







# Connections

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The Weekly Calendar of the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown

## WORSHIP

## COMMITMENTS

## ONGOING

## UPCOMING

### Church Calendar ■ Oct 23–29

- October 25** 9:15 Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
Deacon Brunch
- 28** 5:00-7:00pm Kids Club  
6:00-6:55pm Pastor's Bible Study
- Ushers** Ron Niebo, Kara Niebo, Trevor Niebo, Juliette Niebo
- Counters** Mark Dahlinger, Walt Vincent
- 1st Saturday** 10:00 am Building & Grounds Work Day
- 1st Tuesday** 7:00pm CE, Fellowship, Mission  
7:30 pm Worship
- 2nd Tuesday** 7:00pm Outreach, Building & Grounds, Finance, Personnel
- 3rd Tuesday** 7:00pm Session
- **4th Tuesday** 7:00pm Deacons
- 3rd Thursday** 6:30pm Sharing Our Stories
- 1st Saturday** 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 3rd Saturday** 7:00pm Conversations with the Word
- 1st&3rd Mon** 6:45pm Stephen Ministry peers
- Mondays** 4:00–5:30pm Community Dinner  
7:00–9:00pm Bazaar Craft Workshop Fellowship Hall  
7-9:00pm Art Ministry
- Wednesdays** 7:15pm Bell Choir  
8:15pm Sanctuary Choir
- **2nd&4th Wed** Needles of Love
- Nov 1** Dessert and Discussion
- Cover** Communion Table, early morning light

## Calendar Highlights

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

OCT 25

This Sunday is Children's Sabbath Sunday, a time for us to reflect on poverty in the world and how it affects children. The youth will share their mission trip experience. All children and youth will participate in Worship this Sunday.

### BRANCHING OUT IN FAITH

OCT 25

This week's Stewardship focus is on Christian Education, the speaker is Larissa Kwong-Abazia. During the 6 weeks of our stewardship campaign, you are invited to meditate on John 15:1-8. *see page 3*

### DEACONS BRUNCH

OCT 25

Join the Deacons this Sunday, October 25th, after worship for Brunch. Meet the Deacons and enjoy good food and fellowship. We'll be taking donations for the Rise Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive.

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

OCT 28

Join Pastor Lisa for Bible Study from 6:00 to 6:55pm in Wilson House. Bring your dinner, an open heart and a friend!

### BAZAAR CRAFTERS

MONDAYS

Bazaar Crafters will be meeting every Monday 7:00pm–9:00pm. Come join us, bring your crafts, or lend a helping hand on other work in progress. All are welcome.

Items for the White Elephant Sale and Silent Auction can be dropped off on any Sunday after Worship or on Monday evenings during crafts.



## *Music Sunday November 22nd: A Protestant Mass*

### **Gloria in excelsis: Glory to God in the highest**

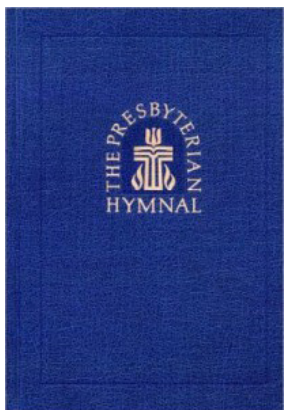
The second part, or movement, of a Mass setting is the Gloria, which parallels our Response of Praise. It is a long poetic hymn of praise to each member of the Trinity and opens with the song of the angels from Luke's telling of the nativity: "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth

peace to all of good will." For her A Protestant Mass Christianne Bessières Lane chose to focus on the word Gloria, and the general attitude of praise to God, Jesus, and by reference the Holy Spirit, with a work she wrote for the choir last year. That work pairs text from Psalm 149 with the memory verse from Matthew 18:20, "For when two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." She is in excellent company repurposing a previous work of her own: masters, such as Bach, Händel, and Mahler used this practice too! You can link to this [Example](#) from late 16th c Catholic/ Anglican England. Stay tuned for more blurbs about the parts of the Mass Ordinary typically set to music: Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus dei.

