

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

November 9th, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



*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

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glyn Nixon

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

One: Sing praises to the Lord;

All: Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

All: The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

One: Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

*OPENING HYMN #430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us. Trusting in God’s persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s ways are just, and God’s kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me (insert)

**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

“In Paths of Beauty”

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 SERMON

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

Haggai 1:15b—2:9

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Glyn Nixon

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

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SERMON

Rev. Ekama Eni

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #464

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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 God, 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.

*CLOSING HYMN #389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Ekama Eni

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.



Please note our new 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, November 10

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 6:00 pm
Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

Tuesday, November 11

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 4:00 pm
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library*

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

*Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library
Yoga Class, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, social hall*

Friday, November 14

*Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:20 – 4:00 pm*

Saturday, November 15

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 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.*