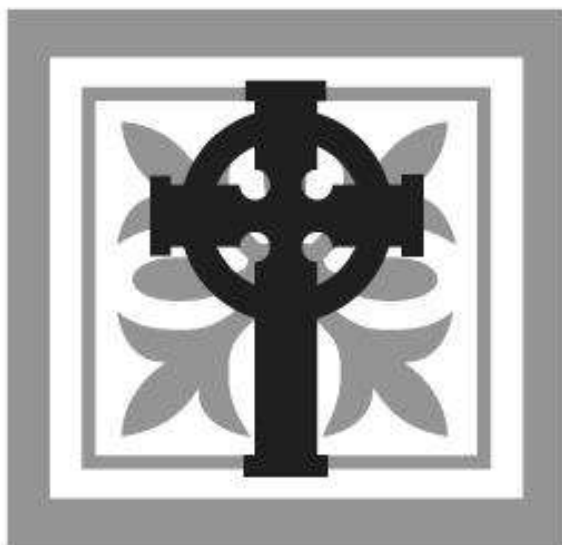




KIRKPATRICK
MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

**Sunday, September 13, 2026
9:30am**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God has shown us mercy when we least deserved it.

People: **God has forgiven us more than we can measure.**

Liturgist: Christ calls us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

People: **With God's help, we release bitterness and seek reconciliation.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God of grace and mercy.

People: **We come to worship the One who makes all things new.**

*GATHERING SONGS

"Resurrection Hymn (See What A Morning)"

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

"Come As You Are"

David Crowder & Matt Maher

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, you know the burdens we carry and the wounds we remember. You know how difficult it can be to forgive and how easily resentment can take root in our hearts. Yet you meet us with mercy beyond measure. Let us ask God for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that forgiveness does not come easily to us. We remember the words that wounded us, the promises that were broken, and the wrongs that have been done to us. We hold tightly to anger and resentment. We keep score of injuries and wait for apologies. We ask for mercy for ourselves while withholding mercy from others.

Silent Confession

Forgive us, Lord. We have received more grace than we can ever repay, yet we are often unwilling to extend grace to others. Release us from the prison of bitterness. Give us wisdom to seek reconciliation where it is possible and courage to establish healthy boundaries where they are needed. Teach us the freedom of forgiveness even when we are wronged because your love is greater than sin. Through Jesus Christ, who forgives us and calls us to forgive, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts and minds. Help us hear not only your call to forgive, but also the depth of the forgiveness we have received through Jesus Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make your Word living and active within us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 50:15-21
Matthew 18:21-35

p. 54
p. 974

SERMON

“God Intends It For Good”

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Amazing Grace” #343

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God, who acts with justice and mercy, who keeps covenant with creation, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, who saves us from sin and calls us to faithful discipleship.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith, binds us together in love, and empowers us for service.

To God be glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Forgiveness reminds us that everything we have is a gift of grace. We cannot earn God's mercy, yet it is freely given. In gratitude for such abundant grace, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God for the work of healing, reconciliation, and hope in the world.

***DOXOLOGY**

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given us more mercy than we could ever deserve and more grace than we could ever repay. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, healing where there is brokenness, and reconciliation where there is division. May our lives, as well as our offerings, bear witness to the forgiving love we have received in Jesus Christ.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #648

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please stand if you are able **Bold – Congregants speak.**

Announcements

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

Staff Vacation: Pastor Barbara is on vacation 9/21 – 10/7.

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.

Rally Day: Rally Day is after the worship service on Sept. 20 at the Fulper's house, 1041 Old York Road, Ringoes. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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

Food Ministry: Thank you to everyone who donated razors and shampoo. We are now in need of canned green beans for our Grocery Giveaway on September 26th.

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.

Subscribe to receive our newsletter and announcements: <http://eepurl.com/buadKn>

If you wish to donate virtually, you may use the QR code at the bottom of the bulletin. It will take you to PayPal. Thank you.

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