

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAYREVILLE

**Rev. Jessica Malek
Interim Minister**



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Jessica Malek

Organist: Sandy Albano

Worship Assistant: Lou Mastro

Audio & Visual Support: Alannah Bailey/Dona Lewandowski



Prelude



Welcome & Announcements

Called by God

Call to Worship (*Worship Assistant*) Psalm 68:32-35

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

People: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

People: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Leader: Let us worship God!



Hymn 465

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Forgiven by God



Call to Confession (*Worship Assistant*)

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.



Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the living God, rest upon us this day. Forgive us those times we have failed to see you as the one true God. Forgive us for the bargains we make with you as we weaken in our resolve to serve you. Help us speak the truth to one another in love, putting aside our petty irritations. Remind us again of loving one another, even loving our enemies. Fill us anew with your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



Silent Confession (*A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.*)



Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.



Gloria Patri Hymn 577 (*All*)

Avery & Marsh

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. Amen.

Upheld by Christ



Prayers of the People - *Sharing Joys, Concerns and Thanksgivings*



Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (*debts & debtors*)

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.

Taught by Christ



Gospel Reading John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Sermon "May We Be One!"



Hymn 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed (Modern English)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 **Committing Our Lives, Gifts and Talents**

 **Offertory**

 **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

 **Prayer of Dedication**

You pour out your love upon us, O God; you give us eternal life. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for all that you do on our behalf. Make us useful servants of Christ in all that we do. Amen.

 **Sharing the Peace of God**

Pastor: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to remain in your pew and wave to those around you as a sign of peace and reconciliation.)

(Please remain standing for the Closing Hymn)

Sent Out by The Spirit

 **Hymn 840** "When Peace like a River"

 **Charge and Benediction**

 **Congregational Response** "Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

 **Postlude**

*** Welcome ***

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! We want to know you were here! Guests and visitors are invited to sign our Vestibule Guest Book or fill out the Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the collection plate. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Church, please call (732) 257-6353 and speak with the church secretary for further information. Make sure to "like" our page at www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville and check out our website at FPCSayreville.org. Donations can be made to the website.

Weekly Attendance 5/10/26: 49
Weekly Offering 5/10/26: \$739.00

*** Prayer List ***

Manona Smith	Martha Saltzman
Special Friends in Need	Frank Martino
Howard Merritt	Vincent Prestigiacommo
Prudy DeLap	Roxanne Parks
Beth DePinto	Ken Adams
Kim Barone	The Boley Family
Becca & Hazel Laikowski	The Laikowski Clan
Joe & Marilyn Zakrzewski	Russell Hayek
David Zito	Charles Gilke
Stacia Drotar	Gary & Diane Spychalski
The Haney Family	Jennifer Martin
The Magee Family	Jorge Barreiro & Family
Barbara Busch	Keith Carney
Christine Brower	Timothy Newsome
Kathy Walker	Dona Lewandowski
The Anderson Family	

If you or a loved one would like to be removed from the Prayer List, please let the office know. Thank you.

Our Calendar of Events can be found on our website FPCSayreville.org

Monday, 5/18	5:30pm	Office Open
Tuesday, 5/19	7:00pm	Troop 777 (Sunday School Area)
Wednesday, 5/20	7:00pm	AA (Hall)
Thursday, 5/21	7:00pm	Troop 96 (Sunday School area)
Friday, 5/22	5:30pm	Office Open
Sunday, 5/24	9:30am	Sunday School
		Office Open
	10:30am	Worship Service
	1:00pm	Ghana Church (Sanctuary)

**** Announcements ****

Per Capita \$42: The per capita assessment this year is \$42 per active member. In a family of four confirmed members, that would be \$168 for that family. Children baptized but not yet confirmed are not assessed.

