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OCTOBER 26, 2025



Service of Worship for the
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

FANWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, and our guest musician is Eizabeth Smith. AV support is provided by Chris Mallari and our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch) and at [Facebook.com/FanwoodPres](https://www.facebook.com/FanwoodPres).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary building, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary.

WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

All of God’s children are welcome to worship at Fanwood Church. 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.



REFERENCES

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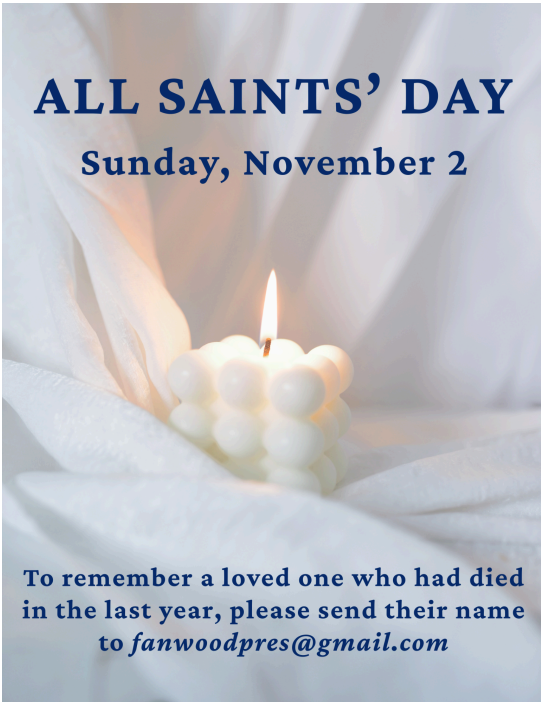
SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

Neither the Fanwood church office nor any Fanwood staff will ever ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards or other financial instruments. If you are ever concerned or confused about a communication from the church, please reach out to staff directly.

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

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

Sunday, November 2



To remember a loved one who had died in the last year, please send their name to fanwoodpres@gmail.com

THRIFT SHOP



20 25

OPEN WEDNESDAY
10AM- 3PM

SPF MINISTERIUM PRESENTS

CROP HUNGER WALK

Join Us for a Walk to help reduce food insecurity here at home and around the world

RAIN OR SHINE
SUNDAY NOV 9TH

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION
TABLES - 12:00 TO 1 PM
KICK OFF - 1:00 PM
FINISH - 3:00 PM

SPF HIGH SCHOOL TRACH
667 WESTFIELD RD,
SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ

LEARN MORE, WALK OR DONATE
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SPFCROPWALK](https://tinyurl.com/SPFCROPWALK)
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Sunday School

Open House



Join us Mon. 11/3 or Wed. 11/5
Fanwood Presbyterian Church
74 Martine Ave. Fanwood
11:00am-12:30pm



Learn more about the Sunday School Program and church activities

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Whisky In The Jar”

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG “Highland Cathedral”

Colin Nisbet

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from the writings of Katherina Schütz Zell*

One: Come, all who seek God’s mercy and hope:

All: “May God help us to be saved together with each other.”

One: Come, all who long to live boldly and faithfully:

**All: trusting that though our bodies return to dust,
our souls are held eternally in God’s care.**

One: Come, all whose hearts thirst for God’s Word:

All: let it restore, guide, and strengthen us in courage and love.

One: Gather us, O God, this Reformation Day,
to celebrate the courage of those who dared to follow you,
those who spoke truth, those who acted in love,
and those who guide us even now.

**All: Inspire us in the continuing reformation of your church,
that we may seek justice, mercy, and faithfulness.**

**Open our minds to your transforming love,
trusting that your work of reformation is never done.**

One: Together we lift our voices in praise and hope,
rejoicing that your Spirit moves among us, now and always.

**All: Let us worship the God of freedom and grace!
Amen, Alleluia!**

* OPENING HYMN #260 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (vs. 1 & 2)

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *a prayer by Martin Luther*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

**I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,
that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

I do not have a strong and firm faith;

at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

I am a sinner; you are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin;

in you is the fullness of righteousness.

Therefore, I will remain with you,

of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *adapted from a prayer by John Calvin*

* RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”

*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.*

* 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 "Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)"

Alexa Teebo, Elizabeth Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *inspired by writings by Marie Dentière*

SCRIPTURE READING from John 8: 31-36

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace"

Colin Nisbet

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession at Belhar*

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end. The Church is holy; the Church is universal; it is the fellowship of God's children, called together from the whole of humanity to proclaim God's wonderful deeds. We believe that the

reconciling work of Christ gives birth to a uniting Church, because Church unity is a gift from God and a goal we need to strive for. The unity of the Church must become visible so that the people around us can see how separation and hatred are overcome in Christ. We believe that genuine faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership in this Christian church. We praise God that race, class, gender, or culture does not determine who belongs to this Church.

* DOXOLOGY #592 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, who fills each cup and plate,
Whose table's wide and love is great.
From broken bread, may all be fed,
And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *adapted from prayers by John Knox*

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (vs. 3 & 4)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Scotland the Brave"

Colin Nisbet