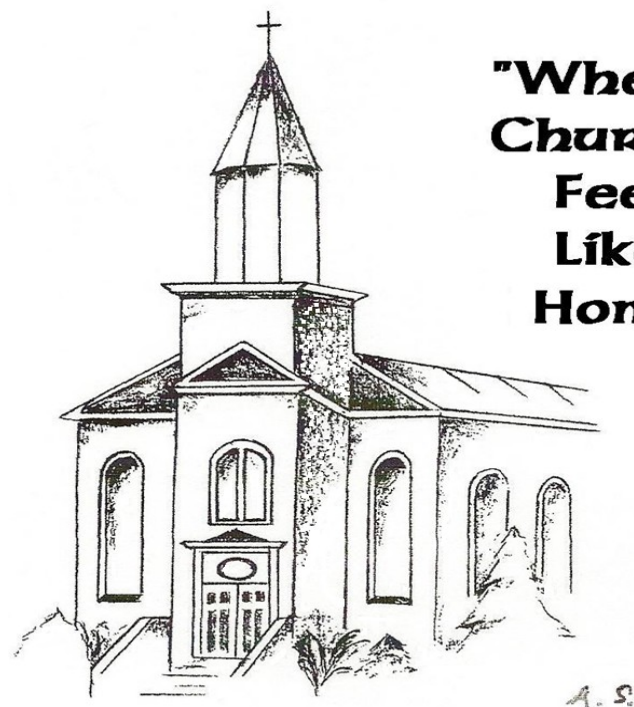


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**"Where  
Church  
Feels  
Like  
Home"**

Founded 1864

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am

*(Supervised nursery available during worship)*

## COMMUNION

First Sunday of the month

## COFFEE HOUR

First Sunday of the month *(Sept-June)*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am *(October-June)*

## FOOD PANTRY

9:30 am Third Saturday of the Month

## OUR MISSION

*" We the members of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, are a congregation of the people, who both trust and obey Jesus Christ. As such, we are the body that carries on his mission today."*

THEREFORE, WE INTEND TO:

**MEMBER CARE:** Pay attention to the needs of our members and discover ways to meet those needs.

**STEWARDSHIP AND RESOURCES:** Seek the amount of time, talent and money which members are willing to commit to the church and then offer them opportunities to use their resources on God's work.

**WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION:** Seek and implement new ideas for broadening the congregation's participation in worship in order to make worship come alive for all ages..

**EDUCATION:** Educate ourselves in order to grow in and to deepen our faith by providing a variety of study opportunities for all ages.

**OUTREACH:** Reach out locally and globally to help people in need.

**EVANGELISM:** Reach out into the community in variety of ways in order to spread the message of God's love for us and the good news of redemption in and through Jesus Christ.

**LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION:** Hold quarterly information-sharing meetings involving the whole congregation in order to allow everyone to participate fully in planning for church's ministry.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Continue to keep our building and grounds in a condition which brings Glory to God.

## ***Our Life Together Under God***

*"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness..." Matthew 6:33*

As Presbyterians we are reformed in our faith. We believe that we are to "Proclaim the Gospel for the salvation of humankind"; that there is to be shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; that we are to maintain divine worship, and preserve the truth. We are to promote social righteousness, and through our words and deeds exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

### *History of the Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy was organized in December 1864. Soon after a Sunday School was started. The church building was completed in February 1868 on land donated by the Camden and Amboy Railroad.

In 1874 Prayer Meetings were held weekly and semi-weekly with good attendance.

In 1918, during the Influenza epidemic, the church was turned over to the Gray Nurses to be used as an emergency hospital.

In 2012, while people were recovering from Superstorm Sandy, the church temporarily opened a 24 hour soup kitchen.

It has always been the primary aim of our church to present the Gospel and Spread the goodness of Christ.

The Lord continues to guide us as we present the Gospel and spread the good news of Jesus Christ to others through our words and deeds.

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### **Pastor's Message**

Welcome! First Presbyterian Church in South Amboy is a place for new beginnings and a fresh new start. Do you have a church home? Do you participate in a church where you feel spiritually fed? If not, we hope you will visit us. Regardless of your religious background, we invite you to worship with us. All are welcome here. At First Presbyterian Church you can grow in your relationship with God, develop friendships with other Christians, explore questions you have about faith and find ways to serve God in our community and in the world. I look forward to personally meeting you and helping you discover the joy of finding a spiritual home that will care for you and your family.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jeffrey Carney

### **Worship**

As a family of faith, our weekly gathering each Sunday remains central to all we do. We seek to open ourselves up to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and to know God in a more personal way through his Son Jesus. Children are always welcome into this family worship experience. We have a weekly children's message during the service, and provide Nursery Care.

### **Session**

Session members are the spiritual leaders. The Session is the council for the congregation and are composed of the church's Elders, elected by the congregation to active service. The pastor is the moderator. Together, they are the governing body of the congregation and responsible for guiding members to become a community of faith, hope, love and witness. The Session's main responsibilities are to provide for the Word of God, make sure the Sacraments are rightly administered, and nurture the covenant community of our church.

### **Church Membership**

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, please call the office and the pastor will be glad to meet with you.

### **Missions Committee**

The Mission Committee provides resources for people throughout the United States and around the world to do God's work. We as His Servants recognize how the Lord has used us to help. Through working together over the years, additional means of special offerings, fundraising events, scholarships and congregational support, our Missions Committee assists 10 different Ministries.

Our goal is to continue to walk beside the Lord and make a difference to all people in need, so they may experience the virtues of Hope and the Love of Jesus Christ. Please join us in our efforts to continue giving, Help us to find new resources. We rely on your generosity. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month, at 12:30 pm. Please see the bulletin board for information on Ministries we support.

### **Deacon's Ministry**

The Board of Deacons is elected from within the congregation. The Deacon's are charged with being the bearers of compassion in our community, befriending the lonely and providing for those in need. They help out with the worship service, help with social needs, send out cards, visit with the sick and provide food for the needy through our church's Food Pantry. Please call the church office if assistance is needed, if you would like to volunteer, or make a donation.

### **Sunday School**

The Sunday School year starts the first Sunday in October and closes the second Sunday in June. Here children can learn about the Christian faith in a relaxed setting under the guidance of our dedicated teachers. Classes are available to children and youths from 4 to 14 years old.

### **The Open Door**

Our church newsletter "The Open Door" is published monthly and informs our congregation and visitors of church activities and coming events. It is mailed to sick & Shut-in members, and to former members out of area upon request. Extra copies are available in the Narthex and Mailroom.

### **Prayer Chain**

When you are burdened and in need your cares brought before the Lord, requests can be made to the Prayer Chain. As one member contacts another, a network of praying Christians is the result. To activate the Chain, please call the church office.

### **Flowers**

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25 for two urns. We have many dates open. You can order flowers in honor of someone, or in memory of a loved one. Please make all checks out to **CASH**. Forms are available in the mailroom and Narthex.