

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

November 23th, 2025

Reign of Christ Sunday

2025 Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

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*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

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynn Brown

One: O sing to God a new song;^[SEP] sing to God, all the earth.

All: For great is the Creator and greatly to be praised;^[SEP] God is to be revered above all gods.

One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols;^[SEP] but God made the heavens.^[SEP]

All: Say among the nations, “God reigns.^[SEP] The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. God will judge the peoples with equity.”^[SEP]

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;^[SEP] let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it.^[SEP]

All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy^[SEP] before the Creator, for God is coming^[SEP] for God is coming to judge the earth.^[SEP]

God will judge the world with righteousness^[SEP] and the peoples with truth.

*HYMN 191 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, draw near to the One who made you, the One who is beyond borders, beyond control and coercion. Come, draw near to the One who judges the world with righteousness, inviting us to be a people of truth and equity, reflecting the diverse abundance of God’s grace.

CONFESSION

One: God beyond borders

All: though we are made in your image, so often we have tried to create you in ours.

One: We have adorned our country’s flags with the image of the cross,

All: desecrating that place where you conquered state power and sin once and for all with our own idolatrous nationalisms.

One: We have confused our political preferences with your divine will

All: We have even dared to believe you love us best. What a mockery we make of your message of letting the children of all nations come to you, Jesus.

One: What harm we have caused upon bodies and faiths seen as less faithful, or less American, or less patriotic than our own

All: What violence we have worked in our collusion of state and religious power, the very same violence you subvert on the cross. Forgive our comfortable and profitable idolatries, and burst forth from all the boxes we have forced you into, bringing in your wake abundant life for all people, for all nations.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news, and let it dwell in your body: How things are, or how they have been, is not how they must always be. The God of all nations is at work still, growing flowers in the cracks between the walls we build. All creation bears witness to a God beyond borders, a God on the move still working through ordinary people, like you and me, to claim and create abundant life for all people, for all nations, for all faiths. God is not held captive by our ideologies of idolatry; we need not be, either. We are a people made new! A forgiven people. A diverse people of grace in many languages. Thanks be to God!

***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 “Let All Things Now Living”

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 AND 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	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Lynn Brown
GOSPEL	Luke 1:68-79	
SERMON		Rev. Ekama Eni

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN 602 Song of Zechariah
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*BENEDICTION

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, November 24

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 25

Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library

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, November 26

Prayer Group, 7:00 am on zoom

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day (church offices closed)

Friday, November 28

Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 29

Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am

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