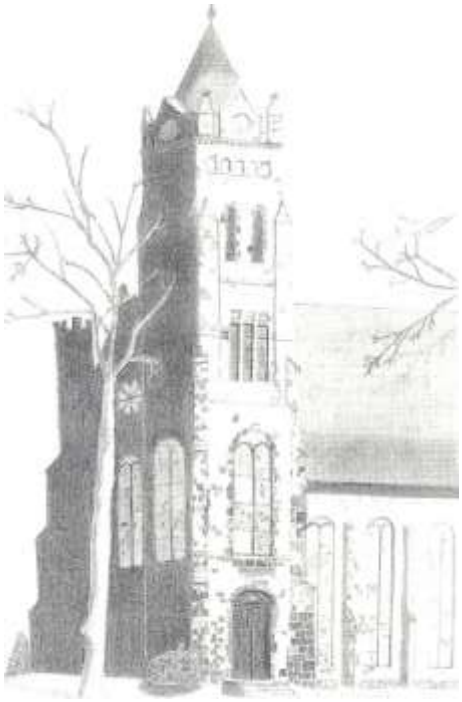

November 1, 2026 - 10:00 AM

All Saints Day

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD
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FREEHOLD, NJ 07728
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****Please stand in body or spirit.* ***BOLD*** *print is for worshipers to sing or say.*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *I Sing a Song* J. Hopkins

Welcome and Announcements

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Let us worship God.
God is great, and greatly to be praised!

All: We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.

Liturgist: God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

All: We thank you, God, for the beauty of creation, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp clear air.

Liturgist: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

All: We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings, and for dreams held close.

Liturgist: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Let us worship our God.

Hymn #275** ***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***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.

Call to Confession *based on 2 Timothy 2:11-13*

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Let us then confess our sins using the communal prayer in the bulletin followed by our own silent personal confessions. Let us pray…

Prayer of Confession

Glorious God of power and majesty, you bow down to hear our sighs.
Deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities.
Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering the position of others.
Cast down our pride that we may grow in humility.
Take away the barriers of self-defense;
grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you and is built with neighborly cooperation and mutual respect.
Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we attain the victory,
through Christ, our servant and sovereign. Amen.

(Silent, personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Here the Good News as it is found in I John: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

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

Anthem *I'll Fly Away* Chancel Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, in a world of constant wordage and narratives, speak your eternal Word to us that never fails. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Word that you give us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 *(Pg. 4 of the New Testament portion)*

Communion Meditation *"Up Words"* Dr. Jefferson L. Hatch

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn #661** ***"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

Affirmation of Faith - from the ***Confession of 1967*** *(section 9.52)*

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of people with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them. Amen.

Offering & Offertory *Blest Are They*

***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**

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 and Pastoral Prayer

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

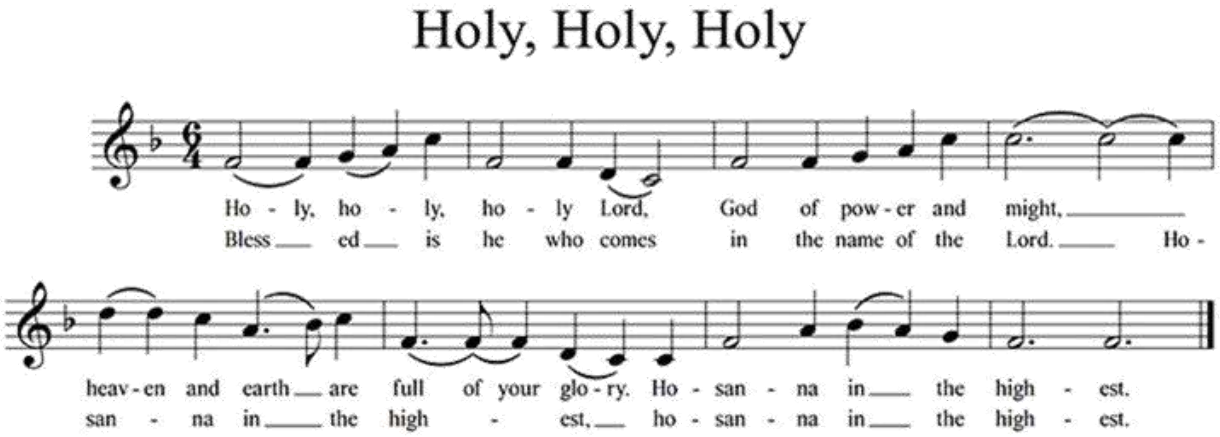
Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right for us to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Acclamation of Praise



