Welcome to worship!
Today we celebrate God's gift of creation and our sacred calling to care for it.
As we gather at Christ's table, may we rejoice in the Creator,
the creation, and our place within it.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at https://bit.ly/FPClive

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert-Zencka
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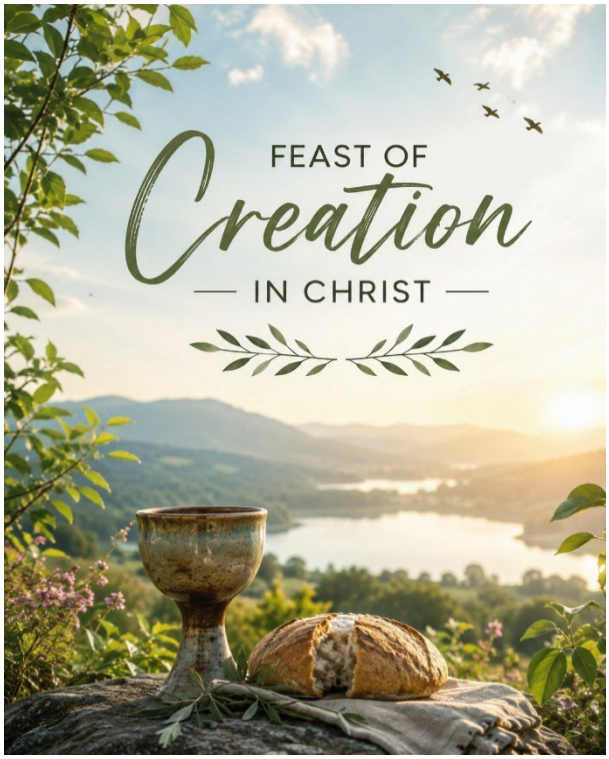
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Faith
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Living and sharing the miracle of God's grace.

Order of Worship

September 6, 2026

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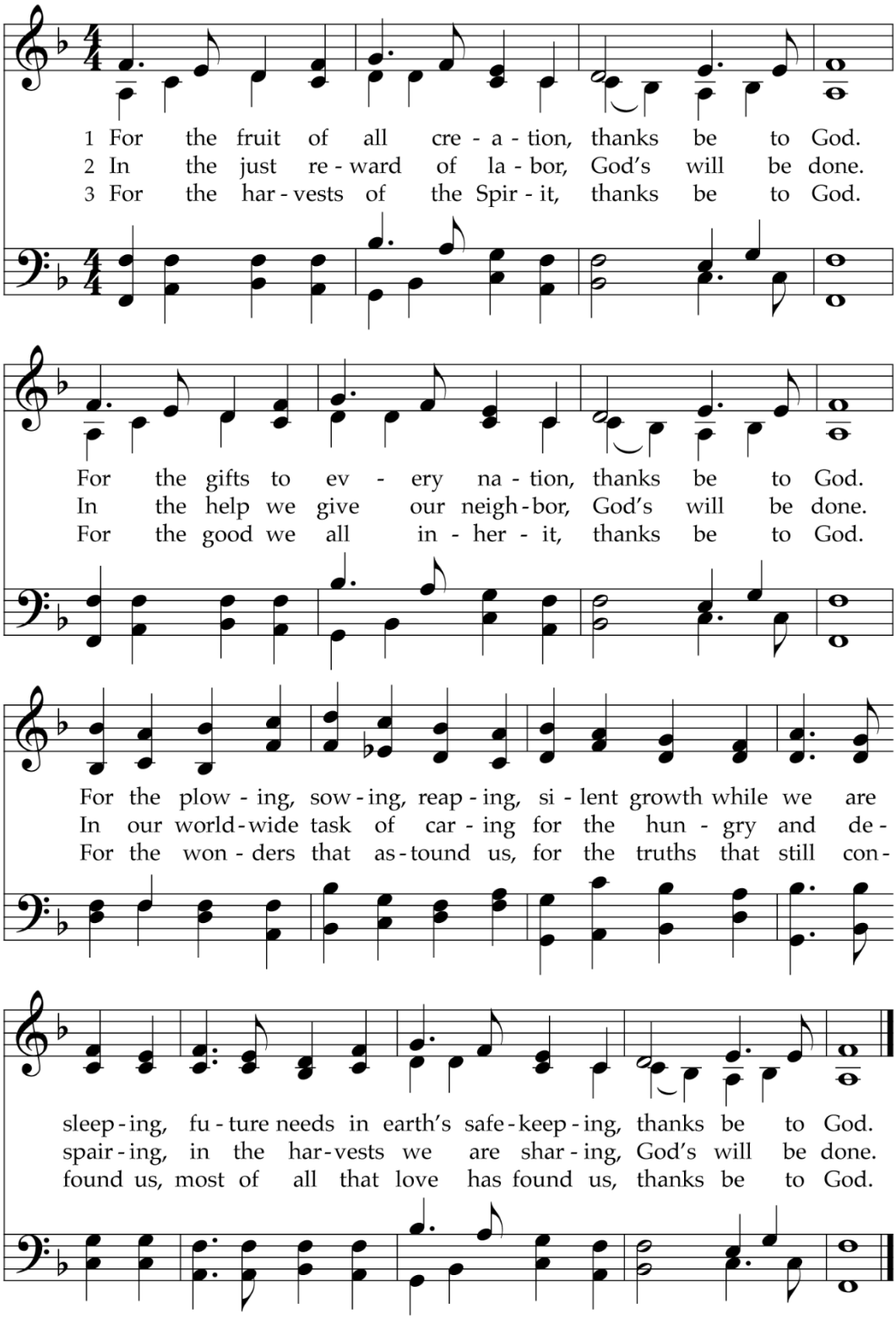
THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***SEPTEMBER 6, 2026***

