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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship

10:30 am



October

OCTOBER 2025

October

"O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all." —Robert Frost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10:30am Worship/Communion	6 6pm Scouts	7	8 4pm-10pm Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser	9	10	11
12 10:30am Worship 3pm Private Event	13 Columbus Day office closed	14	15	16	17 4:30pm Outreach	18
19 10:30am Worship	20 6pm Scouts	21 Food Delivery 8am Open Door Articles due	22	23	24	25
26 10:30am Worship	27 6pm Scouts	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

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We are selling
engraved pavers for
our "Memorial Paver
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Want one? Complete
a form and hand it in
with your payment. Forms are available on our website
and in the mailroom at the church. For more
information, contact Shirley in the church office. Pavers
will be placed in the fall.



Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

Barbara Ballo, 28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Ervant Mansfield, Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015
Amboy Ave, Apt 316, Edison, NJ 08837

Carla Ring, 1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ
08753

Deborah Sargeant Sr., 3058 Bordentown Ave,
Parlin, NJ 08859

Judy Scharff, 201 Wyckoff Rd, Apt. 339,
Eatontown, NJ 07724

*Please remember our homebound
with a card and prayer.*

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Michelle Herman
TREASURER - Christine Vella
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver
ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver
MISSION CHAIR - Ruth Beselinoff
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL -
Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2025

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Elaine Lopez
Lori Ryan	Molly Solanki
1 from session	

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)
Ruth Beselinoff Mary Porcello
Madhu Solanki Christina Vella
Larry Wallace

YOUR DEACONS

*(Responsible for assisting our church and
community in times of need)*
Michelle Herman Betty Pinella
Lori Ryan George Schaefer
Joyce Solanki

October Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:



Oct. 2 Ashley Mottley
Oct. 23 Barbara Ballo
Oct. 29 Rev. Suzanne
Schafer-Coates

October Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Oct. 13 Anna & Jim Lauro

Quotes

"October is a symphony of permanence and change."
— Bonaro W. Overstreet

"Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter." — Carol Bishop Hipples

"In October, a maple tree before your window lights up your room like a great lamp." — John Burroughs

"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October." — Nathaniel Hawthorne

"There is a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch."
— Robert Brault

"October had tremendous possibility. The summer's oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden leaves promised a world full of beautiful adventures. They made me believe in miracles."
— Sarah Guillory

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion."
— Henry David Thoreau

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings for Sunday Worship flowers in **October, November & December**. They are \$25.00 for two urns. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room. Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact me. - Jean Greene

Parents, don't let your
grown children's problems
kill you. You are not their
solution; God is! Your kids
were created by God. The
Lord knows how to turn
their hearts to Him. Keep
praying and believing.
If you trust God fully,

Amen



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You did it again!!! Thanks to you we saved \$38.00 of Rewards from our last Staples order. Our Secretary, Shirley, needed office supplies and submitted an order totaling \$92.06. Again thanks to YOU bringing in used ink cartridges, this order only cost us \$54.06. Keep this wonderful program working by bringing in all your and your friends' used ink cartridges.

God is good and supplies all our needs.

Thank you!!!!

Elaine Lopez

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation



Scouts Fish Dinner

November 4

5pm - 6:45pm

**Drive thru, Take out
Only**

Tickets are \$18

All tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Please see Ruth or Joe to purchase tickets. Make checks out to

“The Camp Dill Foundation”

Missions

Thanks to all who continue to support your Missions Committee, we have continued to act in a supporting role to our Pastors' outreach and God's Pocket activities. You may not realize it, but supporting the Boy Scouts in our building is also a mission. We are supporting the mental, physical and spiritual development of the young boys in our community. As I stated in church this past Sunday, we should support their twice yearly fish dinners. These dinners are their primary fund raising activities during the year. Please help by checking with friends, family and neighbors so we can boost our support!!! I know they'll be thankful. Stay tuned for more Mission Committee projects in the future.

