

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ November 17, 2024 ~ 10:30am**

Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Nearer, Still Nearer

Dan Forrest

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Malachi 1:11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, forgive us when we forget that we belong, above all, to your way and your truth. When we feel inclined to fight or flee, let us instead seek refuge in your wisdom and your grace. Guide us not to react badly, but to respond faithfully. Let us trust not in our own power, but in the strength of your love, which reigns in the heavens and on the earth forevermore. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from the one who is, who was, and who is to come.

Ministers: Grace from Jesus, the faithful witness and lover of our souls.

Pastor: To the one who loves us and who freed us from our sins,

Ministers: to God be the glory and power forever and ever.

*PRAISE RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*THE APOSTLES' CREED – No. 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Madelyn Angelina Jones
Sophia DeRosa*

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Madelyn and Sophia with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 473

Lead Me, Lord

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. (2x)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A New Commandment

David Blackwell

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 368

My Hope Is Built

MESSAGE

Pastor Hyoik Kim

Season of Change

Mark 13:1-8

*HYMN No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

McKee

Matthew H. Corl

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





The Sisters in Christ invite
the women of First Church
to a Christmas luncheon
to be held at the Clarion Hotel
on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024
from 12 to 4 PM
Cost is \$30.00.

Please RSVP to Kathy Newsome or to the
Sisters in Christ mailbox by December 1st.
Payment *must* be made at time of reservation.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Please choose one:

- Chicken Corden Bleu
- Sirloin with Burgundy mushroom sauce
- Baked Salmon with Dijon sauce



FILL THEM WITH



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX MINISTRY

Be a Christmas Angel and give a child the special holiday he or she deserves.

Shoe boxes are available after service on Nov. 24 and Dec. 1.
Please follow the directions and fill for a local child who might not be able to have a very festive holiday.

Return by December 8th.

Please call Kathy Newsome with any questions.
732-341-6643



CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS
For the Sanctuary & Family Life Center

I would like to donate \$_____ towards ____ Poinsettia plants at \$20 each.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Church Offering Envelope #: _____



I would like to make a donation of \$_____ to Building Fund...

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church of Toms River. Place in the offering plate, mail or drop off at the church office no later than deadline of Sunday, December 8th.