

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

November 2nd, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday



*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

“Servant Song”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Gertson Bogardus

One: The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures

All: Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.

One: The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello

All: Lord, your creation boasts of your love.

One: Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

*OPENING HYMN #526

For All the Saints

RECALLING OF THE SAINTS

One: We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

All: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

One: We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

All: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

One: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

All: Family of our faith, we remember you.

One: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
siblings, spouses and parents
whose lives ended too soon:

All: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

One: We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

As we read these names, we will pause after every name
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Book of James tells us every good thing comes from God (James 1:17). The best parts of ourselves, of those we love. The color purple. Chocolate chip cookies. Friendship. The way trees use networks of fungi to help each other thrive. Yet, the world contains ugliness. We contain ugliness. Let us confess our shortcomings as a community that we may be free to live into our God-given purpose again.

CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me (insert)

**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

"I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"

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

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4 (Pgs. 871, 872) Kathy Gertson Bogardus

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 (Pg. 205) Kathy Gertson Bogardus

SERMON

Rev. Ekama Eni

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #289

O God of Every Nation

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 HYMN #508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

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 #263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 3

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 4

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 5

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

Friday, November 7

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary
Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:20 – 4:00 pm

Saturday, November 8

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

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We gratefully acknowledge their stewardship of this land, past and present.