

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

JULY 27, 2025



*“Lord . . . Empower me to be a bold participant,  
rather than a timid saint in waiting, in the difficult ordinariness of now;  
to exercise the authority of honesty, rather than defer to power, or deceive to get it;  
to influence someone for justice, rather than impress anyone for gain;  
and, by grace, to find treasures of joy, of friendship, of peace  
hidden in the fields of the daily you give me to plow.”*

*- Rev. Ted Loder*

*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

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Rev. Rachel Thompson**

ONE: Gracious God, we hear Your call to love more fully.

**ALL: Help us to respond with grace.**

ONE: Challenging God, we hear Your call to live our faith.

**ALL: Help us to respond with joy.**

ONE: Eternal God, we hear Your call to follow the teachings of Jesus.

**ALL: Help us to respond with courage.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

God over all,  
in darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us to flourish in Your love,  
and to serve Your purpose.  
Teach us, in the wilderness times,  
to trust in You  
as Jesus trusted in You. Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN 2068 STF I Love You Lord (3 times)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us in our binary worldview. Forgive us for living as though truth were either “this” or “that.” Lead us to a wider vision, O God. Help us to see “our” lives and “their” lives as sacred to You, no matter what. Help us to trust in You and love unconditionally, as You love, O God.

*Silent Prayer*

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news that there is hope.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and can be hopeful. Thanks be to God!**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Spirit of God bring you hope.

**People: May the Spirit of God bring you hope.**

Leader: Let us pass the spirit of hope to one another . . .

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **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 BLESSING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts and debtors)

<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>Mark 14:32-36a</b>	<b>Pg. 52</b>	<b>Carolyn Llewellyn</b>
<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>Exodus 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Pgs. 50 &amp; 51</b>	<b>Rev. Rachel Thompson</b>

<b>SERMON</b>	<b>Fear not???</b>	<b>Rev. Rachel Thompson</b>
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**\*HYMN 2212 STF** **My Life Flows On**

### **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**\*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 THE OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 2238 STF** **In the Midst of New Dimensions**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*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.*

***Next Sunday August 3, we will gather at Hubbard Lodge in Fahnestock Park  
for our annual outdoor worship and church picnic.***

***It's also the first Sunday for our new Pastor, Ekama Eni!***

***All Are Welcome! Please join us.***



Our QR code is 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, July 28**

**Tuesday, July 29**

**Wednesday, July 30**

**Thursday, July 31**

**Friday, August 1**

**Saturday, August 2**

*Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

*Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm*

*AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library*

*Prayer Group, 7:00 am, in person, library*

*Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm*

*Book Club Movie Night, "The Secret Life of Bees", 6:00 pm, Butterfield Library*

*Summer Breeze Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, sanctuary*

*Food Pantry Setup 9:30 – 11:00 am*

*Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am*

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

**PRAYER CHAIN** for 2025 - Email [prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com) with a prayer request or to be part of the prayer chain to receive prayer requests.

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*First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown operates on the ancestral homelands  
of the Lenape, Munsee, and Wappinger people.*

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