



*I am the Alpha and the Omega,”  
says the Lord God, who is and who  
was and who is to come, the Almighty.*

Revelation 1:8

*United Presbyterian Church  
of  
Plainfield, New Jersey*



*November 24, 2019*

*11:00 AM*

*Thanksgiving*

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TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.  
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you, after the  
Service speak to others.

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**THE GATHERING**

*PRELUDE* Fanfare for Christ The King H. Hamilton Smith

*OPENING HYMN* GTG 363 Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*We gather on this holy day,*

***for we have seen Love crucified and raised.***

*We gather around a font and a table,*

***for we have known Joy through water and bread.***

*We gather around an ancient story,*

***for we have heard Truth in the words of the Scriptures.***

*We gather around the Holy Spirit,*

***who enlivens our hearts for the worship of God!***

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God of wonder and might,***

***Forgive us when we put our faith in earthly power***

*instead of in your promises.  
You call us to work for your reign in this world,  
“on earth as it is in heaven.”*

*Forgive us when we take those words  
as a platitude instead of a pledge.*

*Forgive us, O Lord.*

*Move us and challenge us to be servants of peace and justice.*

## **PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **CHILDREN / YOUTH MESSAGE**

Thelma Fleming

## **THE WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 46

Pages 636-637

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 23: 33-43

Pages 108-109

## **\*GLORIA PATRIA**

## **SERMON**

## **A Proper Response**

Elder Allegra Hoots

## THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Today is Dedication Sunday –It is held every fourth Sunday)

With a prayer— Lord, I herein make a gift to our  
Student packages.

OFFERTORY      Bless this House (excerpted)      May H. Brahe

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 708)

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.*

## THE SENDING

\*PARTING HYMN GTG 367      Come Ye, Thankful People, Come  
(vs. 1,3,4)

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE 599

**Assisting in today's Worship:**

**Liturgist: JoAnn Edwards**

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**WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME!** Let us come before the Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.

**Nursery Care** is provided for infants and toddlers.

**Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Large Print Bulletins** are available from an usher.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Lind Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.**

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**REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS**

**At Home:** Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Thelma Barnes, Fred Robinson.

**Frank Klikus:** BJ Klikus husband

**Jamie Sweeney:** Helen Foerster's cousin

**Jean Neumann:** Helen Forester's niece

**John and Marianna Perry:** Helen Foerster's brother and wife

**Annette O'Connor:** Jean Scott's sister

**Phyllis Sennyuen:** Jean Scott's sister

**Brandon Williams:** friend to George & Ginni Hansen

**Nabielah Scott:** Kevin Scott's wife

**Zachary Robinson:** Jean Scott's nephew

**Lillian Willing:** Michelle Wildridge's mother

**Wendy Oldham:** Pat Dawson's friend

**Osquit Vanderstoop**

**Gail Stokes, and Izaiyh Stokes:** Gail Stokes grandson

**Sylvia Denson:** Gail Stokes friend

**John Zayatz**, Gail Stokes friend

**Larry Brown**: Gail Stokes brother-in-law

**Freda Lenzo**: friend of Jeanne Ashanky

**Charisse Payne & Family**: Elder & Mrs. Davis, daughter: Cathedral

**JoAnn Edwards, Lazarus Edwards**: JoAnn Edwards's husband

**Lazarus Edwards Jr.**: JoAnn Edwards's son

**Prayers for our students: Neekah Hinds, Mobolaji Falowo, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.**

Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country.

U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places.

People of Syria.

**FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:**

The Staff of Presbytery

Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp, Interim Presbyter Leader

Trudi Folks, Communications Coordinator

Ruling Elder Terry Gleason, Bookkeeper



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

11/27 Carl Foerster

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**\*\*CONGRATULATIONS to Carl Foerster who will be an Honoree along with others for the Boy Scouts of America 2019 Awards Dinner.**

**Will be held on:**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019 Gathering & Reception: 6:30PM  
Dinner & Program: 7:00PM at The Westwood, 438 North Ave.,  
Garwood, NJ.**

**\*\* See insert - - All are welcome \*\***

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**2020 Church Budget**

It's that time when the process to create our 2020 Church budget has begun. The budget committee consists of Wanda Breitenbach, Jean Scott and Carl Foerster. As part of the budget process we are asking that all committee chairs (Finance, Personnel, Stewardship, Building and Grounds, Outreach, Church School/Adult Studies) as well as the Session and Deacons submit the respective committee/groups projected income and expenses for 2020 so that these may be included in the 2020 budget. The budget committee is requesting that information prior to Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. It may be presented to any member of the budget committee. Thank you.

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**2019 PLEDGE CHECKS** As we reach the end of 2019, the Stewardship Committee wishes to remind everyone that any pledge received after December 30 regardless of the date on the check will be applied to your 2020 commitment. The Stewardship Committee.

**CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES** Vouchered expenses for 2019 must be placed in the Treasurer's mailbox no later than Monday, December 30.

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**THE UPPER ROOM** booklets for November/December 2019 are available on the literature rack in the Narthex. If you wish to make a donation, please place \$1.00 in a pew envelope mark "literature" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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## Thankful

### I am thankful!

Gratitude frames my days throughout the entire year. My gratitude expands to all things, so I let my thoughts of thanks radiate out to bless everything in my life.

As I give thanks for the love of family and friends, my circle of loving relationships enlarges to allow for even more expressions of

love and deeper satisfaction. I give thanks for my little successes as well as my big ones, and I open the way for new, greater ventures and expanding supply. I give thanks for clarity of thought and notice that my peace of mind depends. I give thanks for the divine activity within my body and mind and feel renewed and revitalized. As my day winds to a close, I take time to appreciate and celebrate each moment of the day that has touched my heart.

-Daily Word

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
– Psalm 23:6

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. –Numbers 6:24-25

#### FOOD DRIVE

Food Drive - Boy Scout Troop 5 is participating in the Boy Scout National Scouting for Food Drive this month. Any donations of nonperishable food can be placed in the box in the narthex by Today, Sunday, November 24 so that it can be distributed by Thanksgiving. Any donation, however small, is appreciated. Any questions contact Carl Foerster.

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#### SCHEDULE: November 24 –December 1, 2019

Sunday	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, FH
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	A/A Friendship Hall
	4-10pm	NF Community Meal, Lounge
Thursday	*****	HAPPY THANKSGIVING *****
Friday		Office closed
Saturday	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room



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Sunday            10:00am   Youth/Adult Bible Study  
                      11:00am   Holy Communion Service  
                      Noon        Refreshments, Lind Room  
                      7:30pm    A/A Friendship Hall

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