



April 26, 2026
11:00 am

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An **asterisk** * in the bulletin invites all to **stand**. If unable to do so, please remain **seated**.
Childcare is available during worship service at the Nursery on the left side of Sanctuary.
Please fill out the information in the **RED WELCOME FOLDERS** and leave the filled pages on top of folder.
Please find the **blue BIBLE AND HYMNAL** in the pew racks

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Leader, **People**)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
And also with you.

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 8

Does not wisdom call, and understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
Beside the gates, in front of the town, she cries out:
“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.
O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Hear, for from my lips will come what is right,
All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

Take my instruction instead of silver, for wisdom is better than jewels;
all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

I, wisdom, live with prudence, and discretion.
The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

I have good advice and sound wisdom; By me sovereigns reign, and rulers decree
what is just;

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN NO. 469, *Hymnal*

“Morning Has Broken”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, parts of your scripture scare us.

From Adam and Eve on, we see ourselves hide from You and blame each other.

From Cain and Abel on, we see envy and resentment leading to violence.

From Babel on, we see the over-reach of pride and the power of empire.

From Joshua on, we see tribes claiming authority to take others' land.

**From Ahab and Jezebel on, we see those in power oppressing others,
worshipping idols, and hunting prophets.
Forgive us for thinking that we are so different.
May we use the means of grace to order our loves and get over our fears.
O Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Time for silent prayer)

[Pouring water that recalls our baptism, and symbolizes our cleansing and renewal]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS.

Jesus said to the accusers of a woman, "Let the one without sin cast the first stone."

As he wrote on the ground, all her accusers left.

Then he asked her, "Is there anyone here to condemn you?"

"No one, sir."

And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go on your way, and sin no more."

In the name of *this* Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored.

***PRAISE TO GOD**, *Hymnal, No. 579*

"Gloria Patri"

**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.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"I am Loved"

**I am loved, I am loved, I can risk loving you
For the one who knows me best loves me most
I am loved, you are loved. Won't you please take my hand
We are free to love each other. We are loved! We are loved!**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 35:1-6, 10-15

Old Testament p.804 Bible

WORD TO THE CHILDREN

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:13-26

New Testament p.190-191, Bible

SERMON

Resentment Kills, Gratitude Revives

Rev. Christian Iosso

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967, par. 9.16-17

**God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's
dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and
awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the
majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself, that
they may respond to his love.**

**God has given us a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession
of generations...**

God has endowed us with capacities to make the world serve our needs and to enjoy its good things.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:

to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare,

to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways

to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

*HYMN NO. 426, *Hymnal*

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*DOXOLOGY, *Hymnal, No. 592*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

*HYMN NO. 302, *Hymnal*

“I Danced in the Morning”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Family of God”

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God.

I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood.

Join hands together as we travel this sod.

For we’re part of the family, the family of God

*POSTLUDE

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Grace and Peace to all of you in worship this morning!

We hope you experience a warm welcome and nourishment for your spirit by word, music and prayer. We invite you to refreshments at the Westminster Hall after the worship service.

Rev. Christian Iosso, Ph.D., Interim Minister
Dewey Moss, Choir Director
Logan Des Rochers, Liturgist
Debra Bloodgood, Head Usher

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PRAYER REQUESTS can be picked up from the Sanctuary piano or in the Narthex. Please fill in and drop it in piano basket. Prayer request forms are also at the office.



C A L E N D A R

April 26 - May 2

Sunday	April 26		
	9:00 am	Choir Practice	Choir Room
	10:00 am	Bible Study	
	11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Fellowship	Westminster Hall
	12:15 PM	Light Lunch with Nominating Committee	
Monday	April 27		
	7:00 pm	Troop 168	Westminster Hall
Tuesday	April 28		
	6:00 pm	Pack 68 Tigers	GYM
Wednesday	April 29		
Thursday	April 30		
		LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS	
	7:00 pm	Pastor Nominating Committee	
	7:00 pm	Pack 68 Meeting	GYM
Friday	May 1		
Saturday	May 2		

BSA TROOP 168

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

April 26, 2026 | 9:00am - 11:00am
Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church - Gym
698 Stuyvesant Ave Union, NJ 07083

**SCOUTS PANCAKE
BREAKFAST TODAY**

Troop 168 invites everyone to breakfast on **April 26, Sunday** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**. Support our Scouts!

\$10 ADULTS | \$6 KIDS 10 AND YOUNGER

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, and your choice of coffee, tea, & juice.



CHURCH NEWS AND FUTURE EVENTS

LIGHT LUNCH TODAY with Nominating Committee. Is God inviting you to help this church? In what way? What is needed? Can you prayerfully join us in thinking about whether it is your turn to serve, and how you may grow in that? Please join us and meet representatives of our teams!

CONNECTICUT FARMS HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS **Application deadline is on April 30 at 4:00 pm!** There is still time to finish those applications. Applications are in Westminster Hall or can be requested from the office. These are for members and relatives of Connecticut Farms Church and for a Union High School Senior with a 2.8 + GPA.

WEBSITE LIVESTREAM Visit www.CTFarmsChurch.org, and click the *Livestream* link to watch the latest Sunday worship livestream. Tap into previous worship recordings on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctfarms/ or YouTube www.youtube.com/@ConnecticutFarmsChurch

MISSION COMMITTEE: SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS! The Mission Committee is in the process of planning our 2026 programs/events. And we would like to know the following:

- Are there organizations that you work with and that we could consider working with us?
 - And, if your organization is chosen, would you be willing to help in the event/program?
- If you have a suggestion, please email Karen Drzik, Mission Chair at kdrzik@comcast.net. She will forward your suggestion to all on the committee for consideration.

WEBSITE GIVING Visit www.CTFarmsChurch.org, and choose the *Giving* link. Debit or credit cards are accepted. Thank you for your generosity!

DEACONS MEETING is scheduled on **May 3** after worship.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Share your talents! The Church invites all with technical skills, creative abilities, physical prowess and big hearts to maintain and elevate our church activities

HOOK AND NEEDLE is set on **May 12, Tuesday**. Join us as we knit afghans and blankets.

FOOD PANTRY Food distribution is on **May 16, Saturday, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. We need pasta and pasta sauce, canned goods and breakfast items. We welcome volunteers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING is set on **May 17, Sunday**, after worship.

SESSION FOR MAY is on **May 20, Wednesday**, starting at 7:00 pm.

BOOK CLUB meets on **May 28 at 7:30 pm** to discuss our latest book, *The Correspondent*.

CONFIRMATION DAY Mark your calendars as we celebrate the confirmants on **June 7 during worship**



SUMMER PICNIC
 It's never too early to plan for summer! Summer picnic is set for **June 14**, Sunday, after worship. Please RSVP by **May 24**.



CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Christian T. Iosso, Ph.D.,
Interim Pastor
- Dewey Moss
Music Director
- Robert Hoffman,
Treasurer, Clerk of Session
- Linda Bullock, *Financial Secretary*
- Cheryl Burger *Nursery School Director*
- Velinda Harjono, *Church Secretary*
- Deacons, *Fellowship Coordinators*
- Nancy Disano, *Counting Committee*
- Janis Lewis, *Counting Committee*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Mark the dates: **July 27-31!** For kids entering Kindergarten until 5th Grade. Registration starts soon! More details to follow soon Volunteers much needed.

