

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

August 3, 2025

Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Hubbard Lodge



Zadok Anointing Solomon (16th. cent.)

***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

Pastor Ekama Eni

Leader: God, as we gather together to worship you, we stand in awe of your creation.

All: We see you in the rising and setting of the sun. We see you in the moon and the stars of the night sky. Your creative presence is all around us.

Leader: We see you in the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea.

All: From the flowers of the valley to the mountaintops in the sky,

Leader: We see your beauty all over the earth.

All: Let us worship you for who you are, our creator and sustainer.

*OPENING HYMN 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

- 1. Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]**
- 2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]**
- 3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them everyone. [Refrain]**
- 4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cathy Carnevale

CONFESSION

God, we come to you today acknowledging that things are broken. Creation is broken. Relationships are broken. We are broken. But in the same breath we know that you make all things new. Today we pray that your presence would be felt in our brokenness. We ask that through your grace all of creation would once again be made whole. *Silent Prayer*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 1:28-39

Cathy Carnevale

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:1-7, 15-17

Pastor Ekama Eni

SERMON

Bible Faves: Bathsheba

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

COMMUNION

Rev. Rachel Thompson & Pastor Ekama Eni

***CLOSING HYMN I Love to Tell the Story**

**1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true.
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

**2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]**

**3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]**

**4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor 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.



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:

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

Wednesday, August 6

Thursday, August 7

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

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

Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm

AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library

Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom

PAPA Meal

Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library

Summer Breeze Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, sanctuary

Food Pantry Setup 9:30 – 11:00 am

Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am

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.