

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

October 12th, 2025

Eighteenth 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

"Blessed Quietness"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Brennan

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

All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

One: All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

One: Let us give glory to God.

*OPENING HYMN 277

O God, Our Faithful God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Assured of God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

CONFESSION

Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise.

Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Our sin is forgiven! Thanks be to God.

“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 13

*Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

Tuesday, October 14

*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 15

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

Thursday, October 16

*Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary
Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library*

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

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.***