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*HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation 36



Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Company

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LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Creator God, we should speak plainly with you. We have abused your good creation.

All: We have treated the earth, and all that grows in it, all that your loving energy flows through, as mere resources to be used for our pleasure. And even when we have enough, we want more. We know better.

One: We grieve the damage to your good creation, God, but we feel helpless.

All: We tell ourselves that we can't make a difference. But your Word tells us that our actions matter. Forgive our inaction, forgive our lack of hope, forgive our own excesses. Guide us to become better stewards of your good creation.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✳SHARING THE PEACE

One: We are at peace with God, so let us be at peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

✳HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: World Communion

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON GENESIS 2:4-25

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
In the day that the Lord[a] God made the earth and the heavens, 5 when no plant of the
field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for
the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the
ground, 6 but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the
ground— 7 then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground[b] and breathed
into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 And
the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom
he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is
pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden,
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
10 A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and
becomes four branches. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows
around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, 12 and the gold of that land is
good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is
the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is
Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep
it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the
garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in
the day that you eat of it you shall die.”
18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make
him a helper as his partner.” 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal
of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he
would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its
name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every
animal of the field, but for the man[c] there was not found a helper as his partner.

21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he
took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God
had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then
the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."
24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they
become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not
ashamed.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ACTS 17:22A, 24-28

