

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Pre-Service Music Allegretto from Lieder ohne Worte Lang

Call to Worship adapted from The Minor Key

So often, we expect life to wow and dazzle us.

But God often comes in the still, the small, and the meek.

We exist amidst constant stimulus and sound.

But here, we are quieted among the unforced rhythms of grace.

Our hearts are weighed down by worry and weariness.

We come seeking the wellspring of God's mercy and grace.

Hymn Come Away with Me to a Quiet Place FWS #2202

Prayer of Confession adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

So many voices clamor for our minds, so many noises. Sometimes we tune in to the voices that are most tempting, promising quick and easy. Other times we focus on the voices that amplify our biggest fears. And then there are the voices that keep us distracted and blissfully unaware. But none of these voices are yours God.

God of love and truth, you speak beneath them all. In the stillness, we listen.

For your grace, we listen.

For your voice, we listen.

silence for prayer

Words of Assurance

God speaks to us with the voice of life, the voice of love.

God calls us each by name. We listen, and we follow.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD AND REFLECT

Music Ministry Down to the River to Pray arr. Curry

Children's Time Where Children Belong TFWS #2233

SHARING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes - Roy Sun, Nigel Sun

Liturgists - Vinette Jones,

Brook Foster

Reader - Raphael Aryeetey Jr.

Musicians - Choir,

Julia Hanna

Ushers - Ralph Newhall, David Bell,

Ulanda Frisbee, Rich Hadley

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN MACDONALD,
DOUG FULLMAN, AND PAM NUGENT**



**BY DRS. JOHN AND
KAREN ZUMBRUNN**

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:9-13

This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jenny Smith Walz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn Near to the Heart of God UMH #472

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Be Thou My Vision Parker

Hymn Doxology UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

AND SCATTERS TO BE IN THE WORLD

Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord UMH #419

Benediction

Postlude Marche from Six pieces after Bach MacDowell

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those who are without homes. Prayers for those struggling with their physical and mental health.

Prayers for the friends and family of John Macdonald, who passed away this past week. Prayers for Veda as she recovers from a kidney transplant, Redrick as he endures dialysis, and Jacqueline as she continues life in a nursing home.

Prayers for our country and the divisiveness caused by political discourse. May we find ways to communicate and work together.

Prayers for those around the world, but especially in Gaza experiencing hardship, food insecurity, and famine. May we share what we have in plenty for those who do not have nearly enough.

Prayers for those being targeted for where their families are from.

Prayers for people in all places in war.

HAVE PRAYER CONCERNS?

For our Prayer Chain, call Yvonne Macdonald at 609-577-8369 or email her at yvonne.mac@verizon.net. Email Tyler Mathiasen at tyler@princetonumc.org when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral call.

WELCOME TO
**Princeton
United Methodist Church**

We are a diverse faith community,
engaged in enlivening spiritually thirsty people
to joyfully respond to God's love
and grow as disciples of Christ,
so that together we may experience the fullness of life.

SCAN TO
CONNECT WITH US
OR TEXT 'PUMC' TO
609-542-2192



SCAN TO GIVE
OR TEXT YOUR
GIFT AMOUNT TO
609-554-1128

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BLESSING GWATANA

We are excited to welcome Blessing Gwatana to the role of PUMC Director of Children's Ministry. We know she and her family will be welcomed warmly here at PUMC. Blessing's email is blessing@princetonumc.org

FALL GATHERING POTLUCK

It's that time of year once more! The PUMC Fall Gathering Potluck will be held on Sunday, September 21 from noon to 4pm at Mercer Park West! Sign up with the QR code.



STONEBRIDGE COMMUNION

You are invited to the Stonebridge Methodists communion service today, Sept 14, 2 p.m. at Stonebridge, 100 Hollinshead Spring Rd, Skillman, NJ in the Club Room. All are welcome! Contact postberg1@aol.com with any questions.

CCK THANKS YOU!

Thank you for your generous donations to Princeton Cornerstone Community Kitchen's Back-to-school Backpack Drive! Because of your kindness, many students in our community will start the school year with the tools they need to succeed. We at CCK truly appreciate the amazing partnership we have.

NO YOUTH SEPT 21

There will be no youth next week - Sept 21 - due to the Fall Gathering Potluck. We hope to see you there!

FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA

www.facebook.com/princetonumc

www.instagram.com/princetonumc

CHURCH CALENDAR

www.princetonumc.org/calendar



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Sheep Hear the Shepherd's Voice



**PRINCETON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

7 Vandeventer Ave., Princeton, NJ, 08542

609 924 2613

www.princetonumc.org