



June 7, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Second Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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Please stand in body or spirit. **BOLD print is for worshipers to sing or say.*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Shout to the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Let us worship God. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

All: Behold, our God is a Creator.

Liturgist: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: Behold, our God is a Redeemer.

Liturgist: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

All: Behold, our God is a Holy Spirit. Let us then worship the God who is one-in-three, three-in-one, who heals our brokenness and gathers up all our meanings.

***Hymn #664**

Morning Has Broken

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, whom we know to be a loving God, one in whom we can trust with all of our heart.

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our failure to live in Christ.

You promised to be present with us always, yet our fear for the future shows we do not trust you fully.

You love us with a great, eternal, and costly love, yet our self-centeredness shows that we have not opened ourselves to your love.

Patient God, guide us on the slow journey of growth.

Free us from our fears, our prejudice, and our self-pride, that we may live in Christ and in the freedom of your Spirit, for it's in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! By the death of Christ we are set free and our sins are forgiven.

How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure.

Friends, believe 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

Pastor: 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

O Breath of Life

Chancel Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom, you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit inspire us, and show us new ways to move ahead. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33: 1-12 *(Pg. 507 of the Old Testament portion)*

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

²**Praise the LORD with the lyre;**

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴**For the word of the LORD is upright,**

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

**⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

⁷He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

**⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

⁹For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

**¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 (*Pg. 10 of the Old Testament portion*)

Communion Meditation

"Spread It Like Irises"

Dr. Jefferson L. Hatch

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Hymn #65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Affirmation of Faith: from A Declaration of Faith

**We hold that what God says to us and does for us
centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord
as he is remembered, known, and expected.**

**In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:
by grace through faith we are set right with God,
adopted as children of God,
not because of anything we have done,
but because of what Christ has done.**

**In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out:
to love God and neighbor as Jesus did is what God requires of us.
The Spirit adds no different Word from God,
but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.**

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Sing the Praise of the Lord

Matthew DeMarco, soloist

***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.

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

(The Lord's Prayer will be offered during communion)

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion Hymn #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

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

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 prayer continues...)*

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

The Wonderful Cross

(We celebrate communion by intinction. Please form a line in the right-hand aisle of the sanctuary and return to your pew up the left-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 a cup is available as an 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 #175

Seek Ye First

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

Jesus, Name Above All Names

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

Pastor Jeff retired after 40 years of ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA, and relocated to Manalapan with his wife Kay to be closer to family. They have 2 sons: one in Ocean, NJ, with his wife and two children, and another son and his wife just over the river in Morrisville, PA. 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

First Presbyterian Church of Freehold – June 7, 2026



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

75-AND-OVER LUNCHEON TODAY: The Deacons are hosting a luncheon for our members who are 75 years and older today in the auditorium following worship. All who have turned 75 years old are invited to attend the luncheon. We'll see you next door right after worship.



NEXT WEEK IS MUSIC SUNDAY! Our worship service will be entirely composed of musical elements: songs, hymns, psalms, solos, choirs, and more. It's a day for our choirs, members, and the whole congregation to praise God with musical offerings using the talents God has given them. It's not too late to volunteer to add a song or musical piece of your own - see John Cavicchio or Kay Hatch to sign up after worship. It should be a fun and moving service, so spread the word and join us in song next Sunday.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

– After our Music Sunday worship we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary. At that meeting, we will elect new officers, receive the annual budget, and approve amendments to the FPC by-laws. After the meeting, please join us next door in the Auditorium for a Potluck Luncheon and our Capital Campaign Kickoff. We look forward to all being together for a shared meal!



2027 WOMEN'S RETREAT: Please join us for the **2027 Women's Retreat** at the beautiful Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Poconos – a time for sharing faith and fellowship. The retreat will take place **May 14-16, 2027** and the cost is \$366 per person for a triple occupancy room (*single and double occupancy rooms are also available. Please contact Robin Fox for applicable rates.*) A nonrefundable \$125 deposit is due by June 10th with the balance due November 12th. 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 at email address beachwalker127@yahoo.com or cell phone number 718-442-4985.

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.



DIANE WILL BE ON VACATION July 20th through July 27th. Assistance is needed with covering the church office during this time. Tasks include answering the telephone, responding to emails and reviewing incoming mail. If you are able to help with this, please call or email the church office. Thank you for your support. It is very much appreciated.



A QUIET MOMENT - WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL RECORDINGS: 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.

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

Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

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



Today's Guest Musician:
Matthew DeMarco, Soloist



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- ✓ **Photos** from recent church events and activities
- ✓ **Reminders** about upcoming services and special programs
- ✓ **Clips** from worship services and sermons
- ✓ **Music highlights** from our talented musicians
- ✓ A chance to **connect** with your church family throughout the week

Let's grow our online community and share the love and life of our church with each other!



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