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely
spiritual you are in every way.
24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and
earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human
hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and
breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor[a] he made all peoples to inhabit the whole
earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places
where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God[b] and perhaps fumble
about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In
him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,
'For we, too, are his offspring.'
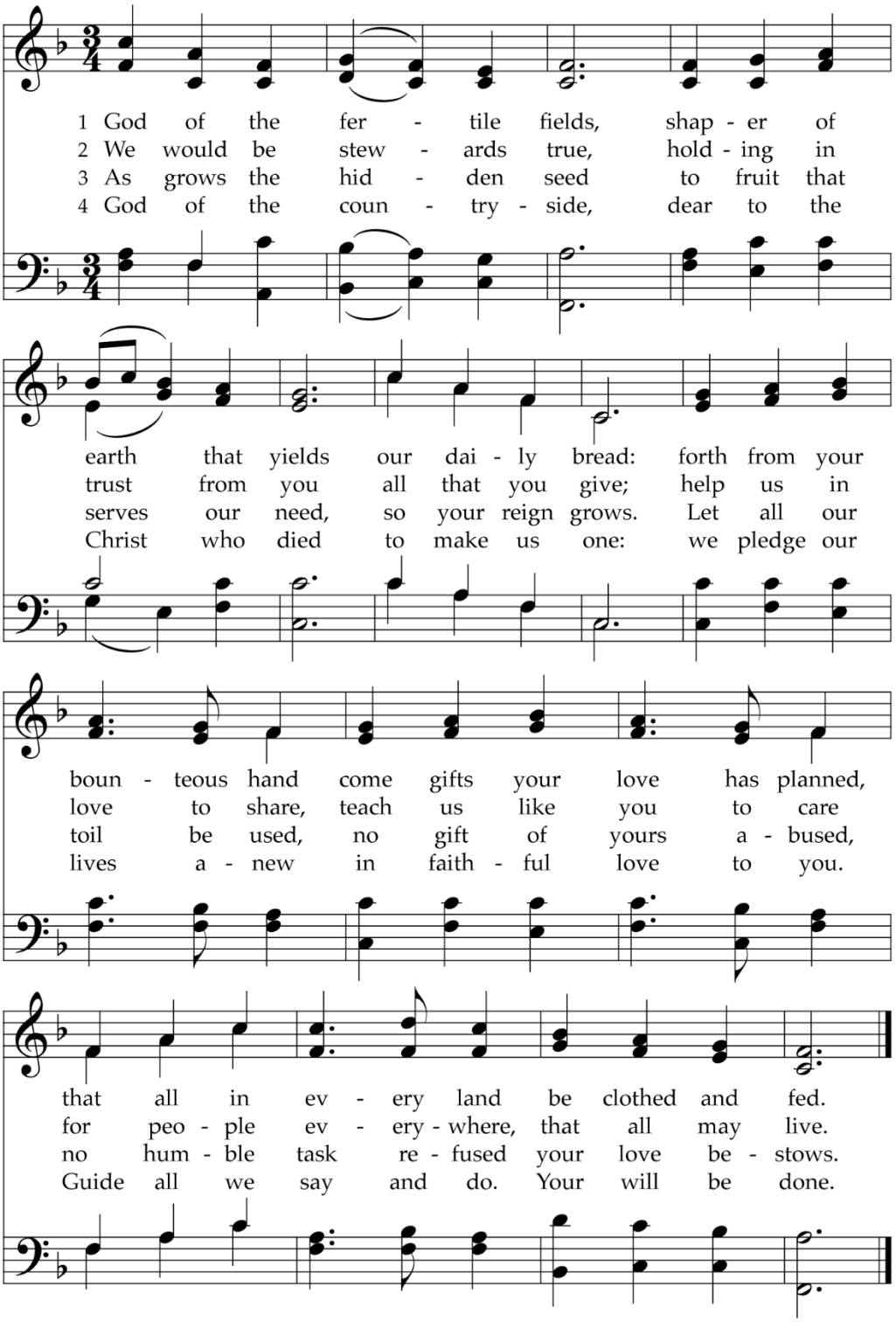
THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON JOHN 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was
God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was
life,[a] and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overtake it.

MESSAGE *"Continuing Creation: God's Work and Ours"*

✳HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields 714



Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

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✳APOSTLES CREED

GATHERING JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Allegro* from *Sonatina Op. 36, No. 1"*

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER W/THE LORD'S PRAYER

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to Creator God.

Let us give thanks to God who is with us and beyond us:

It is right to give you thanks and praise.

