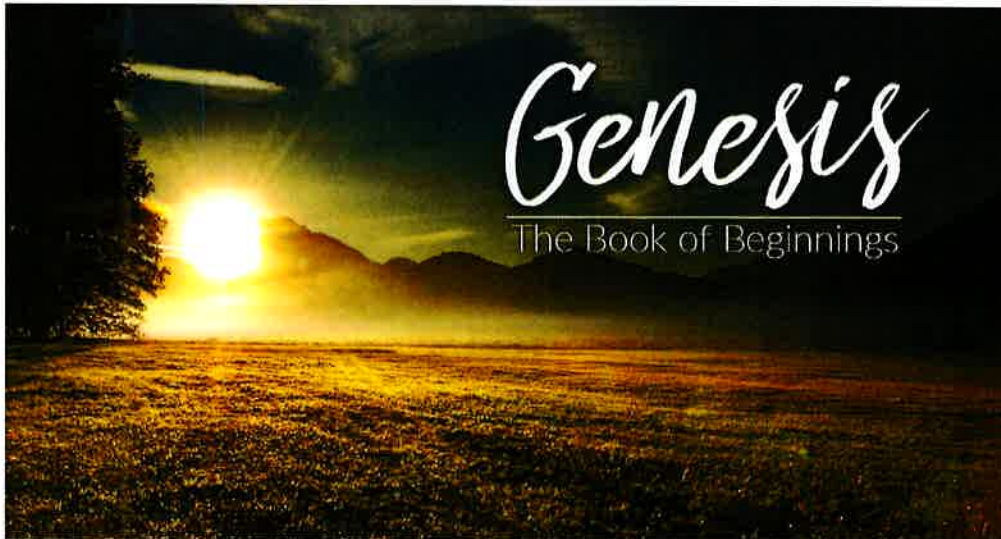


FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



4th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 25, 2023
10:00 A.M.

119 WEST COMMERCE STREET
BRIDGETON, NJ 08302
PHONE (856)455-0809 WWW.FPCBRIDGETON.ORG

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"* arr. John Carter

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

*HYMN #487 *"When The Morning Gilds The Skies"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Gracious God, we try to follow your word:

to put others above ourselves, to remember that

we are all bound together as your beloved children,

to seek the common good instead of our own

interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves

to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy,

vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference.

In your mercy, send your healing to those we

have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so

that we may follow you once more.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection:

he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME FOR MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"

Swedish Folk Tune

Ted Ridgeway - soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 86:1-10,16-17

Liturgist
O. T. pg 544

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.

⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

⁶ **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.

⁸ **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and bow
down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength
to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who
hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me
and comforted me.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Gen. 16

Liturgist
O.T. pg. 12

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Gen. 21:8-21

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist
O.T. pg. 17

SERMON

"A Painful Shortcut"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #330 *"Deep In The Shadows Of The Past"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10*

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory *"I Love You, Lord"* L Klein/arr C. Butler

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #488 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

A TIME TO SAY FAREWELL

Loving God, ...

...the warmth of the air: **We are most grateful,
and we thank you, Lord.**

God, it is good to rest ...

...praise with many friends: **We are most grateful,
and we thank you, Lord.**

Lord, like a generous friend...

... For Kim and family please bless them to overflowing.
We are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

We want to sing, dance,...

... have planned for us all. For this, **we, your children,
are most grateful. Loving God we thank you for this
and much more, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.**

Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen.

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE *"When We All Get to Heaven"*

E.D. Wilson/arr. arr. Mark Hayes

- - Those who are able, please stand.

LITURGIST- Debbi Boykin Greenberg

USHERS- Team 5 -John Ambrose, captain; Bruce Carl

COUNTERS - Team D - Marie Dunham & Joyce Ireland

IN OUR PRAYERS

We are praying and ask you to pray also. Please pray for those who are sick, isolated, living in fear and with high anxiety; those with medical issues, which put them at high risk; those making hard decisions; those who are serving on the front lines in the medical profession and first-responders; those who do not know Jesus and feel they are facing this on their own.

