

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

October 26th, 2025

Twentieth 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

“Servant Song”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Diana Geller

One: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

All: We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God’s truth.

*OPENING HYMN 200 To Bless the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us open ourselves in this time of prayer, being truthful in our confession as we humble ourselves before our God.

CONFESSION

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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

“Come Build A Church”

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

Joel 2:23–32

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EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

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SERMON

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 2158 STF

Just a Closer Walk with 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 339

Be Thou My Vision

*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.



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, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

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, October 29

Prayer Group, 7:00 am, in person, library
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary

Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 1

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:20 – 4:00 pm
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.