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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 22, 2024

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Judy Gavan, Liturgist

PRELUDE

*"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him"*

BPC Bell Choir

by RH Prichard – arr. James Kimball

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord!

**Desiring the Lord's teachings, they meditate on the Lord's law day and night.**

Happy are those who do not accept the advice of the wicked and refrain from being scoffers. Happy are those who forego the path of sinners.

**Happy are those who delight in the Lord: in all they do they prosper!**

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**And they yield their fruit in its season; even their leaves do not wither.**

But not so the wicked: like chaff they are blown away by the wind.

**The wicked will not have a leg to stand on in the court of judgement.**

Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

**Our Lord watches over the way of the righteous!**

**Let us together worship our Lord!**

\* HYMN

*"How Happy Are the Saints of God"*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, then the truth is not in us, and we deceive ourselves.

Let us confess our sins, together, before God:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, hear our prayer. We confess that we fail to live and follow you with clean hearts. We instead follow the advice of those who are not righteous; they would have us stumble! God, you show us your ways and lead us to your paths, yet we are stubborn; we turn away and do not seek after you. How can we change so that we can follow you?**

**God, have mercy upon us and give us clean hearts, we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Ann Schoonover

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Hear and believe the good news: that in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* RESPONSE TO GRACE *"Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God"*

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Gavan

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. **Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a  
Pew Bible p. 1055

Judy Gavan

ANTHEM

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
Bell Choir | Keyboardist, Cindy Dwyer

by Joel Raney

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37  
Pew Bible p. 877

Rev. Ann

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

MESSAGE

*"So, We have Options Here?"*

Rev. Ann Schoonover

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(unison)

**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.**

MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE





## **Meet Rev. Ann Schoonover**

*I am delighted to be here today!*

I am originally from the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and often return there to enjoy hiking and being in nature. I am a Penn Stater, having studied labor history before working as a neutral for the NLRB.

After 9/11, I began studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, and thereafter served as a chaplain in hospice and other healthcare and as a pastor in congregational settings. Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA, I most recently served a church which blended from two congregations.

During 2020-21, I was pleased to participate in creating a “staffing and structure” model to facilitate the merger of three legacy presbyteries to form what is now the “Presbytery of the Coastlands”.

In addition to preaching the good news of the Gospel, I enjoy music, singing in choirs, and competing as an amateur ballroom dancer. Our children all grown now, my husband and I are adjusting to life as “empty-nesters” and exploring the amazing state of New Jersey.

*The Nursery, in classroom #1, is available for young children.*

## **Worship Notes**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>



Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
*In Memory of Bette Gibson*  
by Patrice Law



**BPC Annual Mum Sale Today After Worship**



**The Fundraising Committee**

is seeking new members to join our fun, energetic group.

*Are you interested? Stop by the fundraising table!*

If so, contact Linda Kathenes (848-333-5119, [JLin52@comcast.net](mailto:JLin52@comcast.net)) or

Lynn Mizer (732-966-6240, [lmizer@comcast.net](mailto:lmizer@comcast.net)).

## **Christian Education News from Lauren**

**Another year of Sunday School is upon us.** This year is going to look a little different than those that came before us. We are still going to hold Sunday School at 9am (*for all ages, k-12*). However, we are also bringing back Sunday School during the 10am worship for any students in grades k-3.

All Sunday School students be called at 9am to the FLC. We will begin the morning with coffee/light refreshments and family spiritual practices such as bible time, prayer journal, gratitude jar, etc. Families of the students are more than welcome to join us during this time, and then they may enjoy some fellowship with the other families/adults while the students move on to their next activity. Students will then participate in Story Telling/Christian Action. The content of these activities will depend on the themes during that time of year. For example, from mid-October to December, the students will primarily be working on their Christmas Pageant performances (scheduled to happen the morning of Sunday, December 8th). There will be several major units throughout the year that will each end in some sort of presentation for the congregation to show off everyone's knowledge and hard work. We also intend on having guest speakers come in on certain Sundays throughout the year to teach our students about our church and how it runs.

**When it is time for worship at 10am,** everyone will be encouraged to attend the service and children's moment. After the children's moment, students in grades k-3 will depart to their Sunday School class for a lesson and action relating to the lectionary. Students in 4th grade or above will remain in worship with activities relating to the sermon or lectionary scripture reading of the day. Students that turn in their completed activities outside the sanctuary after worship may receive a prize!

*Doesn't all of this sound fun for both you and your kids?!*  
*Fellowship, food, and Christian Education - how much better can it get?*



## *Strength Club for Brick Residents - Ready to Get Stronger Together?*

**Strength Club** is for everyday adults looking to build strength for life. Whether you're new to fitness or have some experience, this class meets you where you are, with exercises that are fully adaptable to your level. My goal is to help you feel stronger, more mobile, and less stiff, so you can live an empowered life. Join us and work toward longevity and strength in a supportive community environment.

\*\$10 suggested donation, \$1-20 sliding scale. **Classes are on Monday and Wednesday at 6pm and Saturdays at 9am** in the Family Life Center.



**Seated Strength & Stretch** is an adaptable 30-minute class perfect for those who need a little extra support. If standing for long periods or balance is a challenge, this class offers a safe way to build strength and flexibility from the comfort of a chair. While it's great for seniors, anyone who can benefit from a seated workout is welcome. Together, we'll move toward better mobility and well-being, one step at a time.

\*\$10 suggested donation, \$1-20 sliding scale. **Classes are on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30pm** in the Family Life Center.

*For more info, speak with Geoffrey Blake.*

## ***Boscov's Coupon Sale***



**Coupons are on sale now for \$5.00**, and that will entitle you to 25% off most items. **October 22, 2024 is the day of the sale**, and you can shop from 8am – 11pm. There are a few restrictions, *such as*, some items have 15% or 10% off, but everything is listed on the back of the coupons.

***Stop by the fundraising table to purchase your Boscov's Coupon.***

*Prayer List*

Gary Baker, Donovan & Family, Figueroa family, Lori & Harold Fisher,  
Kiernan Holster, John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dillon Kearns, John Kearns,  
Luke Meli, Greg Morrison, Steve Prioli, Michael Toth, Judy Willbergh



*And Our Homebound:*

Don Bertrand

Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River

Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold



<b>Monday, Sept 23</b>	<b>Seated Strength &amp; Stretch</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
	<b>Bells Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 24</b>	<b>Worship Com. Meeting</b>	<b>5:45PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 25</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
	<b>Seated Strength &amp; Stretch</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 26</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Saturday, Sept 28</b>	<b>Strength Club</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 29</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>

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*Tim Towlen, Moderator of Deacons; Michael Candeloro, Vice-Moderator*

**Session**

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*Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, Christy Tompkins, Craig Trautweiler*

***Class of 2026***

*Katie Candeloro, Marty Haluza, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly*

***Class of 2027***

*Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis*

**Board of Deacons**

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*Dorothy Aldrich, Carol Orbann, Elorm Banini, Sharon Thomas, Lauren Towlen*

***Class of 2026***

*Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler*

***Class of 2027***

*Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis*

**Staff**

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*Cindy Dwyer, Pianist*

*Bonnie Luton, Handbell Choir Director*

*Edmond Murphy, Director of Vocal Music*

*Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader*

*Rev. Doug Chase, Pastor Emeritus*