Prayer of Consecration

Memorial Acclamation

Pastor: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

***Communion**

(We celebrate communion by intinction. Please form a line in the aisle between the pews on the left-hand side of the sanctuary and return to your pew up the right-side aisle. If you need a gluten-free host, or if you would prefer not to receive communion by intinction, please tell the pastor as you approach the communion table. Juice in cups are an available alternative if you choose not to dip your bread.)

The Holden Prayer

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO TO LIVE GOD'S WORD

***Closing Hymn #327**		***"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"***
***Benediction**		
***Choral Response**	*Surely the Presence*	Chancel Choir
***Postlude**	*Var. on Bourbon*	

We welcome back into the pulpit today the Rev. Dr. Jefferson L. Hatch.

Pastor Jeff retired in 2023 after 40 years of ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and relocated from Sussex County, NJ, with his wife Kay to Manalapan to be closer to their children's families. They have two sons: one in Ocean, NJ, with his wife and two children, and another son and his wife just over the river in Morrisville, PA, with their daughter. While our Interim Pastor search continues, Pastor Jeff is our *First-Sunday-of-the-Month* pulpit supply, and we're glad to have him and Kay worshiping with us regularly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 11/1/26

WELCOME – We welcome you to our service of worship on this Communion Sunday. Today we share in the Lord's Supper with saints around the world and over all of time. We're glad we can be together, both in-person and online, and hope you find comfort, challenge, and good fellowship with your church family.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us next **Sunday, November 8th**, following worship for Coffee Hour. 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!

THE PROPERTY COMMISSION meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM via Zoom from November to February and in-person at the church office from March to October. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, November 10th** via Zoom. If you are interested in joining the Property Commission, please contact the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11th**, for Veterans Day.

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!

THE SESSION CONTINUES TO MEET during our Interim Pastor search. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, November 17th**. 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.

2027 WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT: For those attending the women's retreat, the final retreat payment is due by **Wednesday, November 18th**. If paying by check, please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church of Freehold* and indicate *2027 Women's Retreat* on the memo line. Payments may be mailed to the church office or given to Robin Fox. If you have any questions regarding the May 2027 Women's Retreat, please contact Robin Fox.

The Greater Freehold Clergy Association is sponsoring an **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** on **Sunday, November 22nd,** at 3:30 PM. The service will be held at Old Tennent Church, which is located at 448 Tennent Road in Manalapan. All are welcome!

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.

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.

PER CAPITA: Every Presbyterian Church is asked to make an annual contribution to its local presbytery, based on the number of members in the congregation. This donation is called a Per Capita offering and goes to support the administrative costs of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. The current amount is $42 per FPC member. To our members who have already made a contribution to cover their Per Capita for our current budget year (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027), thank you! If you haven't yet made a contribution to cover your Per Capita, we urge you to consider doing so. Per Capita contributions may be made during the offering at Sunday worship, mailed to the church office, or online through the FPC website. Please indicate that your contribution is for "Per Capita."

ADOPT-A-BELL UPDATE

In 1980, a set of handbells was purchased with some church funds and contributions from generous donors. Over the years, the handbells have been played by many people during many worship services here at FPC. While bells do not have to be tuned as frequently as other instruments, periodic refurbishing is needed to help maintain the sound quality and mechanical function of each handbell, and to extend their lifespan. It is now time to refurbish the bells for our two Handbell Choirs, the Kirk Ringers and the Youth Ringers. **To date, $2,400 of the $2,600 needed to refurbish the 60 Malmark handbells has been received.** Please consider a donation toward this Adopt-A-Bell. 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.

ONLINE GIVING

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.

First Presbyterian Church of Freehold – November 1, 2026

LITURGIST	Berwin Guttormsen
USHERS **Next Week**	Bob DiSogra & Bob Musser Bill Canning & Samantha Daesener
OPENER **Next Week**	Pat Kirk Samantha Daesener
CLOSER **Next Week**	Samantha Daesener Property Commission
COUNTERS **Next Week**	Beth Nadolny & Samantha Daesener Bill Canning & Bob Musser

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