



FIRST DAY!

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
August 10, 2025

TODAY

SUMMER WORSHIP:

8:30 a.m. (in-person) in Branch Hall

10:00 a.m. (in-person & livestream) in Branch Hall

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet. If worshipping in the sanctuary, you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you are joining from home, the link for worship will open around 9:50 a.m. You can find this week's worship materials on the website: www.firstpreshc.org

CHILDREN BEGIN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. After the children's prayer, children ages 4-7 may go to Godly Play with Ms. Kathy Moore.

Worship bags for children are available in the Upper Commons.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Catherine in memory of Ed and Joyce in celebration of Kalima's birthday.

WE WELCOME Liz Hill as our guest musician this morning.

A recognized leader in chamber music and contemporary music advocacy, pianist Elizabeth G. Hill, DMA has performed across the US and Europe in service of her life's work: joining cultures together through music. Elizabeth is a co-founder of the chamber duo Meraki, dedicated to awakening cultural compassion through music. She is also pianist for Balance Campaign, a chamber ensemble whose focus lies exclusively on commissioning and performing works by marginalized composers. She currently also serves as the pianist for the National Philharmonic.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: **8:30 a.m.:**

10:00 a.m. Humaira

Ushers & Greeters:

10:00 a.m.: Chrissy

Tech Crew: **8:30 a.m.:** Barry, Margot

10:00 a.m.: Jonathan, Joyce, Tracy

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN TODAY

Host: Monta

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of August 5, 2025	\$548,986.86
Actual Expenses as of August 5, 2025	532,489.80
Total	\$16,497.06

It takes an average of \$2,381.21 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.
The total surplus/deficit shown above is (5) days ahead/(behind).

PER CAPITA FOR 2025 - The amount is \$42.00 For more info go to <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/per-capita/>
Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 55 people who have paid it!

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

Please pray for: Lea, Dave, Dylan, Bob, Bob and Sarah Jo, Maria, Chuck, Karin, David, Dot, Jerri, Matt, Steve, Pat, Barb

And also for: everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood, Vantage House, and Morningside House.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Barb

Friends & Family: Susan, Judy, Matt, Pastor Juan, Adolfo, family & friends of Jacob, Dan & Kathy, Ken, Mitzi, Priscilla, Pastor Timoteo, Myrna, Saleem, Monika, Mechelle, Naina, *Joanie, Knut*

Care Center: Virgie, Margaret, Lois

Recovering from Surgery: Nana, Dot, Ann, Bob, Ginny, Jan, Barb, Becky Torrance, Paula, Jimmy

Bereaved: Dave, Bob, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, McKissick Family, Hilda and family, Jan and family, Lois, Agnes & Family, Blondell, Wade & Monta, Amanda, Margaret, Catherine and family, Doyle & family, Khalid & family, Johanna & Rob & family, Martin & Caroline and family, Cathy and family

*Please contact Pastor Ken Page, kpage@firstpreshc.org or 602-799-7643
with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share
or in case of an emergency or to arrange homebound Communion.
Friends & Family names are listed for 8 weeks unless requested otherwise.*



CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

WHERE'S OUR CHURCH STAFF?

Our Director of Music Ministries, *Margaret McGillivray*, will be on vacation *through Monday, August 11th*. She will return to the office on *Tuesday, August 12th*.

Our Director of Christian Education, *Virginia Callegary*, will be on vacation *Sunday, August 10th*. She will return to the office on *Tuesday, August 12th*.

ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES

FIRE RECOVERY: The Church was struck by lightning on July 2nd causing smoke and structural damage to the Sanctuary and Buck Hall. All of the cleaning, debris removal, and off-site storage of furniture and equipment is complete.