COMMUNION

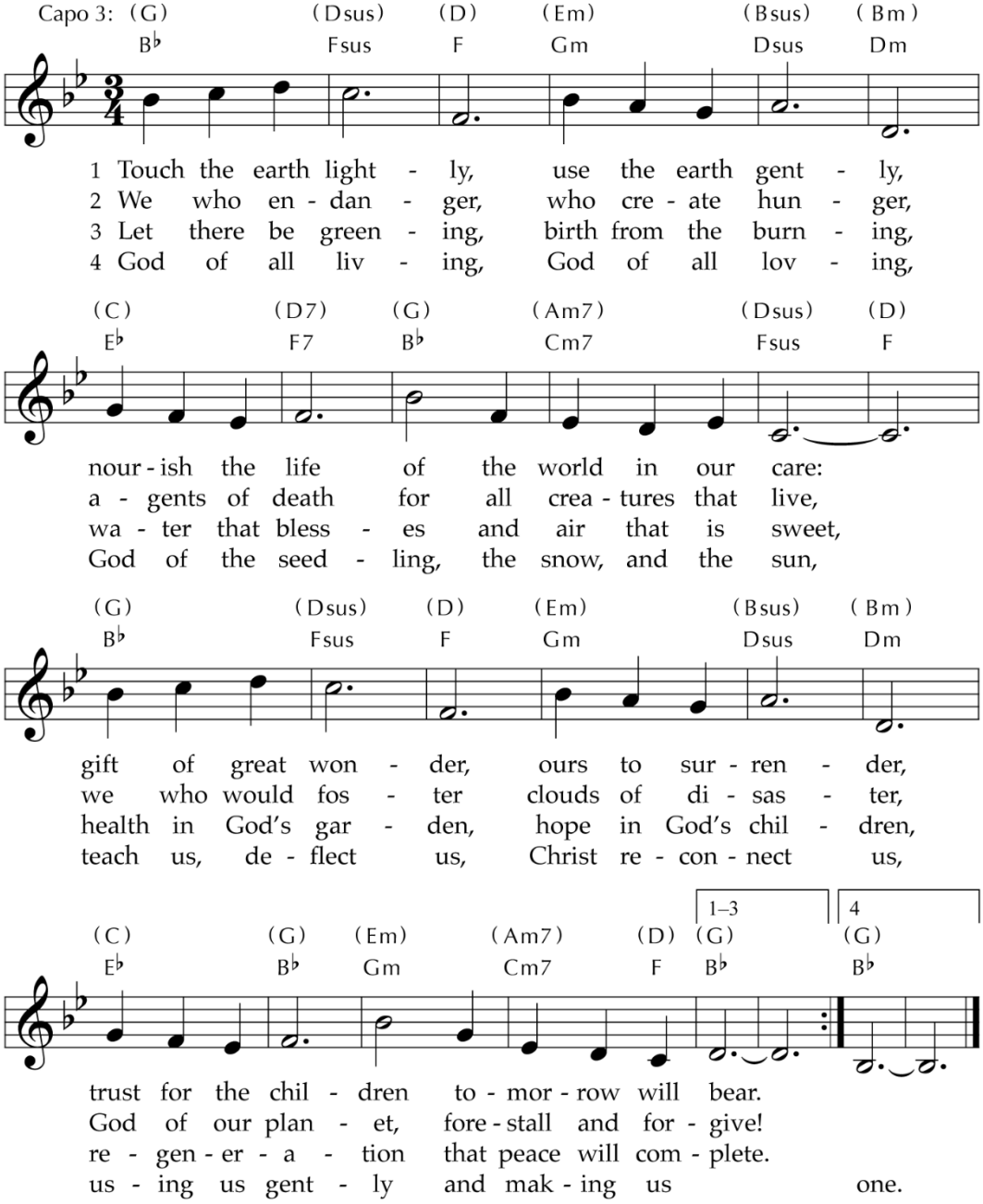
MUSIC *"Andante* from *Sonatina Op. 36, No. 1"*

PRAYER *(in unison)*

We thank you, God, for this meal that has nourished us in your love and strengthened our bonds with one another. Send us from here to feed your children and care for your world, that people everywhere might know the love and abundance of your good creation. Amen.

✳HYMN

713 Touch the Earth Lightly



✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Vivace* from *Sonatina Op. 36, No. 1"*

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.

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Faith Life

August 30, 2026

After the worship service, take a moment to relax! Join us for refreshments, snacks, and engaging conversation. This is a fantastic chance to reconnect with friends, forge new relationships, and enjoy fellowship within our community.

In the Pulpit Today

Please welcome **Rev. Dr. Susan Gilbert-Zencka** to the pulpit this morning. As Pastor Becki continues her sabbatical, we are thankful for her presence among us and for the gifts and ministry she shares with our congregation today.

Rev. Zencka retired 5 years ago from a 15-year pastorate in Central WI, and moved at that time with her husband Carl to the Lehigh Valley, not too far from where she grew up in Delaware County. Carl and Susan have three adult sons, three beloved daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren under the age of seven, so in this season, her family is Rev. Zencka's primary ministry. However, she remains very committed to stewardship of God's creation, and recently became a Master Watershed Steward to learn more about our state's 86,000 miles of rivers, creeks, and streams. Did you know that Pennsylvania has the second-highest mileage of waterways, second only to Alaska? It's true!

