

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

September 20, 2026



*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

"Gather Us In"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Sopyla

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

All: God's greatness is unsearchable.

One: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

*OPENING HYMN 251 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we stake our claim on that tenderness and use it as a weapon against others, forgetting that God's love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another.

CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*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

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

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 MESSAGE

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
GOSPEL

Exodus 16:2-15 (Pg. 62)
Matthew 20:1-16 (Pg. 21)

Ron Sopyla

SERMON

Rev. Ekama Eni

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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

*CLOSING HYMN 358 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*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 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, September 21

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 5:00 pm
Joining Forces Group, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

Tuesday, September 22

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 5:00 pm
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
AA Women's Group, 7:30 pm, library*

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

*Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary
Cultivators (PSSP) Meeting, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, library
Yoga Class, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, social hall*

Friday, September 25

*Food Pantry Setup 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Book Club, 7:00 pm, library*

Saturday, September 26

*Food Pantry 8:30 – 9:45 am
PresbyBuild Talent Show, 3:00 pm, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Newburgh*

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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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.