

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

July 20, 2025



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary by Johannes Vermeer c. 1655

*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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (See insert, “Friday” prayer) **Rev. Martha Louise Harkness**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 469** **Morning Has Broken**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in God’s love and forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from God in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

Leader: God forgives us, Christ renews us, and the Spirit enables us to grow. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the love of God be with you always.

All: May the love of God be with you always.

One: Let us welcome each other to this place by showing signs of love and peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 BLESSING

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10a *The Hospitality of Abraham and Sarah (Pg. 14)*

Diana Geller

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:38-42 *Christ in the House of Mary and Martha (Pg. 72)*

Diana Geller

SERMON

Rev. Martha Louise Harkness

***HYMN (Insert)**

O Christ, Surround Me

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

***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 THE OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

***CLOSING HYMN 535**

Go with Us Lord

***BENEDICTION**

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.*

SAVE THE DATE!

***On Sunday August 3, we will gather at Hubbard Lodge in Fahnestock Park for
our annual outdoor worship and church picnic.***

It's also the first Sunday for our new Pastor, Ekama Eni!

All Are Welcome! Please join us.



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:

<u>Monday, July 21</u>	<i>Memorial Service for Patricia Guest, 10:00 am, Cold Spring United Methodist Church</i>
<u>Tuesday, July 22</u>	<i>Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library</i>
	<i>Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm</i>
	<i>AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library</i>
<u>Wednesday, July 23</u>	<i>Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom</i>
	<i>Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm</i>
<u>Thursday, July 24</u>	<i>Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library</i>
	<i>Summer Breeze Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, sanctuary</i>
<u>Friday, July 25</u>	<i>Food Pantry Setup 9:30 – 11:00 am</i>
	<i>Book Club, 7:00 pm, library</i>
<u>Saturday, July 26</u>	<i>Food Pantry 9:00 – 10:00 am</i>
	<i>Midnight Run</i>

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.*