
 • Junior High Dinner . . . . .6:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
 • Senior High Dinner. . . . .6:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
 • Senior High . . . . .7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Concord Ringers – Sanctuary . . . . .9:30 to 10:00 a.m.  
 Covenant Ringers – Sanctuary . . . . . 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
 College Group – Youth Room . . . . . 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

“In-Person Deadline” for reservations for the Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Worship Service . . . . . Call by Noon

### PASTORAL CARE:

We hope that you will feel free to contact Rev. Justin Karmann at (cell) 609-480-7259 or Rev. Fred Garry at (cell) 315-771-3590, if you or someone you know, needs our support, or is in the hospital. You can usually reach someone at the church office any weekday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by calling 732-491-2300.

## COMING SOON...

- Oct. 25 Sr. High Movie Sunday @ 9:15. a.m.
- Oct. 28 The Pastor’s Study via Zoom @ 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Oct. 30 “Potential” Hallow Fest
- Nov. 1 All Saints’ Day – Rose in Remembrance
- Nov. 2 Board of Deacons Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Racial Justice Committee Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Unicameral Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Junior Club @ 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Racial Justice Panel: BIPOC @ 7:30 p.m.

## Treasurer’s Two Cents

### Offerings & Gifts Received October 11

Pledge	\$6,263
Non-Pledge	\$ 425
Peacemaking	\$ 275
Special Funds	\$ 895

**TOTAL: \$7,858**

**Other receipts: \$309**  
 (flowers and parking)

**Thank you everyone for your continued support during this pandemic.**

### Ways to give to First Presbyterian Church





**GivePlus Text:** Text 732-479-8245 with the amount you want to donate, to make one-time or recurring contributions.

**Mobile App Giving:** Search your app store for “GivePlus Church” and download the GivePlus app to make one-time or recurring contributions.

**Online Giving:** Visit [www.fpcweb.org](http://www.fpcweb.org) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

### Why eGiving?

eGiving is an easy and secure way to make contributions. It helps FPC by reducing workload on the staff. And you can set recurring donations, so even if you can’t attend, you can still make a gift, which provides FPC financial stability. For information, please visit the church office or (732) 491-2300. Or scan the QR code below with your smart phone to donate.



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October 18, 2020 Son-Day Paper

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Church Website: [www.fpcweb.org](http://www.fpcweb.org)  
<http://www.facebook.com/FPCMetuchen>

This 3-part study explores the difficult topic about end of life issues as our Pastor Emeritus Bob Beringer shares from his personal experience.

In the first session, we examine many of the practical issues that we face as a loved one is dying. The next session will focus on our faith as a resource that can help us through a difficult time. The final session explores what happens in the grief process that follows death.

The Zoom link for these sessions is on the church's website.

<https://fpcweb.org/>

**ZOOM IN WITH OUR  
PASTOR EMERITUS  
REV. BOB BERINGER**

***"LIVING UNAFRAID  
AT THE END OF LIFE"***

**10:30 AM BY ZOOM  
TODAY AND OCT. 25 AND NOV. 1**



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## FALL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

**TODAY** from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Social Center Parking Lot

***First ever FPC and CNS Trunk or Treat!***

We are taking extra precautions to keep people safe. We'd love to have you come join us!

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**Trunk or Treat**

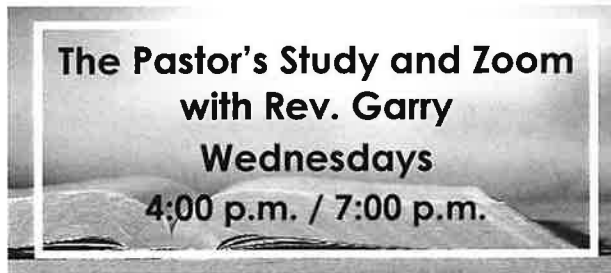
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18  
5:00-6:00 PM  
SOCIAL CENTER PARKING LOT**

FREE fun-filled spooktacular evening that's safe and family-friendly! A prize awaits the Best Decorated Trunk!!



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I am impressed with our new format of Zoom. Teaching on Zoom is taking some time to master, but we will get there.

What I am not used to is making announcements and planning for Zoom. In the time before Pandemic (BP), a Pastor's Study was scheduled for the Chapel or the Library. It went in the newsletter and Son-Day Paper about a month out. Now, I am scurrying to remember to put something in an eblast with a link for the next day. Not the best.

Each Wednesday in October, I will continue to offer a 4:00 p.m. Zoom to discuss the scripture passages for Sunday. And, I will offer an evening 7:00 p.m. Zoom to explore topics of devotion and/or spiritual growth. **The links are offered below and also on the Home Page of our website.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The Pastor's Study for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, has been cancelled.**

**October 28th**

4:00 <https://zoom.us/j/99636649617>

7:00 <https://zoom.us/j/92952638560>



## FPC Helping Hands Ministry

The Deacons have mobilized a team that can help through our Helping Hands ministry.

If you have a chore that might be a little too much for you to handle on your own, we can help with things like cleaning out your garage, moving/discarding furniture, yard work, snow shoveling and minor household repairs.

If you or your loved ones are in need of a helping hand, please contact the church office.



## Faith at Home Zoom Kits for your blue bags:

Parents: We are so thrilled that many of you are enjoying the 20-minute interactive zoom sessions on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Our next unit will have new activities that are ready for you to pick up this week in the Social Center foyer from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wednesdays until 8:00 p.m. due to Youth Group.

These will be needed for the October 25<sup>th</sup> lesson and November sessions. Watch for emails!



## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

As you all know, college students like snacks. . .a lot of snacks and encouraging letters, especially this year. We are seeking snack donations for all 14 of this year's college freshmen. If you are interested in donating, please drop off all goods at the Social Center office. Here are some suggestions for donations: **Wednesday, October 21, is the DEADLINE.**

- Febreze
- Cookies
- Chips
- Healthy snacks
- Granola bars
- Chocolate
- Ramen
- Mac N'Cheese cups
- \$10 gift cards Chipotle/Starbucks, etc.
- Handwritten letters
- 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to donate small bags of chips/cookies.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to donate candy
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to donate college essentials such as: ramen/household necessities/Febreze, etc.

For 9th to 12th Grade

### SENIOR HIGH MOVIE SUNDAY

October 25th 9:15-11:15 am

**\*Social Center Dining Room\***



This 2004 film *Hotel Rwanda* recounts the efforts of hotelier Paul Rusesabagina to save his family and a group of refugees during the 1994 genocide by hiding them in his hotel in the central African nation of Rwanda. The film is a harrowing portrayal of a country losing itself in chaos as the international community looked away.



Hallow Fest will be very different this year given the COVID-restrictions.

If we host a version of Hallow Fest this year, it will be Friday, October 30, with a showing of *Charlie Brown-Halloween* from 6:30 to 7 p.m. under the tent for small children with snack sales and suggested admission.

Then from 7:30 to 9 p.m., we will be showing the *Ring* (rated PG-13) in the cemetery (weather permitting) with snack sales and suggested admission.

Any youth who participate will receive a fundraiser credit.



**President's Day weekend Ski Trip  
February 12-15, 2021**

**We are heading back to Gore Mountain next year for our Ski/Snowboard Trip. Also, please let Rev. Karmann know very soon, if you would like to attend this trip. Room for 20.**

**A sign-up sheet will go around in October and deposits will be due at the end of November.**

Ski/Snowboard  
Trip

February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$275-\$400

