

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

September 27, 2026



*Knowing that all community is a gift of God,
we affirm there can be no exclusiveness about the body of Christ.
We welcome into our community and membership all people of God,
regardless of ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender,
marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing;
and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.
Adopted by the session, March 9, 1995*

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*"The Church of the Open Door", where
All Are Welcome
– We seek to live out the truth of God's love
- Worship is inclusive and inventive
- Joy is found in nurturing one another
- We seek to bring comfort to all people*

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ekama Eni

CHORAL INTROIT

"Bless the Lord My Soul"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elizabeth Friend-Ennis

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord:

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: For the Lord is a great God;

All: a great ruler over heaven and earth!

*OPENING HYMN 394 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

God, as you know, our nation and our world are wracked with war, corruption, bitter division and the oppression of poor and marginalized people, and, as you know, we are more involved in all of it than we like to admit. When we think how Jesus and the Prophets stood up to the evil in their world, we can see clearly how much more, to transform the world, we could be doing than we are. It's a crucial time for such a witness. As the hymn says, "grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is behind us with Grace, before us with inspiring example. How could we not fulfill our calling!!!

Here we come, God. We are on the way, not complaining about how bad the world is, but trying to do something about it. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSIVE HYMN *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all **All: And also with you!**

ANTHEM

"Bless The Lord"

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*WE LIMIT NOT THE TRUTH OF GOD

Anglo-German Psalter 1556

**We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
by notions of our day and sect, crude, partial, and confined.
No, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred,
the Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from the word.**

YOUTH MESSAGE

QUARTER COLLECTION

Every Sunday, our children collect quarters from the congregation and place them in a tube. When full, it equals the amount necessary to purchase a goat for a needy family through Heifer International.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1

(Pg. 691)

Dianne Waterman

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:41-46

(Pg. 29)

THE WORD MADE REAL

Xena

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 359

More Love to Thee, O Christ

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER GOD'S GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our eternal Parent, who surveys everything from beyond history, may your influence flourish among us and your will REALLY be done here and now. Give us today, just today, enough to eat, and keep loving us despite the mess we have made of things and our routine unforgiveness toward each other. Please don't try us beyond our capacity, or let us suffer more than we can bear. We pray this, certain that everything is yours. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 280

Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Ekama Eni

POSTLUDE

We are grateful to have the Rev. Elizabeth Friend-Ennis joining us in worship today to speak out about the work of justice happening through the Interfaith Prison Partnership.

“The Church of the Open Door” makes every effort to use inclusive language. Realizing that words have power, we encourage substitution of words/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of worship.



Please note our QR code: a direct way to donate to the church, pay your pledge, or make any other church-related payments. Thank you for contributing to our church and surrounding community!

THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 28

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 5:00 pm
Joining Forces Group, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library

Tuesday, September 29

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 5:00 pm
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
AA Women's Group, 7:30 pm, library

Wednesday, September 30

Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary

Thursday, October 1

Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library

Friday, October 2

Food Pantry Setup 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, October 3

Food Pantry 8:30 – 9:45 am

WANT TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE? Please email or call the church.

PRAYER CHAIN for 2026 - Email prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com with a prayer request or to be part of the prayer chain to receive prayer requests.

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of the Lenape, Munsee, and Wappinger people.

We gratefully acknowledge their stewardship of this land, past and present.