Fundraiser: We have a fundraising initiative called Spiral through Amboy Bank. You can now donate to First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville by using a digital banking account, you can access the Giving Center, locate the church's name and make a donation. If you are not an Amboy Bank account holder, check with your bank and see if they are associated with Spiral. All donations are tax deductible and you will be able to get a statement of your contributions.

Food Pantry: We have a separate phone and email address for the Deacons Food Pantry. The phone number is (848) 280-1927 and the email is FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Deacons to arrange assistance. Our food pantry is available throughout the year for any community member in need.

**** FOURTH OF JULY – The Deacons are collection gift cards for the Fourth of July this year, instead of handing out food baskets.**

We are in need of \$10, \$20 & \$30 Shop Rite gift cards. **

Headphones: There are headphones available for anyone wishing to enhance hearing during worship services. Please see Gary Spsychalski or the Pastor for more info.

Join the Choir! Choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Not

only will you build long-lasting friendships with other choir members, but you also build your relationship with God through worship music.

Pastoral Care Emergencies: If you have a pastoral care emergency, please call (732) 403-4160. This is a dedicated phone line for emergencies. You can also contact Rev. Malek by emailing her at revjessicamalek@gmail.com. This is a confidential email that is read only by the pastor.

We ask that ALL FOOD PANTRY requests be made by contacting FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com or (848) 280-1927 only.

General Church Information: The office is generally open Mondays & Fridays at 5:30pm and Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. PLEASE CALL before you stop to verify if someone is here. Emails and phones will be checked on Wednesdays when the office is closed. You can reach the office by using the church's email churchoffice172@optimum.net, or by calling the office at (732) 257-6353.

**** Online Giving ****

We have online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Giving Solutions, on our website FPCSayreville.org! Simply click on the "Give Now" button, and you will be directed to our giving page. Once there, create a profile and you can then make a one-time donation or schedule auto-payments monthly, weekly, etc. to major church accounts.

You can also donate through the app "Give Plus". Download the app, enter the church zip code of 08872, and click on our church. You can make either a onetime donation or set up recurring donations, depending on which you prefer.

You can also scan the following code with your smartphone camera to be connected to our giving page.



PENDING CHURCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECT

	Estimated Cost
1.AC for CE Hall	\$20,000
2.Steeple Refinish	\$60,000
3.Kitchen Commercial Refrigerator	<u>\$ 2,200</u>
	\$82,200

OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

1.Replace door and frame to church office	\$7,000
2.Repalce Door to CEB	\$2,500
3.Replace One AC Unit CEB Upstairs	<u>\$ 600</u>
	\$10,100

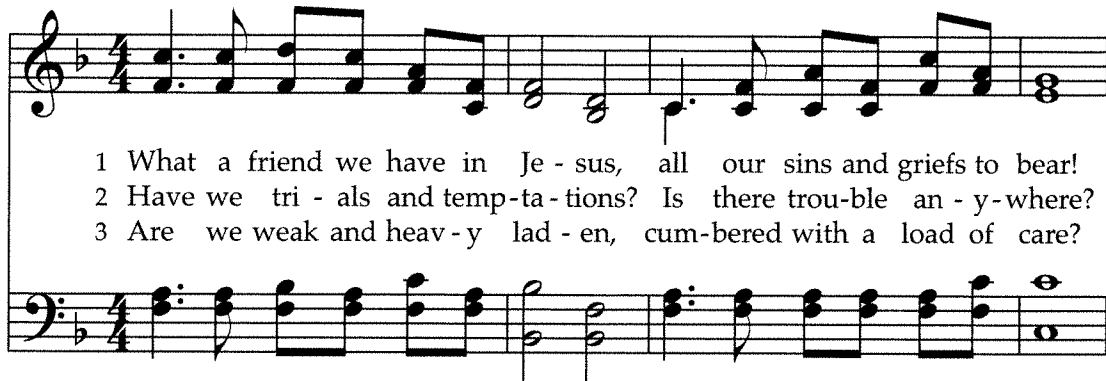
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The above list is revised from our prior posting since a number of its projects have been completed. Thank you one and all for your ongoing and continuing support of our church. Without you, none of this would be possible.