## *Choirs Making Music Together!*

Both the Chancel Bell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir have started rehearsals preparing for weekly music in Sunday services as well as preparation for Music Sunday, which is November 22nd. New members are always welcome. Wednesdays in the sanctuary: Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 8:15pm.

## *Hymnal Donations*



The OLD BLUE HYMNALS are being donated to the Presbyterian Churches in Liberia through the efforts of the Bush Hill Presbyterian Church of Alexandria VA (Pastor Barbara Heck). But FIRST, the Worship Committee wants to offer you the opportunity to retrieve any hymnals with sentimental value that you may have dedicated to loved ones.

Please let Chris Vincent know your name and that of the "dedicatee" and she will arrange to have the hymnal(s) retrieved for you to pick-up at the church. We will notify you when the hymnals are available. Orders will be taken through October 15.

Contact Chris Vincent 609-443-5751 or [njvincents@yahoo.com](mailto:njvincents@yahoo.com)

*The Worship Committee*

## *Stewardship: Branching Out in Faith*

ART – Art Ministry works to enhance our worship experience through the use of graphic and decorative art, digital imagining and animations. Our goal is to add a visual element to the word. This gives our bodies an additional tool, to not only hear but see the word of God. We have developed several major installations that reflect the church calendar. Those, along with smaller, event driven projects like baptisms and World Communion Sunday, we hope appeal to a broader and younger demographic of members. We are also involved in digital media by providing the weekly church newsletter, Connections. This gives us a quick and updateable contact form for all who worship at our church.

MUSIC – The psalmists call us to "sing a new song", King David danced for God, the angels sang at Christ's birth, and St. Augustine is said to have claimed that those who sing pray twice. Music plays an integral role in our spiritual lives as individuals and as a community. The work of the music ministry in the congregation, the Sanctuary choir, the bell choir, Praise Band, and the organist is to lead the congregation in prayer and praise through music. To do that effectively, instruments need maintenance, ensembles need time for rehearsal, and we need the music itself. We could present all music we've had in our library for years, but in order to grow individually and as the body of Christ we need to purchase new music that stretches us as we "sing a new song" and musically branch out in faith! During the 6 weeks of our stewardship campaign, you are invited to meditate on John 15:1-8.





*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

Acts 2:42

## *What's Up In Fellowship?*

### **Coffee hour hosts:**

Date	Host
10/25	Deacons Brunch
11/1	Jane Silverman, Berty Cass, Maggie Monney-Diallo, Anne Willis
11/8	Rivenburgh Family
11/15	Apple Sunday
11/22	The Grovers
11/29	Carole Dailey, Jane Silverman
12/6	Patty D'Apolito
12/13	The Devlin Family
12/20	Baby Shower for Christianne Lane
12/27	Christmas Bread/Breakfast



## *Begin Your Holiday Shopping Now with Our Scrip/Gift Card Fundraiser*

Your purchases support the Adult Mission Trip Program; over 700 retailers available for order, more than a dozen local and online popular retailers in stock. Just think of your regular weekly purchases—grocery, drug, discount and home improvement stores, restaurants and coffee shops, online shopping. You know you'll be going there, why not leave your credit cards safely at home and take prepaid scrip/gift cards which support our fundraiser and help manage your budget at the same time!

Now is a great time to begin your holiday shopping using our scrip/gift cards. Whether you plan to shop with them or give them as gifts, scrip/gift cards are handy and convenient and never expire. Purchase a few at a time and avoid budget-busting pressure in December. Special order scrip/gift cards **must be ordered by December 6** for holiday use, but in-stock scrip/gift cards will be available until Christmas.

