



KIRKPATRICK
MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

**Sunday, October 11, 2026
9:30am**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth - Jarmon

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: **Again I say, rejoice!**

Liturgist: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

People: **We come to worship the God who is near.**

Liturgist: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, bring your prayers before God.

People: **We will pray with thanksgiving and trust.**

Liturgist: God has prepared a feast and calls us to the table.

People: **Let us come, ready to receive God's grace and share God's peace.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***GATHERING SONGS**

"Your Name"

Paul Baloche & Glenn Packiam

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

CALL TO CONFESSION

God invites us to a banquet of grace, yet too often we make excuses for why we cannot come. We allow disagreements to divide us, anxiety to consume us, and resentment to keep us from the peace Christ offers. Yet God continues to invite us. With humility and trust, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you invite us into your presence and prepare a table of grace for us, yet we confess that we often turn away. We make excuses when you call us to follow. We allow busyness to become more important than faithfulness. We allow disagreements to become divisions. We hold tightly to our worries instead of placing them in your hands. We let anxiety controls our hearts, anger controls our words and allow pride to prevent us from seeking reconciliation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open our hearts to your Word this day. As we hear the Scriptures, quiet our anxious thoughts, soften our stubborn hearts, and help us hear your invitation. Teach us how to rejoice, how to pray, how to live in peace, and how to recognize the

grace of your kingdom. May your Word shape not only what we believe but how we live with one another. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

p. 1163
p. 979

SERMON

"Choosing Joy"

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #11

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Based on Philippians 4:4-9

We believe in the God who is near. We believe that Christ calls us to rejoice, even when circumstances are difficult. We believe that prayer is stronger than anxiety, that gratitude can reshape our hearts, and that God's peace can guard our minds. We believe that God's kingdom is a gracious invitation, a feast prepared for all who will come. We believe that we are called to live with gentleness, to seek reconciliation, to think on what is true and honorable, and to practice what is good. And we believe that the God of peace goes with us into the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

God has graciously invited us to the feast of the kingdom. We have received more than we could ever earn or deserve. Now we have an opportunity to respond with gratitude. Let us offer our gifts, our resources, and our lives to God, trusting that what we place in God's hands can become a blessing to others.

***DOXOLOGY**

#815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, receive these gifts we bring before you. Use them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, bring hope to those who are discouraged, and proclaim your love to the world. May our giving be an expression of gratitude for the abundance of your grace. And may our whole lives become an offering of love and service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" #169

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshiping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Movie Night: The film *The American Miracle* will be shown at the Reaville Church (191 Old York Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551) on Friday 10/16 at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Free admission, but a freewill offering will be received.

Flemington Food Pantry Empty Bowl Fundraiser: The annual drive up lunch fundraiser will be on Friday 10/23 at the Pantry from 11am – 2:30pm. Tickets will be available soon at flemingtonfoodpantry.org/empty-bowl. Contact the food pantry at 908-788-5568 for more information.

Jazz Vespers: A monthly offering of poetry, music, and quiet centering in the Princeton University Chapel offered by the Office of Religious Life of Princeton University. 2026 fall dates are: 10/28, 8-9pm (Wednesday) and 11/11, 8-9pm (Wednesday)

🔔 **The Bells of Kirkpatrick** Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharyndan@gmail.com if you'd like to join them next time they play.

Food Ministry: We are in need of pancake mix and syrup for our upcoming giveaway on Saturday 10/24. If you would like to volunteer with us, please contact Sue King at 609-306-4188.

Flowers: If you would like to beautify our worship space by contribution flowers, Gilded Lily will provide them for \$20 each; choose if you'd like 1 or 2 arrangements. Please contact Sharyn to make arrangements.

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