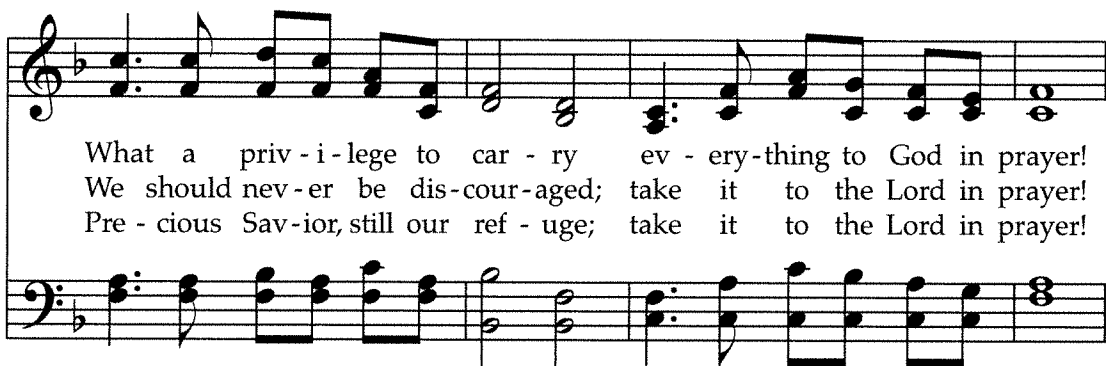
As you can see, we have a number of costly projects left that we need to fund. If you or anyone you know would be willing to support any of these important items, please let the Pastor or any of the church officers know.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

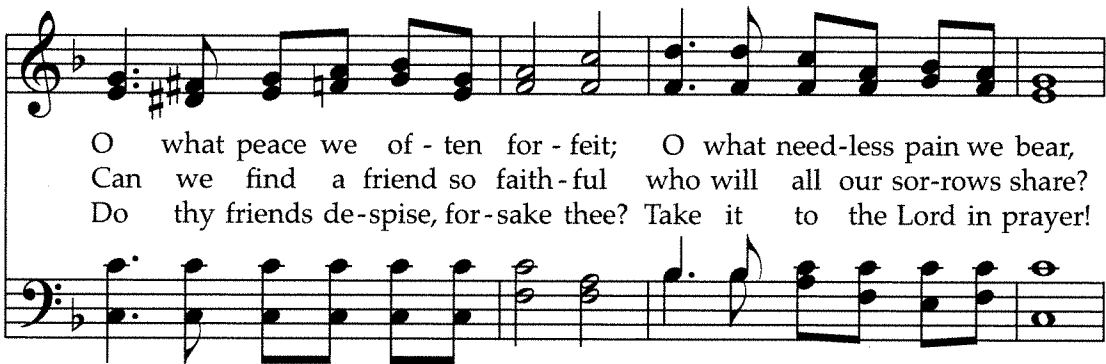
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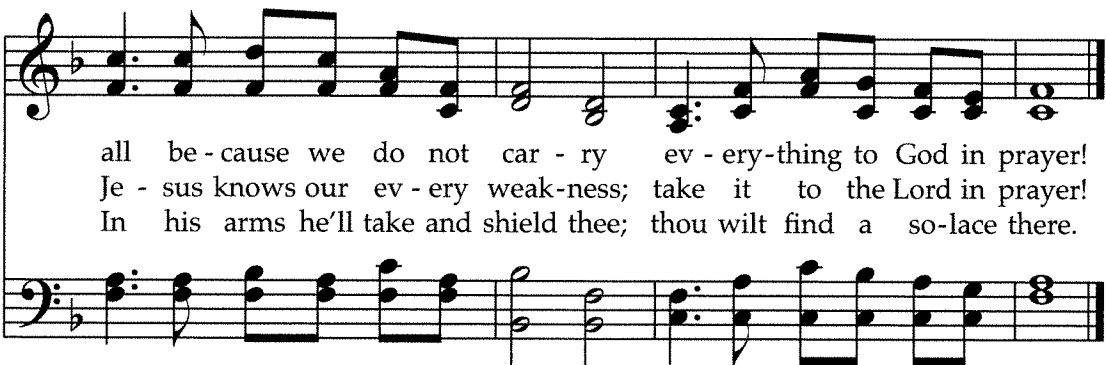
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

