FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Combined Worship Service
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Bless the Lord — Jared Anderson

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE — Rev. Karen Kinney

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.
We look with gratitude upon our unfolding journey.
God, who was with our ancestors in faith, is with us still.
So we move forward in hope, trusting in the Spirit's guidance.
In Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Alleluia! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Jesus, Come, for We Invite You (from *Worship and Rejoice* – see insert) — SICILIAN MARINERS

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON — Rev. Sue Pizor Yoder

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that divides us, the ignorance that constrains us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, so that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is most needed, have faith that you are with us in our unfolding journey. With gratitude, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE — Judith Smullen
John 2:1-11

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"When the Wine Runs Out"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Where in your life has the wine run out? What might Jesus be telling you to do next?
What good wine has been kept for you until now?

*SERMON HYMN

We've Come This Far by Faith (from *Glory to God* – see insert) — THIS FAR BY FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from *Confessions of 1967)*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of fulfilling its service of God among humanity. These gifts remain, but the church is obliged to change the forms of its service in ways appropriate to different generations and cultures. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humanity. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER — Rev. JC Austin

Our Father 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING AND PLEDGES

Call to Give

Offertory Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace, from *Lux Perpetua*

Jonathan Willcocks

Chancel Choir

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. David N. Johnson

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a Celebratory Luncheon.

All are welcome!

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We've Come This Far by Faith 656



COMMUNITY LIFE – ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOV. 15, 2026

If you are new to our church, welcome! Please complete a **"Connect Card,"** available in the Narthex.

We are very glad to **welcome to our service**: Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace, Rev. Sue Pizor Yoder, and Rev. JC Austin.

After our **Combined service at 11:15 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, you are invited to enjoy a **catered luncheon** for all in Fellowship Hall. At 4 p.m. let's gather in the Sanctuary for ***Blessings & Memories: A Musical Celebration of Place,*** featuring reflections and musical selections with over 100 vocalists.

Our two classes will meet next week: **Hearts N Minds adult ed** will meet from 10-11 a.m. in the Library (Room 210). **Body N Soul intergenerational class** will meet from 10:10-11 a.m. in Room 216. All are welcome!

We will offer our **Thanksgiving Eve worship service** on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary – in person and livestreamed on our Facebook page and website. We will be accepting donations for Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering.

Orders for the **Preschool Poinsettia & Wreath fundraiser** are due on this coming Thursday, Nov. 19 (this is different than the poinsettias we will order for the Christmas Eve service). Order forms are in the Narthex.

Bethlehem Interfaith Group (BIG) offers its **Thanksgiving service of gratitude** in our Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m., followed by a time of fellowship after the service. All are welcome.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton, Associate Pastor for Justice and Community Impact; lclifton@fpc-bethlehem.org
Rev. Karen Kinney, Transitional Pastor; kkinney@fpc-bethlehem.org
David Macbeth, Director of Music Ministries; dmacbeth@fpc-bethlehem.org

CARE CONCERNS

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED: Please tell the hospital our church code is 724. Also, please call the church office at 610-867-5865 to let us know as the hospitals do not always collect this information. After hours, leave a message or call 610-674-0005 for emergency pastoral messages.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Send to prayer@fpc-bethlehem.org or call 610-867-5865 and leave a message.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Regular Church Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Urgent pastoral need? Call 610-674-0005 for emergency pastoral messages.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – STAY CONNECTED!

If you would like to get our email or print newsletter: info@fpc-bethlehem.org or 610-867-5865.

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