

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ November 16, 2025 ~ 10:30am**

Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE *Nearer, Still Nearer* Dan Forrest

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98:1-3

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* v. 1-5

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and Merciful God, we give you thanks. You bring us strength when we feel weak, courage when we cannot stand. You fill our hearts with your glory and bless our being with your grace. You protect our lives. In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish, nor the smallest flutter of peace perish in our souls. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHORAL ANTHEM *How Lovely Are the Messengers* Feliz Mendelssohn

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

Ministers: God is making all things new.

Pastor: Sing for joy, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Ministers: God bathes us in the well of salvation.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

Ministers: God is making all things new.

*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.

*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. 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

MESSAGE

Pastor Hyoik Kim

A Temple of the Holy Spirit

Luke 21:5-19

*HYMN No. 368

My Hope Is Built

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Aus der Tiefe/Heinlein

Christopher Tambling

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





The Sisters in Christ invite
the women of First Church
to our annual Christmas Party
to be held at the Clarion Hotel
on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025
from 12 to 4 PM
Cost is \$45.00.

Please RSVP to Kathy Newsome or to the
Sisters in Christ mailbox by November 30th.
Payment ***must*** be made at time of reservation.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Please choose one:

- _____ Baked Flounder with lemon/wine sauce
- _____ Sirloin with Burgundy mushroom sauce
- _____ Penne Pasta with Grilled Chicken in
Vodka Sauce



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 #: _____

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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 7th.