The musical score consists of two staves in the key of D major (two sharps). The first staff contains the lyrics "un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be" with guitar chords G, Em, F#m, and Bm. The second staff contains the lyrics "loved as to love with all my soul." with guitar chords E, E7, A, E, A, and A7. A bracket above the final two notes of the second staff is labeled "to Stanza 4".

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

it is well; it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Trusting in the Promises of God". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "it is well; it is well with my soul." are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville

Annual Flea Market

Space Rental Agreement

e-mail churchoffice172@optimum.net call 732-257-6353

Saturday June 6th, 2026 8am-2pm

Rain Date 6/13/2026

Rain out will be determined on Thursday by 7pm prior to flea market.

Date ___/___/___

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ cell phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville**

#of spaces (_____) space \$25 or 2for \$40 Total \$_____

#of table's (____) \$8ea limited to one per/space depending on availability Total \$_____

Payment Check _____ or Cash _____ Total payment \$_____

What type of items are you selling _____

I _____ have received and accepted the rules and regulations from the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville as outlined on attached page.

Signature _____ Rental fees are not refundable after May 22 ,2026

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We will call you and post it on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville>.

Rules and Regulations

One space = 1 parking spot

- 1-Alcohol is not allowed on church property.**
- 2-you may not sell any food items during flea market** (unless you have a food handler's license)
- 3-you may arrive at 7am to set up your space**
- 4-You need to provide your own table unless prior arrangements have been made (\$8/table).**
- 5- All items must be cleaned up and removed from the rental space upon departure.**
(no dumpsters service available)
- 6- DO NOT block any fire lanes (use only parking spaces)**
- 7- no vehicle traffic in lot after 7:50 am**
- 8- if you must leave before 2pm see the church associate to safely assist you out of lot**
- 9-Rental space fee is not refundable after May 22nd (all refunds are by church check only- no cash)**

Each vendor will get one spot to park a car next to space (please avoid parking across the street to give buyers ample places to park. If you need another car to park, see church associate. We have limited parking spaces available.



Sing a New Song!

“Glory to God” hymnals have been placed back in the pews, thanks to a very generous donation from the Plainsboro Presbyterian Church.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to help us obtain additional hymnals which you can dedicate in memory or honor of a special loved one.

The cost of each hymnal will be \$30.00, covering the purchase cost of the hymnal as well as shipping and handling.

If you are interested in donating a hymnal or hymnals, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, Sayreville for the total amount of your order. Any questions may be directed to John or Mary Beckhusen at 732-651-5952.

Name: _____

Contact information (email or phone #): _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

FPC Deacon's Fundraising Project



SUPPORT OUR AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT

Help Us Cool Our Church Hall

A comfortable hall helps us host meals, events, and
community gatherings all year long.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Your donation will go directly towards installing air conditioning
in our church hall

ENVELOPE DONATION GAME

\$15.00 \$20.00, \$25.00 Amounts

RULES



1. Choose an envelope
 2. Inside is your donation amount
 3. Put the amount card along with your
donation back into the numbered envelope
 4. Place your numbered envelope with your
name on back in collection plate
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EVERY CONTRIBUTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



- . All amounts welcome
- . 100% goes to the A/C project
- . Together we can reach our goal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your generosity helps keep our church a welcoming place for all.