



**Hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium
at Fanwood Presbyterian Church**
Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM

WELCOME

Rev. Chaz Hutchison
Scotch Plains Baptist Church

OPENING RESPONSES *from Psalm 92*

Rabbi Howard Tilman
Congregational Beth Israel

One: It is wonderful to be grateful
and to sing your praises, Lord Most High!

**All: It is wonderful each morning to tell about your love
and at night to announce how faithful you are.**

One: I enjoy praising your name to the music of harps,

**All: because everything you do makes me happy,
and I sing joyful songs.**

MUSICAL SELECTION “We Gather Together”

TOWN GREETINGS

Mayor Joshua G. Losardo
Scotch Plains, NJ

Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell
Fanwood, NJ

MUSICAL SELECTION “America the Beautiful”

SHARING OUR TRADITIONS

Reading from the Christian Tradition Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari
Fanwood Presbyterian Church

Reading from the Jewish Tradition Rabbi Emily Losben-Ostrov
Cantor Darcie Sharlein
Temple Sholom

Greeting from SPF-SAATH Sunitha Subbaiah
South Asian Appreciation for Tradition & Heritage

Reading from the Islamic Tradition Ayesha Jabeen
Muslim Community Center of Union County

Reading from the Community Bassem Elsayed
EPMA Muslim Association

Reading from the Community Dr. Joan Mast
Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

MUSICAL SELECTION “Bless This House”

Cantor Matt Axelrod
Cantor Jacob Greenberg
Congregation Beth Israel

THANKSGIVING ADDRESS

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith
Fanwood Presbyterian Church

OFFERTORY “Dona Nobis/Sim Shalom”

Tonight’s offering is in support of Fanwood Presbyterian Church’s Food Distribution ministry. You are invited to give through monetary donations, by bringing canned goods to the church or our Blessing Box, or by giving online.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Beth Mitchell

Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey

One: Source of Life, you are called by many names and known in many ways. For the diversity of our traditions:

All: **We give thanks for the gifts we share.**

One For the wisdom passed down through generations that guides us toward compassion, justice, and peace:

All: **We give thanks for wisdom that lights our way.**

One: For the prophets, teachers, and seekers in every age who have called us to repair what is broken in our world:

All: **We give thanks for those who inspire us to act with courage.**

One: For the earth beneath our feet, the sky above us, the waters that sustain us, and the communities that hold us:

All: **We give thanks for creation and for one another.**

One: For the shared work of peacebuilding across traditions,

All: **We give thanks for the strength we find in community.**

One: For hope that persists, for love that endures, for joy that surprises, and for gratitude that binds us together:

All: **We give thanks for the blessings of this moment and the promise of what may yet be.**

One: May our thanksgiving lead us toward deeper understanding, renewed compassion, and a future of justice and peace.

All: **Amen. Ameen. And let it be so.**

BENEDICTION

Dr. Smith

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium is composed of clergy from various faith communities, along with leaders of non-profit organizations, the school district, and civic leaders from our two municipalities.

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

All of God’s children are welcome to worship at Fanwood Church. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

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.



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