

Tell me

something

good

Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHIPPANY
WORSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

March 1, 2026, 10:15 AM

The Good News is... great love for God and neighbor.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

INTROIT

“Glorify Thy Name”

Joyful Noise Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From ‘A Sanctified Art’

Leader: Tell me something good!

People: God loves you more than you could imagine.

Leader: Tell me something good!

People: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Leader: Tell me something good!

People: God’s love meets us in this service of worship.

We are not alone.

Leader: This is good news indeed!

People: Let us worship our compassionate God.

*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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*SHARE SOMETHING GOOD THAT’S HAPPENED RECENTLY

*SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Holy Is the Lord”

Joyful Noise Bell Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us,
but that work is easier said than done.
We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful.
We *need* God’s grace.
Fortunately for us, God’s grace is freely and abundantly given.
So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.**

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try
again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Faith family,
even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:

People: **We are seen.**
We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "God, Be the Love," v 1-2

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God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy; great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 7:36-50

The Woman with the Alabaster Jar

Matthew 25:35-40 *"Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

*HYMN

“God, Be the Love,” v 3-5

GTG#543

**Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning,
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your joys and concerns.

“For N. and N. we pray to the Lord.” **Amen.**

“For N. and N. we praise the Lord!” **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*OFFERTORY HYMN AND PRAYER

“Live Into Hope”

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christie Seyfarth

Please take a seat to enjoy the Postlude.

*Those who are able may stand

WELCOME, VISITORS AND OLD FRIENDS...

We're glad you are with us this morning, and we invite you to participate fully in all parts of the worship service. Throughout the week, if you would like more information about the church, to ask a question, or if you would like to share a prayer concern, please email fpcwhippany@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message 973-887-2197.

Calendar of Events -For a full calendar of church events, please visit our website.

Sunday, March 1

- 10:15 AM Worship with Communion
- 11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 AM Joint Meeting Session & Deacons
- 4:30 PM Spaghetti Supper

Monday, March 2

- 6:30 PM Joyful Noise Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 5

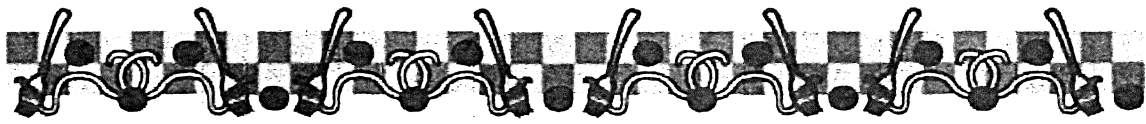
- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, March 5

- 5:30 PM Church of the Wild Things
- 6:30 PM Yoga

Sunday, March 7

- 9:30 AM Choir Warmup
- 10:15 AM Worship
- 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal



Whippany Presbyterian Church

494 Route 10 - Whippany



Sunday, March 1, 2026

4:30PM-7:30PM

Dinner includes:

Spaghetti with homemade meat or marinara sauce

(All you can eat spaghetti & sauce)

Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert

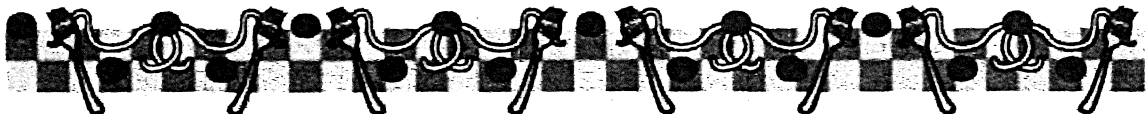
Prices:

Adults.....\$12.00

Children.....\$8.00

Reservations can be made at www.youthfpcwhippany.org
or you may purchase tickets during fellowship hour.

****Don't forget to order your sauce to take home****



For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Live Into Hope

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TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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