God bless you all, Ruth



INNER LIGHT

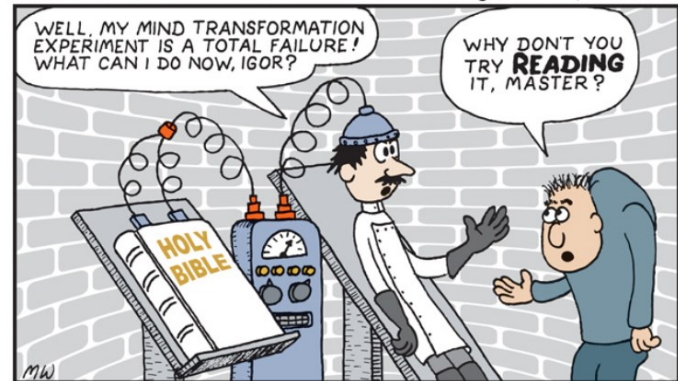
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. — 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NIV

TRANSFORMATION

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. — ROMANS 12:2 NIV

PRAISE HARVESTER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God will bless us. — PSALM 67:5-6 NIV



Board of Deacons

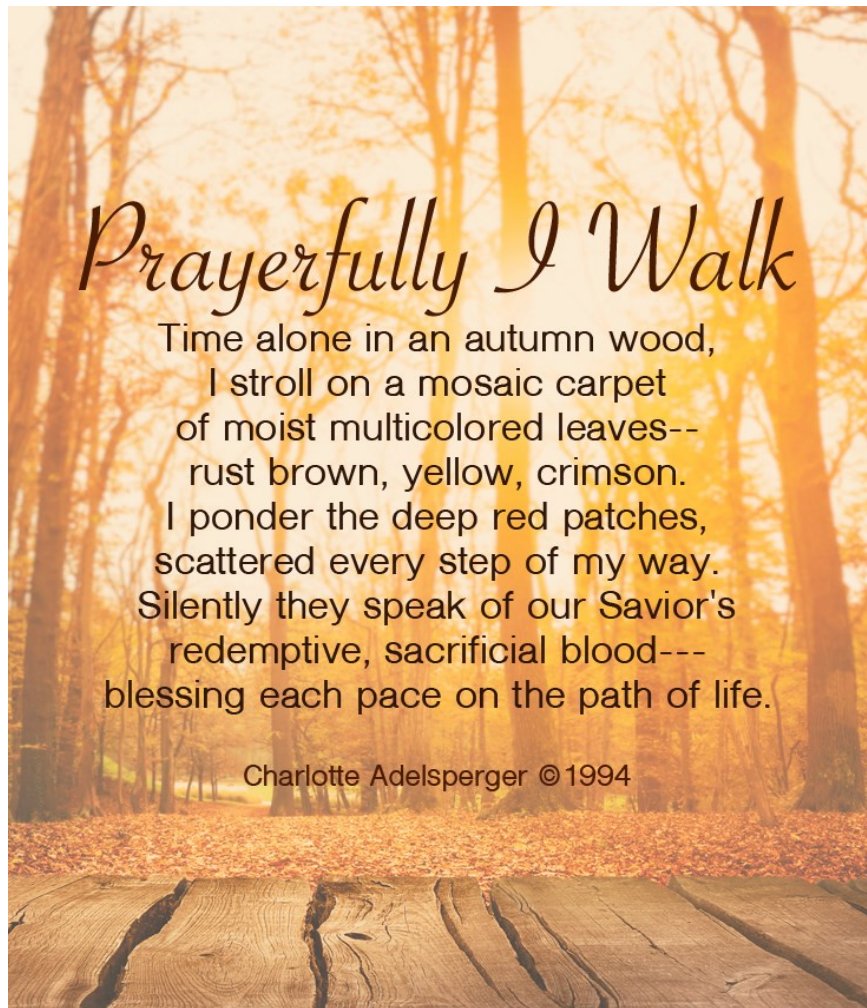
Dear Lord, as we begin this new month, we ask for your divine guidance. Help us to walk in your ways and make decisions that honor you. Illuminate our path, and keep us grounded in faith. Protect us and our loved ones from all harm. Fill our hearts with your peace. In a world full of chaos and uncertainty, help us to remain calm and centered in your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The deacon's next meeting to be announced.
If you have any needs that we can help with, please contact one of us.
~Betty Pinella

Psalm 1

- ¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the
wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of
the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and
night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by
streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in
the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the
righteous.
⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of
the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to
destruction.