Word On Wednesday

WOW returns September 9. We will jump back into reflecting on the Gospel of John.

WOW meets at noon on Wednesdays in the church parlor. All are welcome!

September WOW led by Pastor Joanne Marchetto
Pastor Becki will return in October
There will be NO WOW on November 25



Communion Inclusion

Communion is by intinction this morning. For those needing allergen-free foods, the pastor will have brown rice crackers, which are wheat free, gluten free, soy and nut free.



Emmaus Community Yard Sale
Saturday, September 12
8 am - 1 pm

We are excited to participate once again in the Emmaus Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 12.

Setup Details:

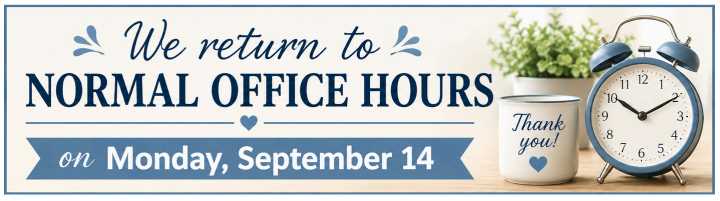
- Setup will take place on Friday, September 11 @ 10 am.
- If you would like to reserve a table, please reach out to Sally Heimbach. Tables are $10 eacn.

Donations:

- If you have items to donate, feel free to bring them, properly priced, on the setup day.

The community yard sales provide us with an opportunity to welcome visitors into our space, where they can enjoy our facilities and a light lunch.

If you are available to help with setup or assist during the sale, please contact Sally Heimbach.



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Church Office Hours
Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Mondays and Fridays

Teachers' Closet
Supporting Educators

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items many would otherwise buy with their own money. The teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

Next Date:

- **Wednesday, Sep. 16: 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l.

Current needs:
Expo markers, clipboards, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, magnets, colored pencils, markers, crayons, regular adult scissors, 3-hole punch, single-hole punch, sensory items, loose-leaf paper, copy paper.

Groceries PLUS Food Bank

Current Needs:

- Salad Dressings: 10 oz. plastic bottle Thousand Island, Balsamic, Italian Ranch
- BBQ Sauce: 18 oz. plastic bottle
- Chef Boyardee: 15 oz. can
- Pancake Syrup: 24 oz. plastic bottle
- Kids Cereal: 10-12 oz. boxed
- Granola Bars: 7.5 oz. boxed

Ongoing Needs:

- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans, and Weis (used to purchase food when needed)
- Any non-perishable food within its "use by/best by" date.

Please, no:

- Food beyond its "use by/best by" date
- Large or family-sized items
- Over-the-counter medicines/vitamins/supplements
- Clothing or household items

Too busy to shop?
There is an Amazon wishlist:



World Communion Sunday
Received on September 27, 2026

Reconciling God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice.

"What does the Lord require of you?"
"... to do justice, and to love kindness
and walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

Scripture calls us to seek justice through love, kindness, and humble action. Through the World Communion Offering, Presbyterians support ministries promoting justice, global witness, and interfaith relationships here at home and around the world.

Once again, East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN) will receive the local 25% portion of our offering. EPNHN provides short-term assistance to families in the East Penn School District, helping them regain stability and independence.

Faith Presbyterian Church has supported this offering since signing the Commitment to Peacemaking in 1983. In 2024, our offering totaled $2,070, providing $517.50 to EPNHN; in 2025, we gave $2,570, providing $642.50.

As you prayerfully consider your gift, remember that together we make a difference. At the Lord's global table, none are strangers, regardless of language, culture, or circumstance.

At Christ's table there is no East or West. Feast joyfully, give generously. The table is set, and all are welcome.





Conversations

Conversations will meet on **September 14 @ 10 am** at Donna Call's home. A discussion from "Theo of Golden is planned.

If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.

Daybreak Meal—September 14

*F*aith Church prepares and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month from 1:30–4:30 pm. We'd love your help!

