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Service of Worship for the
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

FANWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

FANWOOD

COVER IMAGE

Philemon: Our Forgiveness by Mindi Oaten, a contemporary Christian painter in Washington state, and the author of *Along the Garden Path: Painting Through the Bible*. About this painting she says, “Philemon portrays Jesus as our Lord and Master, the God of reconciliation. I focused on this theme in the painting, welcoming a brother back, an aroma of forgiveness.”

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team is Diana Shoback and Sue Kelly, and our music is led each week by Alexa Teebo and Luyang Liu, with guest musician Liz Smith. Our AV support is by Jason Rivera. Our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle (fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email fanwooddeacons@gmail.com.

REFERENCES

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** indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

Fanwood Church is currently walking through a pastoral transition, or a season of discernment between one called or permanent pastor and the next. For more information on the process and the current status, visit fanwoodpc.org/pastorsearch

THRIFT SHOP



NOW OPEN!
WEDNESDAYS 10-3

No donations at this time, please.

GENESIS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE BEGINNING



BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPT. 29

FALL FANFAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
74 S. MARTINE
FANWOOD, NJ

10:30 AM WORSHIP
11:30 AM FANFAIR!

FACE PAINTING | SCARECROW CONTEST
PUMPKIN DECORATING | CORNHOLE
BOUNCE HOUSE | YANKEES RAFFLE

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG #2236 “Gather Us In” *verse 4*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones*

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Lamentations 3: 22-24

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

All: God’s mercies never come to an end.

One: God’s blessings are new every morning.

All: Great is God’s faithfulness!

One: Each morning, we know the grace and peace of the Lord.

All: Our hope is constantly renewed day by day.

We will sing and pray and praise the Lord all of our lives.

* OPENING HYMN #276 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” *verses 1 & 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior, we gather as your people to sing and pray and praise your name. We gather as a family woven together by your love. We gather as diverse persons celebrating our unity in diversity. Yet there are times when our differences divide us. Times when our family tapestry frays. Times when we forget you are the source of all music and comfort. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us and give us new ways to see ourselves as your beloved community. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #2043 “Celtic Alleluia”



* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Extravagant” by Steffany Gretzinger et. al.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 John 1-6

SERMON “Beloved Child” Rev. Dr. L.L. DuBreuil
including a reading of Philemon 1-3, 8-17

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY “Come Thou Fount, Above All Else” by Shane Barnard

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* Philippians 2: 5-11

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
All: **Who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

* DOXOLOGY #591
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN #276 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” *verses 3 & refrain*
* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Morning Has Broken” Luyang Liu