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July 9, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

**Handbell Chimes—*The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest…Renewal…Hope***

**Prelude** Rebecca Lentine, piano

**Opening Sentences**

One: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

**All: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.**

One: As we worship, we remember that we are the family of faith together!

\***Hymn** #37 (insert) “For the Fruit of All Creation”

**\* Invitation to Experience God’s Grace**

One: When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Relying on God’s abundant grace, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

**\* Laying Down Our Burdens**

**All: Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. Amen.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\* Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*We Celebrate God’s Forgiveness** *Glory Be to the Father* (*Gloria Patri*) #579

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**\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Children’s Message**

**Baptism**

Jackson James Novzen, son of Christine Paige Novzen and Ian Alexander Novzen

**Response:** “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” Hymn #498, verses 1 and 4

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,*

*With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent, Learn to listen for God’s call.*

*Grow to laugh and sing and worship. Trust and love God more than all.*

**Celebrating the Life of the Congregation**

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers and note those sitting around you)*

**GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

**All: Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** *Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. 35 The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; 38 but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

42 "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham if now you will only make successful the way I am going! 43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," 44 and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' 45 "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. 47 Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. 48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." 59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." 61 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. 63 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. 64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, 65 and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

**Sermon** “Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Make Me a Match” Rev. Marvin Lindsay

**We Affirm our Faith** *The Apostles’s Creed*

**All:** **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to** **judge the quick and the dead.** **I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\* Doxology #592 (below) ***“****Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

\* Recommitting Our Lives to Service

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**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Hymn** #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

**LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Sending Music** Rebecca Lentine, piano

*Please use the Postlude time and music to reflect on today’s worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.*

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**THE NURSERY** care is available in the Hospitality Center – across from Fellowship Hall.

**AFTER-WORSHIP HOSPITALITY IS BACK!** Linger a moment or two after the service to greet fellow worshippers. And please sign up with a friend or a group to host one Sunday by providing simple refreshments. There is a sign-up on the snack table or contact someone on the Hospitality Committee: [jmfiorella@gmail.com](mailto:jmfiorella@gmail.com), [shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com](mailto:shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com), [qlerch2@comcast.net](mailto:qlerch2@comcast.net), or [phurd75@gmail.com](mailto:phurd75@gmail.com),

**PASTOR NIKKI LEADS SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES–** This summer Pastor Nikki is offering three, one-hour workshops after Sunday worship in the Hospitality Center. Light snacks will be provided as well as ample time for questions and discussion!

**Sunday June 25: ‘*Prayer’***

Together we looked at numerous resources on prayer: books, noteworthy authors, and famous (and not-so-famous) prayers. Along with suggestions for leading and sustaining prayer groups, we explored what scholars, pastors, and Jesus say about prayer. And finally, we learned more about creating our own prayers (and praying them aloud)!

**Sunday July 16: *‘The Art and Skill of Connecting’***

This workshop will provide the tools to connect with visitors and members of our church and will also equip any person to reach out to someone who is in need or struggling.

**Sunday August 13: *Gun Violence***

*The Presbyterian Outlook* is dedicating its June issue to the topic of gun violence. The Christian Education and Justice and Advocacy committees invite you to join a discussion on August 13. Copies of the issue will be available.

**PASTOR NIKKI’S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS @ 7 –** Pastor Nikki is hosting a Bible Study via Zoom on the book of Genesis entitled “Genesis: Relational and Family Dynamics.” The reading schedule is linked on [the Adult Ed page](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/adult-education) of the website. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81798184993>, and we will also meet in person at pre-determined times. Please contact Pastor Nikki if you have questions and are interested, or join us on Zoom!

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**Your Stephen Leaders will be offering Information Sessions about this important Ministry and what’s involved with becoming a Stephen Minister.** You also will be able to hear from our Stephen Ministers about their experiences with the ministry to date.   Interested in learning more? Attend one of the upcoming information sessions in the Hospitality Center: **July 19, 7PM and July 20, 10AM** **Registration** is preferred: [stephenministry@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:stephenministry@haddonfieldpres.org)

**Questions?** Contact a member of your Stephen Ministry Team.

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Please join us!!

**Want more information?**

First Presbyterian Stephen Ministry website: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/stephenministry>

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**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 7/2/23:** **77** in person and **15** online.

**2023 CHURCH OFFERING UPDATE –** Please note that target numbers on the right now represent a 12 month budget.

**Received to date Twelve-month budget goal**

Envelope Giving: $ 328,117.00 $ 570,270.00

Loose Offering: $ 6,325.00 $ 12,000.00

Per Capita: $ 8,777.00 $ 16,000.00

**PLASTICS FREE CHALLENGE in JULY!**CAN YOU DO IT?  The Earth is counting on you.  How much plastic can you eliminate from your life during the first week of July?

**(Not so) Fun Fact:** Over nine million metric tons of plastic, including three million metric tons of microplastics, enter the environment globally every year! Plastic lasts hundreds to thousands of years and its toxic remains pose serious challenges.

**OPENING THE SANCTUARY TO THE PUBLIC IN JULY –** On **July 8 and 9,** during the Haddonfield Arts and Crafts Show, we would like to invite the public into the building. Please sign up to be a greeter for an hour on one of those days. All that’s required is your welcoming presence. Please use the new usher scheduling program: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/web-terminal/login/haddonfieldpres?> If you have questions, please contact Margot Dark: [margotdark@msn.com](mailto:margotdark@msn.com). Brochures describing the stained-glass windows are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

**Worship Activity Bags** are now available for children attending worship in  
Fellowship Hall this summer. The bags contain coloring sheets and crayons and may be taken home. Children are encouraged to draw on the bags themselves as well as the enclosed activity sheets.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the following individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or our new Office Administrator, Olivia Willison. Requests will be revisited every 30 days.

* Pray for the people, government, and country of **Ukraine** as war continues.
* Pray for all our **mission trip participants** to return safely and **pray for the lives they have touched this week!**
* Keep **Isabel Pross** in your prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment **(6/27-pastors)**
* Pray for **Francie’s mom** who is has gone home to be on hospice **(6/26-L. Sommers)**
* Continued prayers for **Todd (6/25-N. Passante)**
* Continued prayers for **Susan,** who has been diagnosed with brain cancer and a mass in lungs. Help her to feel God’s presence and strength **(6/24-C. Carty)**
* Please pray for **Renee.**  God knows the needs **(6/22-pastors)**
* Please pray for the **Moody family** of Pennsauken on the death of Dad Nate, who was a gasoline tanker driver in the I-95 crash.  He leaves behind a wife and a 7 year old. The family is trying to make sense of this terrible tragedy **(6/16- J. Wackes)**
* Please pray for the **family of Len Szyer** of Philadelphia, the family patriarch who passed away following an illness **(6/16-J. Wackes).**
* Pray for healing for **Antoine** of Greenville, SC who is undergoing treatment for colon cancer in the ICU and for Terez and Wizard who are caring for him; may God give them strength and comfort **(6/16-J. Wackes)**
* Pray for **Tony Gramkowski** who is recovering from heart surgery and a stroke.  He is in an ICU in Boston for his care **(6/14 - MB Creamer)**
* Please pray for Caroline Yount’s sister **Michele** as she recovers from back surgery **(6/14-pastors).**
* Please pray for **Amy and Brad Strauss**, that God would be present in their lives **(6/13-pastors).**
* Please pray for **Mary Stringfellow** who was hospitalized late last week after suffering a fall (**6/5-pastors)**

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