Bake & Drop Off:
Please bring cookies or other homemade treats to the church kitchen by noon that day.. (The office is closed on Mondays, so please make arrangements with someone who has a key.) Label items with nuts; sugar-free options are appreciated. We typically serve 80–100 people, and your contributions are always enjoyed!

Kitchen Helpers Needed:
We especially need cooks! Gather at the church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool over together.

Thank you for sharing your time, gifts, and heart.

If you're able to help or would like more information, please speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.



Have Your Paid Your Per Capita?

The per capita payment has portions sent to the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly to help pay for the operating expenses of those organizations.

As of today, we have received **$6,615.21** toward our 2026 total amount due of **$9,100**. The apportionment per member is **$50** for 2026. You can pay your per capita online, or by check made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church.



September 13: Laity Sunday
Outdoor worship @ Devonshire Park
Bring a chair! Maps are on the table in the narthex.

September 20: Rev. Scott DeCaro

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Allentown
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Crop Hunger Walk

Do we ever wonder where our next meal is coming from? Probably not too often, yet this is not the case for millions of people.

This year's Allentown Area CROP Hunger Walk is **October 18.** Our campaign to raise awareness, walk, and collect donations to fight hunger locally and worldwide begins today! You can be a meaningful part of this effort.

Donations can easily be made by sponsoring a walker or online through this link to our church's direct online donation page https://bit.ly/4gw4vQv or scan the QR code. Stop by the CROP table in our narthex for more information, to donate, or to sign up as a walker.

Thanks to our Ministry of Support, which again this year will contribute $100 for every walker, up to $1,000! Choose between the popular "Golden Mile" walk or the 10K through Allentown.

THANK YOU in advance for your participation and support. You are good.

Events being held for church members

- The family of **Dick Garber** has invited all to a gathering for his birthday on Sunday, September 13, around 2 pm in Morris Plains, NJ. Please see Anne Laubach if you are interested in details on where and when.
- The funeral for **Peter Ferguson** will be held at Faith Church on Saturday, September 19 at 2 pm. There will be refreshments following.

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church website.

Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, September 6
9:30 am: Worship Service: Communion

Monday, September 7: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, September 8
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
7:00 pm: Session (BR)

Wednesday, September 9
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers
7:00 pm: East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (P)

Thursday, September 10
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 11: Office Closed
10:00 am: Yard Sale Set-up (FH)

Saturday, September 12
8:00 am: Yard Sale (FH)

nextweek

Sunday, September 13
9:30 am: Worship Service @ Devonshire Park
5:00 pm: Youth Group Kick-off Party

Monday, September 14
8:00 am: Garden
10:00 am: Conversations
1:30 pm: Daybreak Meal
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (P)

Tuesday, September 15
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
6:00 pm: Deacons Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, September 16
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday
3:30 pm: Teachers' Closet
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers

Thursday, September 17
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 18: Office Closed

Saturday, September 19
2:00 pm: Celebration of Life for Peter Ferguson (S & FH)

Pastor Becki is on sabbatical until September 28.

Flyer deadline—November 16 @ 9 am
Daybreak—September 14
Ripple—November 15
2026 Per Capita—$50.00

Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

☐ Weekly Announcements ☐ Quarterly Newsletter
☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Emergency Alerts

Name & email:_____

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Sept. 27.....World Communion Offering
Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday @ The Barn
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)
Oct. 18..... Crop Walk for Hunger
Nov. 15..... Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving
Dec. 5..... Craft Fair
Dec. 13..... Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 25..... Christmas

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

WAYS TO GIVE —

- Through your congregation
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give/wco
- Text GIVEWCO to 41444 or scan this QR code

-or-

You can help sustain these important ministries that are supported by the World Communion Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

To learn more about how your gift to World Communion Offering makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/wco.

The World Communion Offering is one of three annual Special Offerings. The Churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church, bringing together the diversity of the PC(USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church

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Lord, we thank you for the gift of this global table where all are welcome, and none are strangers. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pray that you would make us one in you, regardless of our languages, cultures or circumstances. Amen.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

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We are there…to share our table, to share loving kindness.

We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God's mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide Church, learning to see God's image more clearly in one another.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet.

With our gifts, we witness this truth and celebrate what it means to belong to a global, connected Church shaped by God's endless love in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!











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