



August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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Prelude *St. Anthony Chorale, Special Guest: Beth Chen, pianist*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: **We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: **We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

People: **We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

***Opening Hymn** *# 51 To Abraham and Sarah*

Call to Confession (*Spoken by worship leader*)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing the Peace**

Anthem *Largo, Dvorak*

Prayer of Illumination

O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-6 *(Old Testament pg. 12)*

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:32-40 *(New Testament pg. 75)*

Sermon "An Unexpected Hour" *Pastor Alan Olson*

***Hymn** #503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

Responding to the Word

Christ's Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right for us to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Acclamation of Praise (in unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

Memorial Acclamation

Leader: Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Communion

(The pastor will take communion by intinction, at the communion table. You are invited to take communion at the same time, as you remain seated.)

The Lord's Prayer (sung) *Larry Moran*

Offering *We Gather Together, Netherland Folk Hymn*

***Doxology**

*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

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

***Hymn # 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Benediction

Postlude *March of the Priests, Mendelssohn*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School is available for kindergarten through High School and to call the church office if interested and I will respond to inquiries. Also, perhaps it would be good to advertise Koinonia, available for all adults, meeting in person and on-line. As always, all our classes are open to members and non-members of FPC

Women of faith! Join us for a one-day women's retreat

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Time: 9am-5pm

Fee: \$45.00 includes coffee and lunch

Place: The Crossroads at St Peter's, Freehold

Mail check to church office, 118 W. Main St, Freehold 07728 or give to Carol Matino or Sue Craig in church. Questions? See Carol or Sue

DEACONS: Kristin Canto, Judi Cavicchio, Lenora Chu, Robin Fox, Peggy Guttormsen, Carol Morris, Jeanne Pennett, Marie Schlechtweg, Michele Williams

LAY LEADER	Larry Moran
USHERS Next Week	Mike Mancuso, Bob DiSogra Sam Daesener, Bill Canning
OPENER Next Week	Pat Kirk Samantha Daesener
CLOSER Next Week	Samantha Daesener Berwin Guttormsen
COUNTERS	Beth Nadolny, Sam Daesener

SESSION	
	Finance Commission Rick Baptista (acting chair)
Tammy Ciok	Personnel Commission
Yvonne Lindner	Worship Commission
Linda Schmidt	Christian Education
Larry Moran	Property Commission
Berwin Guttormsen	Clerk of Session
Julie Heinsohn	Personnel Commission
	Outreach/Mission Commission