

*FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**“The God of Glory”**

**7th Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, May 21, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "The Ash Grove" T. Kendall

WELCOME Liturgist

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

We may not know the time or the place,  
**but we know that God is restoring the world.**  
We may not see the risen Christ before us,  
**but we know his spirit rests on us.**  
We may not know what God is doing next,  
**but we come together in faith, excited to  
discover it!**

\*HYMN #142 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

**Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work  
to us. You called us to keep the movement going,  
to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal,  
to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and  
deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness  
you have given us. We have fallen short of this call.  
We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own  
comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo.  
Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will,  
that we may be signs of your coming reign.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Kaul

Listen to this prayer: "Protect them in your name  
that you have given me, so that they may be one,  
as we are one." This is the prayer that Christ prayed  
on our behalf. This tenderness and care for us shows  
us who Jesus is—the one who hears our prayers,  
responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

**Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**HEARING THE WORD**

**A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART (Children's Time)**

**ANTHEM**

*"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"* arr. D. Grotenhuis

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

EPISTLE READING Liturgist  
Acts 1:6-14 N. T. pg 118

EPISTLE READING Rev. Norlita Kaul  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 N.T. pg. 235 ☺

SERMON *"The God of Glory"* Rev. Norlita Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #420 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Offertory *"Sinfonia"* J.S. Bach

\*Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #122      *"Thine Is The Glory"*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BENEDICTION

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

*(Mizpah Benediction)*

POSTLUDE      *Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"*      G. Macchia

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**SYMBOL:** \* - Those who are able, please stand.

☺ - Children are dismissed for Sunday School



**LITURGIST-** Debbie H.

**USHERS-** Team 8

**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR-**

**COUNTERS- WEEK C**

**FLOWERS-** Given today by Harriett W.

In loving Memory of my husband W. Frederick W. III.

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### **FROM THE COUNTING TEAM**

Your counting teams need your help! Please **look at** your **quarterly giving statements**. Your envelope number is found on the upper right hand corner. **Writing checks for offering**, please include **your "envelope number" on the memo line** on your check or on the envelope you use. If you do not have a number and would like one, please call the church office to be assigned a number. Thanks for your attention to this little detail and help!



**Next, Sunday, May 28**  
**Day of Pentecost- Wear RED**

**Monday, May 29**  
**Memorial Day- Office Closed**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**

**2023**

Sponsored by Broad Street Cemetery Association and  
Friends of Old Broad Street Church

Everyone is welcome to join us  
Old Broad Street Church in Bridgeton NJ  
MONDAY, MAY 29 1:00 PM

This year we are commemorating the  
**GREATEST GENERATION**

They lived through the Great Depression and went on to  
fight in WWII or work in factories in support of the war effort.



and honoring all veterans buried in Broad Street Cemetery.

Come to hear the real-life stories of several WWII servicemen  
And listen to music of the era played by a 10-piece big band.



**Thursday, June 1st**  
**Session meeting in the Fithian Room @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Friday & Saturday June 2nd-3rd**  
**Annual Deacon's Yard sale from 8-2 P.M.**



*Community*  
**YARD SALE**



**First Presyterian Church**

119 West Commerce Street

**June 2nd and 3rd 8AM- 2PM**

Please come out and support our missions

Entrance on Giles Street

*Please bring your own shopping bag*



## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS



- **Our Church Picnic will be Sunday, June 18th**  
After worship in Bonham Hall. Our picnic lunch will be provided by our Deacons. No need to bring a dish to share, just come and enjoy! We'll enjoy subs, sandwiches, salad, chips, ice cream and cookies for dessert. We invite everyone to join us for lunch and fellowship with each other.
- A wheel chair is available for those in need during worship. It is located at the back of our sanctuary. Thank you Deacons!



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### Recycling-Medical Mission for Others

We will begin collecting empty pharmaceutical/prescription pill bottles for the much needed distribution in Africa.

Matthew 25:Ministries in Ohio has asked for help with this worthy effort.

Here's how to contribute:

1. Empty and clean the bottle
2. Remove the label.
3. Drop off the clean, label free bottle/s at the donation table in our Sanctuary and/or Bonham Hall



Thank you for your help in this small way. It takes a village to help a village!

### 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
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