On the surface, the damage appears to be minor. However, the heat from the fire resulted in the need to repair one floor truss and totally replace another. The truss repair and replacement has a domino of events. First, the sprinkler system and utilities in the ceiling of Buck Hall will have to be removed to provide access to the trusses from above. Once the work on the trusses is completed, the repairs to the utilities and sprinkler system in Buck Hall and the Sanctuary will need to be completed. At this point, we will be able to assess the damage and needed repairs to the electrical system in the Sanctuary. With all the utilities repaired the construction of the Sanctuary and Buck Hall will take place. The County will require permits for the structural and plumbing work. We are awaiting the initial damage cost estimate from the Insurance Adjuster, plans from the Structural Engineer on the truss replacement, and a time estimate from the restoration company to complete. The night of the fire, the restoration company estimated a 6-12 month period to complete the work. Given the structural components that need to be replaced, the longer end of the time estimate appears more likely.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED

We're inviting children and youth to take an active role in Sunday worship! Depending on age, children and youth are welcome to hand out bulletins, read scripture, light the Christ candle, or help with the offering. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, serve the church, and share God's love with our congregation.

If your child/youth is interested, please contact Virginia Callegary at vcallegary@firstpreshc.org. Training and support will be provided. All ages and abilities are welcome!

THE KIPTON PROJECT

Please continue to bring your plastics to FPCHC, because Scout America BSA Troops 361 are now collecting. Please help the Boys and Girls 361 by donating plastic bags, film, and other items toward their 1,000 pound goal. Trex will award the Boys and Girls Troops 361 with a bench made from recycled plastics. Please check the list of acceptable plastics below before donating: <https://nextrex.com/view/educate>. Please drop your items in Lower Commons. If you have any questions, please contact Megan or Woody Collins.

MISSION

FIRST PRES received an appeal from Afghan Scout Relief Fund (afghanscoutrelieffund.org), a non-profit that evacuates at-risk Girl Scouts from Afghanistan to the US so they may continue their dream of an education. They are looking for a host family for a young woman who arrived recently and will be attending HoCo Community College but needs a place to live. If you're willing to explore, please contact the church office.

PC(USA) ADVOCACY

PC(USA) has issued an open letter about the situation in Gaza, calling for 10 actions "grounded in the Gospel," including an immediate ceasefire and "a renewed international commitment to a just peace that ensures equality, safety and dignity for both Palestinians and Israelis." pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2025/7/31/rev-jihyun-oh-calls-urgent-accountability-devastating-crisis-gaza. Please consider contacting your Members of Congress to ask them to address this terrible situation. Contact info can be found at firstpreshc.org/serve-nationally.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

RUTH CIRCLE POOL PARTY 25-26 KICK-OFF: Join us on August 17th at 3:00 for the Ruth Circle Pool Party to kick start a new year. If you are looking for ways to expand your fellowship and connection to the church, we're ready for you to join our group of women. Ruth Circle meets once monthly on Sunday evenings at church and also gathers for other planned activities outside the church. If you want to attend, please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and RSVP to Debbie Richmond by August 13th

If you can't attend the kick-off but are still interested in Ruth Circle email Debbie to be added to our mailing list.

DISCIPLESHIP & CARING

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

NEXT Sunday, August 10 following the 10:00 a.m. service (held rain or shine) will be hosted by DCM for Ice Cream Sunday. Greet friends on the front lawn for lemonade and refreshments!

DEACONS NEWS

DEACONS JUST ONE CAN ... PLUS! – August: Food Staples

This month the Deacons are campaigning for specific items requested by the Howard County Food Bank: bags of rice, pasta & sauce, spices, soups, tuna, peanut butter, sauces & condiments, bags of dry beans, hot & cold cereal, 100% fruit juice, diapers (size 4+), feminine hygiene products.

Please leave your regular contribution – plus "Food Staples" items – in the "Just One Can" bin located in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC

DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There are openings available on the following Sundays: August 17, 24, & 31. Here's the link to signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2025>. The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via PayPal. Questions? Contact, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Info

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

Links can also be found on the Website www.firstpreshc.org

The Church Office is Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(The outside doors may be locked, please call upon arrival for entry.)

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION – 7/20-8/10/2025

Sunday, August 10th

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, August 11th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 12th

SUPER TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Discipleship & Caring Ministries Meeting via ZOOM
- 7:00 p.m. Administration & Facilities Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting via ZOOM
- 7:00 p.m. Worship, Arts, & Music Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 13th

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
- 7:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, August 14th

- 9:00 a.m. ROMEOs – Breakfast at Bob Evans

Friday, August 15th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, August 16th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 17th

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 3:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Kick-Off & Pool Party

Check your inbox for the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

*To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email announcements to:*

churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

*To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, August 14, 2025 for September 2025 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*