



October 11, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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*Please stand if you are able

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

Praise Ye the Name of the Lord

Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Call to Worship

Liturgist: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to Christ and you will be given rest.

People: **We come, laying down the things that trouble us, seeking the peace only God provides.**

Liturgist: Take Christ's yoke upon you and learn from him, for he is gentle and humble in heart.

People: **Here in this place, our souls find rest and our burdens grow light.**

All: **In hope and expectation, let us worship God.**

***Hymn #463**

How Firm a Foundation

Call to Confession

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Yet, we often demand proof before we trust, and certainty before we obey. Confessing our doubts and our hesitation to rely fully on Him, let us draw near to God in sincerity and truth."

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, You have given us the good news of Jesus Christ and poured out Your Spirit to lead and guide us. Yet we confess that we do not always turn to You. We cling to old habits, hold tightly to our own desires, and resist the changes You seek to make in us. Too often we hear Your truth without allowing it to shape our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Give us hearts that are willing to turn back to You and follow where You lead. Fill us with Your Spirit, strengthen our faith, and help us see the people around us who need Your love. Give us courage to join You in the work You are already doing and to share the hope we have in Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: For those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri (*Hymn #581*)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

A Time for Children *(Children are invited to the front pew for a message)*

Paul H. Heinsohn

Special Music

"Trust Fall"

Jay Stanley

Written by Paul Heinsohn & Jay Stanley

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the gospel. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34 (*New Testament pg. 6*)

Sermon

"Trust Fall"

Paul H. Heinsohn

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Hymn #840

When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Chancel Choir

*Doxology (Hymn #606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure. Thanks be to God, whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God, whose mercy redeems us! Thanks be to God, whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

*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

*Hymn #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Lutkin Amen

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Indescribable

We welcome Elder Paul H. Heinsohn into the pulpit today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 10/11/26



WELCOME – We welcome you to our service of worship. We're glad we can be together, both in-person and online, and hope you find comfort, inspiration, and good fellowship in this service.

THE 2026–2027 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR has begun for children ages 3 through high school. Classes are open to both FPC members and non-members' children. To register your children for Sunday School or if you have any questions regarding the Sunday School program, please contact Samantha Daesener. Children will be dismissed to class after the Time with Children portion of our worship service.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please call or email the church office during the week to let us know of any requests for prayer you have. If you have a prayer request on Sunday morning, please use the Prayer Cards in the narthex to write out your requests. A greeter or usher can assist you with any questions you may have. Your prayer requests are important. Thank you for helping us stay on top of your prayer requests.

The **UNITY CLUB** meets the third Thursday of each month, September to June, at 12:30 PM. Please join us on **Thursday, October 15th**, for lunch and refreshments. It's a great time to meet other members for fellowship, friendship, and good conversation. All are welcome! For more information about Unity Club, please speak with Marie Schlechtweg.



COFFEE HOUR: Please join us next Sunday, October 18th, following worship for Coffee Hour in the auditorium. Coffee Hour is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with your church family; to spend time with old friends and get to know some new ones. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, next Sunday, October 18th in the auditorium following worship...



Presbyterian Women is sponsoring a **SOUP & BAKE SALE**. If you are making soup and need soup containers, they are available in the kitchen located across from Room A/B. If you have any questions regarding the Soup & Bake Sale, please speak with Marie Schlechtweg or Linda Schmidt.



THE SESSION CONTINUES TO MEET during our Interim Pastor search. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, October 20th**. We are grateful to Rev. Robin Palmer-Burton, pastor at Old Tennent Presbyterian Church, for serving as our temporary moderator for our meetings. If you have any questions, please see an elder. You can also reach out to the church office for assistance.



KOINONIA meets weekly on **Wednesdays from September to June at 10:00 AM in Room A/B**. We are a fellowship study group, and discussion is led by members of the group on a rotating basis. For more information about Koinonia, please contact the church office.

Our **ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP** will be held on **Saturday, November 14th**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (rain date of Saturday, November 21st.) There are leaves to rake and brush to clean up, as well as some indoor tidying. We appreciate any time that you can give us. Please bring your rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows and whatever else you think may be helpful. Thank you from all of us on the Property Commission. We look forward to seeing you there!



ADOPT-A-BELL UPDATE: Our Music Ministry needs to have the handbells refurbished for our two Handbell Choirs, the Kirk Ringers and the Youth Ringers. To date, \$800 of the \$2,600 needed to refurbish the 60 Malmark handbells has been received.

Please consider a donation toward this Adopt-A-Bell. Periodic maintenance of the handbells helps to improve the sound quality and mechanical function of each handbell, and to extend their lifespan.

Donations may be made during the offering at Sunday worship, mailed to the church office, or online through the FPC website. Please indicate that your donation is for *Adopt-A-Bell: Handbells*. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Adopt-A-Bell				
We are looking to raise \$2,600 towards the cost of refurbishing our 60 handbells for our Handbell Choirs.				
Thank you for your contribution in the amount of:				
	_____	\$25		
	_____	\$50		
	_____	\$75		
	_____	\$100		
	_____	Other		
Name _____ (optional)				
Please deposit in offering plate with check made out to				
First Presbyterian Church of Freehold,				
and indicate "For Handbells" in the memo line.				



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Our one-year Capital Campaign began on June 14, 2026, with a fundraising goal of \$150,000. These funds will be dedicated exclusively to the maintenance and repair needs of our beautiful, historic church building as well as our Christian Education building.

As of **October 4, 2026**, a total of \$60,050 has been pledged to the Capital Campaign and \$51,150 of the pledged amount has been received. To those who have already made a pledge, thank you! If you haven't yet pledged to the Capital Campaign, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift, large or small, helps strengthen our church for today and for future generations.

We will continue to provide updates as the Capital Campaign progresses. You can also track our progress on the Capital Campaign thermometer located in the narthex. Thank you for all that you do to help keep this beautiful house of worship in working order and a welcoming place to all. If you have any questions regarding the Capital Campaign, please contact Bill Canning or the church office.

Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

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LITURGIST	Linda Schmidt
USHERS	Bill Canning & Samantha Daesener
Next Week	Mike Mancuso & Carol Matino
OPENER	Samantha Daesener
Next Week	Chris Pilla
CLOSER	Property Commission
Next Week	Chris Pilla
COUNTERS	Bill Canning & Bob Musser
Next Week	Rick Baptista & Kevin Truex



Today's Guest Musicians

Jay Stanley, soloist

Matthew DeMarco



*Flowers are given today by Marie Schlechtweg
in loving memory of her parents, John & Ruth Borden,
and in loving memory of Frank Snyder, Jr.*



You can use the QR code

to automatically connect to our church's Vanco online portal.

From your Vanco Online account, you can review your giving history, manage recurring donations or update payment information. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Canning or the church office for assistance.



Scan the QR code to visit the A Quiet Moment Devotional Library.

Please check out our growing library of devotional reflections shared by members and friends of the FPC church family. Each devotion offers a brief moment of pause—pairing scripture with music to create space for reflection, encouragement, and renewal during the week.