Call Carol Duryea at 609.448.5316 or visit the scrip/gift card table at coffee hour on Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

## *Stephen Ministry*

### **We Need You!**

*People will be rewarded for what they say, and they will also be rewarded for what they do. PROVERBS 12:14*

Our Stephen Ministry program has provided valuable assistance in a Christian faith environment to 9 members of our church family in the past four years. In order to continue this wonderful program, we are looking for a few good men and women to be trained and commissioned as Stephen Ministers. We will provide all the tools and support you need to care for those requesting emotional support in our church family and in your personal life. You will grow in your faith journey and learn listening techniques while you form bonds with other trainees and your future care receivers. After commissioning we will match you on a 1-on-1 confidential basis with a person requesting a Stephen Minister. You will be blessed as you help another person through a tough time.

Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders (Teri Mier at 609.658.2712 or Carol Duryea at 609.448.5316), Reverend Lisa (609.448.0055) or a Stephen Minister (Vinney Finlay, Joan Gordon, Fran Lalka, Brian Porter and Maggie Rider), to ask your challenging questions or to obtain additional information. Thank you for prayerfully considering this life-transforming experience.



## Christian Education

experience, which they will share with the congregation on Sunday, November 15th.

### Kids Club

This midweek program meets every Wednesday afternoon from 5:00-7:00pm. You can find a registration form on our website, [hightstownpres.org](http://hightstownpres.org)

The children enjoy fun in music, games, art, and bible study every week while enjoying fellowship and growing in community. Friends are always welcome. Participation is free, however a donation of \$95/child/semester would be most appreciated.

# Sunday School Has Begun Its New Year, All Ages at 9:15am

### Children & Youth

9:15am Sundays—Each week the children and youth will explore a new story as well as God's light in their own world. Each story will be connected with an ART

### Youth Disciples

Youth Disciples is a program hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown for youth in 5th – 12th grade that are interested in growing in their faith through service. The group meets the third Sunday of every month after worship in addition to other times for planning and leading service projects.

**Participating in Worship** October 25th. Meet at 9:30am. Please RSVP to Jeannette Schneider:

[jgschneider13@gmail.com](mailto:jgschneider13@gmail.com)

If you are not a member of Youth Disciples yet, but would like to become one please contact Mary Maleski: [mmaleski@hightstownpres.org](mailto:mmaleski@hightstownpres.org)

### Youth Group

Is going on a Haunted Hayride this Sunday, October 25th. The cost \$12/youth, and must be paid in advance. Scholarships are available. Youth Group Meets at 6:00–7:30pm in Fellowship Hall for Games, Conversation & Fellowship. If you are in 6th-12th grades we hope to see you there!

For more info or to RSVP please contact Mary Maleski [mmaleski@hightstownpres.org](mailto:mmaleski@hightstownpres.org) or text 609.954.8977

### Youth Volunteers

Looking for YOUTH Volunteers who are in need of Community Service Hours to make a commitment to help with the Preschool Sunday School Class or an adult who would be willing to be an aide in this class.

Please contact Mary Maleski

[mmaleski@hightstownpres.org](mailto:mmaleski@hightstownpres.org) or

Ginger Marcus [vtmarcus@verizon.net](mailto:vtmarcus@verizon.net)

### Adult Ed

This year we will expand on our exploration of the Bible with the DVD series ANIMATE, a reformed curriculum that poses questions people really have, and then encourages participants to respond. Each week there will be opportunities to question, share, and reflect. We meet at 9:15am on Sundays in Kendall Lounge.

### Dwelling in the Word

Join Pastor Lisa for Bible Study, Wednesdays 6:00 to 6:55pm, in Wilson House. Dwelling in the Word is a way of hearing the Bible that uses our hearts as much as our heads. Open to all – whether you are a person of faith or just curious, whether you have much Bible study experience, or none at all. Bring a friend, an open heart (and your dinner if you'd like) and join us!

### Dessert & Discussion

The Common English Bible: What? Why? Huh? Join us for this round table conversation on Sunday, November 1st to discuss this new bible with Carol Wehrheim. The group will gather at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share!

*Carol Wehrheim is the general editor for the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. She is a member of Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, where she regularly leads Bible studies.*

Contact [Mary Maleski](mailto:Mary Maleski) to order a copy of The Common English Bible.