

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent



*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 *“Through These Days of Lenten Journey”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kate Dayton

One: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

All: Let your ears hear our supplication.

One: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

All: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

One: Come. Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 314 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confess our sin.

CONFESSION

God, we are a busy people. We become preoccupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped.” Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(Pg. 806)

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GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

(Pgs. 104-5)

SERMON

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 407

When a Poor One

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

LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

*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, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

*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, March 25

*Prayer Group, 7:00 am, in church library
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Lenten Practice Group, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, library
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, back classroom*

Thursday, March 26

*Session Meeting, 6:30 pm, library
Yoga Class, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, social hall*

Friday, March 27

*Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Drop off supplies for Midnight Run 12:30 – 2:00 pm*

Saturday, March 28

*Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am
Midnight Run (drop off supplies 9:00 – 11:00 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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We gratefully acknowledge their stewardship of this land, past and present.*