



July 13, 2025 ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

*please stand as you are able

*Have you checked in for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.***

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #15: Welcome Change

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing a new thing.

Collect Prayer (unison)

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Living God, you constantly surprise us with your fresh winds of change and the vibrant newness of your Spirit. Forgive us when we cling too tightly to the familiar, resisting the unfolding of your creative power in our lives and our world. Grant us hearts that are open and ready to embrace the unexpected paths you lay before us. Empower us to step boldly into the future you envision, guided by the ever-present, ever-new Holy Spirit. Amen.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

Buxtehude BuxWV 208

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Kevin Fauvell

Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

We are not alone – Love abides with us.

The Spirit of truth dwells within and among us.

Though the world may not always see or recognize, we welcome the Spirit's presence.

In remembrance of Jesus' promise, we gather as people of Spirit and Light.

Come, Holy Spirit – stir our hearts, renew our minds, and awaken our lives.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Fauvell

* Hymn No. 295

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Fauvell

Spirit of Wisdom and Flame, forgive us for the ways we have quenched your fire and silenced your voice. When we have resisted your call to justice – when we have ignored your nudge toward compassion – when we have chosen comfort over courage. Forgive us Lord of grace and mercy. Breathe into us again the life we were made for. Unbind our fears, loosen our tongues and open our hearts, that we may live as your people – Spirit-filled and love-shaped. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Fauvell

Hear the promise of Jesus: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit ... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

The Spirit is here, teaching us, comforting us, renewing us.

In Christ, we are forgiven. In the Spirit, we are made whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’)

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

Moment For Mission

Milt McFalls, Children’s Fresh Air Home

Children’s Fresh Air Home provides underprivileged children an opportunity to leave the city environment for overnight stays with fresh air, beach and sunshine at the Jersey Shore in North Wildwood. Children are provided with structure, fellowship, a clean place to stay, good food, fun, and most of all, a Christian home atmosphere with devotions each morning and evening. In the summer, this program currently hosts four sessions of about 40 children between the ages of 6-10 for its “If For Just a Day” program. Various children’s groups come from the Camden/Philadelphia area for a day at the beach and fresh air.

Offertory

Dr. Herman



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Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Piano

Hark to the Still Small Voice

Handel

Janet Wilkie, Soprano

Hark to the still small voice within thee speaking! Oh, harken!
For it surely will lead thee in safety through life’s doubts and perilous ways,
Through its troubled nights and days.

Only yield thy hear to His will, only be still!
List'ning still to the silent word with the spirit heard;
Yielding thy longing heart to His guiding will.

And though tempests lash the mountains,
And the lightning and the earthquake rend the world with flaming fire,
Yet the Lord's voice is not in the fire.

Only be still!
List'ning still to the silent word with the spirit heard;
Yielding thy longing heart to His guiding will.

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli

"Holy Who?"

Scripture: John 14:16-17, 26 (Pew Bible NT p. 109)

Sermon Series: *The Work of the Spirit*

* Hymn No. 293 (verses 4-6)

Spirit, Working in Creation

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Come Holy Ghost, Lord God

Armsdorff

* Benediction

Dr. Brincivalli

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Worship flowers are given by Jane Murphy with thanks to God for the gift of her granddaughter, Abby Biglin.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Kevin Fauvell; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Joe Molloy; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and JoAnn Reynik; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Sue Hill; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Steve Drzaszcz and Owen Dietz; **Bagel Pickup:** Sue Piper or Sherrell Fitts; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sue Piper and Sherrell Fitts; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum

Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. "Debby" Brincivalli is the former Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey and the Presbytery of West Jersey for 15 years until her retirement in December, 2023. For the previous 23 years she was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Burlington. She is now a Chaplain at the Masonic Village at Burlington. She is married to James Adcock.

Work of God's People (See [Connections](#), eblast, website and Church Center app for details)

Retirement Celebration for Joel Krott: **Sunday, July 27** -- 9:30 AM Combined Worship in the Sanctuary, followed by a Reception in Miller Commons. Bring a card or note for Joel to worship or write one at church that day. *See our Church Center event page to sign up to bring something for the reception or upload photos to the slideshow.*

NEW: Wednesday, July 16: Family Water Fun Night (6-8 PM) – come play for the duration or just cool off and leave. Parents, siblings and friends invited to this family friendly event. Bring your swimsuit, water shoes, towel, and a change of clothes. This is a free event but please REGISTER on the [Church Center event page](#) so we can plan. Parents: kindly remain on-site.

Exciting Summer Youth Group Activities -- Rising middle schoolers (grade 7-8) through high school (grades 9-12) are invited to come chill at the church this summer from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet up with your friends and make new acquaintances. We've got fun stuff planned and can't wait to see you! **Contact:** Cheryl Gaskill

- Wednesday, July 16: Painting Night @ Church (3rd Floor, 6:00-8:30 p.m., feed your inner artist)
- Wednesday, July 30: Pool Party @ Delgados
- Wednesday, August 13: Lawn Games @ Church
- Wednesday, August 20: Movie Night @ Church

Oar You Ready? Join us for a Paddle Trip to support UrbanPromise on **Friday, August 1**. We have 16 spots available and will **begin at 8:45 a.m.** (anticipate 4-5 hours). Each of the youth-built canoes will be paired with a River Guide. We will finish up with a lunch provided by UrbanPromise. Donation per person \$50, payable online or via check made payable to "First Presbyterian Church." The deadline to register is **July 20**.

2025-2026 Rooms & Dates -- Staff will be meeting **July 29** to review the church calendar for the first six months of the year. Please submit any dates for fall events, concerts, committee meetings, and building room requests to the church office by **July 22** (moved from July 15).

- **Welcome** to our new Director of Outreach [Rev. Mark Budka](#)! Meet Mark at a Meet & Greet **Sunday, August 3** (10:15-11:00 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall.

Sabbatical Presentation -- On **Sunday, August 31**, Stuart Spencer will present a review of his 16-week sabbatical to the congregation. That week is a combined worship Sunday due to the Labor Day weekend, so the presentation will *follow* the **9:30 a.m.** Worship.

New Morning Prayer Time: Every Wednesday at 6:30 AM via Zoom. All are welcome to join Joe and Arlita Winston to pray or bring a request for prayer. Stay as your schedule allows. Contact Arlita at 609-234-1351.

Summer Schedules: Combined 9:30 AM worship **Sunday, July 27** (Joel celebration) and **Sunday, Aug. 31** (Labor Day weekend). The live stream Thursday Prayer Service and children's Sunday School are on hiatus.

Summer Adult Spiritual Formation - **"Drop In and Discuss" (Lounge)** – Stop in Sunday mornings this summer to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather in the Lounge from 10:15-11:00-ish am. Get your coffee and drop in. Who is on the Hot Seat this week?

Couples Retreat -- Join us for a meaningful Couples' Retreat in Cape May, NJ **Oct. 17-19**. We will again be staying at The Dormer House, a quaint Victorian bed and breakfast. Cost is \$450 per couple. See event page for details and package options.