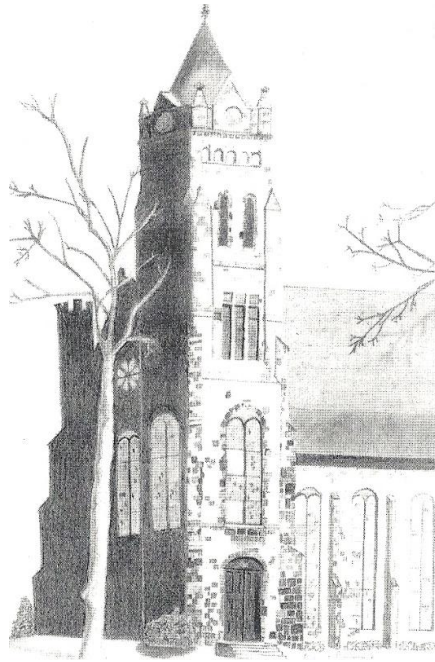




September 20, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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***Please stand if you are able**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Prelude in G Minor, Bach

Welcome and Announcements

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Call to Worship

Liturgist: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

People: **"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."**

Liturgist: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

People: **Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

***Hymn #234**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Call to Confession

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 *(unison)*

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for this is 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)*

Nana Evison

Anthem *Praise God for This Holy Ground (Hymn #405)*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 15:1-21 *(Old Testament pg. 61)*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 30:1-8 *(Old Testament pg. 505)*

Sermon *"Trust God!"*

Nana Evison

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Hymn #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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 *Womb of Life and Source of Being (Hymn #3)*

*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 #295

Go to the World!

*The Holden Prayer (*unison*)

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 good 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.

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Chancel Choir

Postlude

In the Bulb There is a Flower

We welcome into the pulpit today, Nana Evison.

Nana Evison is a graduate student at The Princeton Theological Seminary, studying to earn her Master of Divinity and Master of Christian Education. She is passionate about women's ministry, Black liberation and womanist theology, and children's education. She loves puzzling, reading, prayer walks, and is excited to connect with faith-filled communities across New Jersey!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 9/20/26



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.



WORLD COMMUNION

World Communion Sunday
World Communion Offering
Sunday, October 4, 2026



WORLD COMMUNION

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.



ADOPT-A-BELL: Our Music Ministry needs to have the handbells refurbished for our two Handbell Choirs, the Kirk Ringers and the Youth Ringers, and we need your help to pay for the refurbishment. This periodic maintenance helps to improve the sound quality and mechanical function of each handbell, and to extend their lifespan. We currently have 5 octaves of Malmark handbells. Each octave contains 12 bells for a total of 60 handbells.

Session has approved a request from the Worship Commission for an Adopt-A-Bell to help fund this project. We are looking to raise \$2,600 toward the cost of refurbishing the 60 Malmark handbells. As of September 13, 2026, \$275 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.

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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:				
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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.				

Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

First Presbyterian Church of Freehold – September 20, 2026

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Next Week	Barbara Lloyd & Tom Morrice



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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.



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