

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

March 1, 2026
Second 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 *“What Wondrous Love is This?”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Gertson Bogardus

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills-

All: from where will our help come?

One: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship God who is our help

*OPENING HYMN 79 *Kind Maker of the World*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We need God’s help. Therefore, let us approach God’s throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship.

CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life’s journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don’t run deep enough and don’t last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. Amen.

*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

“Celtic Communion”

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

Genesis 12:1-4

(Pg. 10)

Kathy Gertson Bogardus

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(Pg. 93)

SERMON

Rev. Ekama Eni

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDER

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

COMMUNION (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

*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 2

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 6:00 pm
Inner Work of Age Book Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library
Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

Tuesday, March 3

*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 4

*Prayer Group, 7:00 am, in person, library
PAPA Meal
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm*

Thursday, March 5

*Lent Group, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, library
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, back classroom
Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library*

Friday, March 6

Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, March 7

Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 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.*