In our ongoing prayers:

- Al Finlaw
(friend of Richard King)
- Patrick Deopp
(friend of Darlene Freitag &
brother-in-law of Abby Freitag)
- Steven Bickings
- Richard King
- Ronald Coombs
(friend of Ray Rodriguez
& Richard King)
- Jim Hurley
- Mel Bergmann
- William Fairer
(Bill Fairer's father)



- Beverly Pugh Corry
- Shannon Willis
- Bobby Greenberg
(Debbi BG husband)
- Unspoken Request
- Louis (Cancer)
- Joyce M.
- Louise Robertson
- Charles Pickard
(Bri Pampuch's Grandfather)
- Ben (Darlene Freitag's Dad)

In Care/Home bound:

- Bebe DeLussa

Those Who Mourn:

- The Hurley Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those wishing to add or remove people or prayer concerns to or from the prayer list, please contact the church office (856) 455-0809. Please make sure you have permission to have their name published before doing so. Thank You!

Announcements



Rev. Norlita will be on vacation and out of town from Sunday after worship July 2nd and will be back on July 7th



Office Closed Tuesday, July 4th



Monday, July 10th @ 7P.M. Trustee Meeting



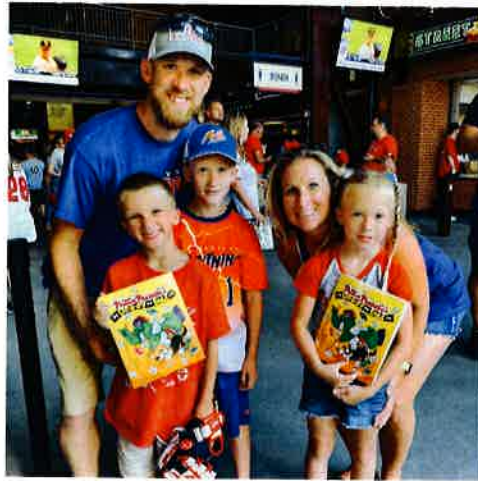
Tuesday, July 18th @ Noon -Lunch Bunch at Dilisi's



HELP NEEDED

We're in need of a volunteer to help answer the phone and run the weekly bulletin starting Monday, July 3rd. Kim's last day, our office Administrative Assistant, will be Friday, June 30th. We'll need this help until her replacement comes to be with us. Please let Rev. Norlita or John Ambrose know if you can/will help. Thanks So Much! It takes a village to be the church!

A TIME FOR FARWELL



I Am Grateful!

Thank you FPC for the last 7 years! I hate to say “Goodbye”, so I will say “See you soon!” We are super excited for a new adventure in our lives in Fort Myers Florida but I will be forever thankful for the time I have spent with FPC! I will miss each and every one of you! I will cherish them forever!
Chow for Now Kimmy, Kevin, Keagan, Karlee and Karson

The Parish Life Committee

cordially invites you to



PIZZA and ICE CREAM

Saturday, July 15

6:00 to 9:00

The Homans at 1118 Roadstown Rd in Stow Creek

Please RSVP to Debbie Homan 856-305-1793

Come hungry for food and fellowship!

Rain or shine

Session Members

Debbi
Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

Rev. Norlita Kaul,
Moderator

Deacons

Linda Ambrose

Amy Brewer

Robert Dragotta

Marie Dunham

Debbie Fooks

Darlene Freitag

Robin Freitag

Jane Hankins

Jody Husted

Heather Newkirk

Marge Pampuch

Trustees

Yvonne Custis

Bill Freitag

Ken Freitag

Bruce Hankins

Sandra Huster

Sherry Macpherson

Caroline Owens

Beth Schultz

Howard Thorn

Church Staff

REV. NORLITA KAUL, PASTOR

EMAIL: BRIDGETONFPCPASTOR@GMAIL.COM

CELL # (248) 342-6190

GAE FINCH, ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

EMAIL: FIRSTPRESBRIDGETON@GMAIL.COM

JOHN AMBROSE, CLERK TO SESSION

BOB WOODRUFF, TREASURER

