

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

November 16th, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



*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. Rachel Thompson

CHORAL INTROIT

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jackie Grant

One: Holy and everlasting God,

All: by Your power we are created, and by Your love we are redeemed.

One: Guide and strengthen us with Your Spirit,

All: so that we may give ourselves to Your service,

One: and live each day in love to one another and to You,

All: through Jesus Christ, Amen

*OPENING HYMN #2001 STF We Sing to You, O God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we have the best of intentions, we sometimes fall short of the life that God would have us live. Let us open our hearts to God with our confession . . .

CONFESSION

God of love, You know us so well. You know the very depths of our hearts, even better than we know ourselves. You perceive those times when we feel or act in a posture of judgment and condemnation. Forgive us when we fail to remember that all human beings are fearfully and wonderfully made. Help us to be gracious and longsuffering with our friends, family, and even our enemies. Remind us that You extend to all people an offer of merciful righteousness and grace. May we be ever grateful for Your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who created each one of us pardons all who truly repent.

Thanks be for God’s grace-filled love. 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

“Love” by John Lennon

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.

GOSPEL

Mark 3:31-35

(Pg. 37)

Jackie Grant

GOSPEL

John 19:25-27

(Pg. 114)

SERMON

All You Need is Love?

Rev. Rachel Thompson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN insert

All You Need is Love

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rachel Thompson

POSTLUDE

Please join us next Sunday, November 16 for a pot luck luncheon and congregational conversation following our worship service. All are Welcome!

“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 17

*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, November 18

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 4:00 pm
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Session Meeting, 6:30 pm, back classroom*

Wednesday, November 19

*AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library
Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary*

Thursday, November 20

Yoga Class, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, social hall

Friday, November 21

*Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:20 – 4:00 pm
Book Club, 7:00 pm, library*

Saturday, November 22

Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am

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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*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.