Submitted by Molly Solanki



Prayerfully I Walk

Time alone in an autumn wood,
I stroll on a mosaic carpet
of moist multicolored leaves--
rust brown, yellow, crimson.
I ponder the deep red patches,
scattered every step of my way.
Silently they speak of our Savior's
redemptive, sacrificial blood---
blessing each pace on the path of life.

Charlotte Adelsperger ©1994

Autumn BUCKET LIST

- ☐ Make a fall playlist
- ☐ Go on a nature walk
- ☐ Visit a pumpkin patch
- ☐ Make a homemade treat
- ☐ Volunteer with your family
- ☐ Go to the farmer's market
- ☐ Jump in a pile of leaves
- ☐ Harry Potter movie marathon
- ☐ Light a fall candle
- ☐ Decorate your home for fall
- ☐ Start a gratitude journal
- ☐ Read a book together
- ☐ Go on a hayride
- ☐ Go apple picking



The Lord is my
strength
and my shield;
in him my heart
trusts,
and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song
I give thanks
to him.

PSALM 28:7



MINIVERSE & CRAFT CLUB

For girls ages 8–12

Mini worlds, big fun, and lots of sparkle!

Do you love crafts, creativity, and cute miniature stuff? Want to meet new friends and grow in your faith? Then this is the place for

What is it?

A child-led, adult-supervised girls club with a spiritual flair!

Make adorable Miniverse crafts, enjoy snacks, and have fun with inspiring activities and creativity.

Date: October 17

4:30–6:30 PM

**First Presbyterian Church,
South Amboy**

Each girl gets:

- ✓ An Ice Cream Miniverse activity
- ✓ A mini snack
- ✓ A little sprinkle of faith & friendship



Must register: 732-642-7111

Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

"Frequently Asked Questions" from the 1600's written by Presbyterians.

Q13: Did our first parents remain as they were created?

A: Left to the freedom of their own wills, our first parents sinned against God and fell from their original condition.

Comment from Pastor John: God gave Adam & Eve the freedom to choose, and they chose to sin. That decision broke their perfect relationship with God and violated the Covenant of Works. Because of their choice – and because we all have followed in their footsteps, we are now, by nature, under the penalty of that broken covenant.

Submitted by John Mottley

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Darkness & Light

A friend of mine recently posted online, “I just spent a week watching people celebrate the death of someone who has the same beliefs as me”. The assassination of Charlie Kirk has revealed deep hatred and anger in our country. My prayer is that this becomes a watershed moment for our nation. A time where we realize the political and spiritual climate of our country is not sustainable, repent of our anger, and choose the way of love and forgiveness as our savior modeled for us how to do. May God revive us again, and turn our nation back to Him!

I pray that the church continues to rise up and lead the nation for how to respond to national tragedy like this. Instead of calls for riots, there has been calls for prayer. Instead of assembling to destroy at Charlie Kirks memorial, Christians of all kinds assembled to worship, pray, and even forgive the assailant - in a touching moment Erica Kirk extended to her own husband’s murderer. Few times in my lifetime have I seen the grace of Jesus Christ so perfectly reflected, and I was moved to tears when I heard it.

This is the way my friends. As I was discussing with a dear friend of mine this last week, the old hymn “they will know we are Christians by our love” is for moments like this. Keep being salt & light, exposing the darkness and preserving what is good in this nation.

Although I could say much more on this, I wanted to keep you aware of other things happening at the church.

We are grateful to have new friends attending our church this season. I won’t embarrass anyone by name, but we are grateful for every new friend of the church. Some we know are only passing through for a season, but every person contributes to the beautiful tapestry that is First Presbyterian South Amboy.

We are also grateful to announce that our newly resumed Sunday Bible Study that meets every other week is moving to 1pm. The time seems to work better for those who regularly attend and we hope it works for you too! We’d love to have you join us as we study the scriptures, meet for fellowship, and praise his name in song together.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that we have solved our YouTube livestream issues, and we have been consistently streaming in high quality the last couple of weeks. The root cause was identified, removed, and we do not foresee happening again. Special thanks to Travis Risley whose background in computers, and dedicated work into the late hours of the night made this possible. I couldn’t have done it without you.

The timing of the YouTube fix has displayed God’s providence for us, as clips of the sermon addressing the darkness of our times have been viewed over 4,000 times on YouTube alone. We are grateful and humbled for the opportunity to comfort others with the Good News of the gospel for such a time as this.

John Mottley