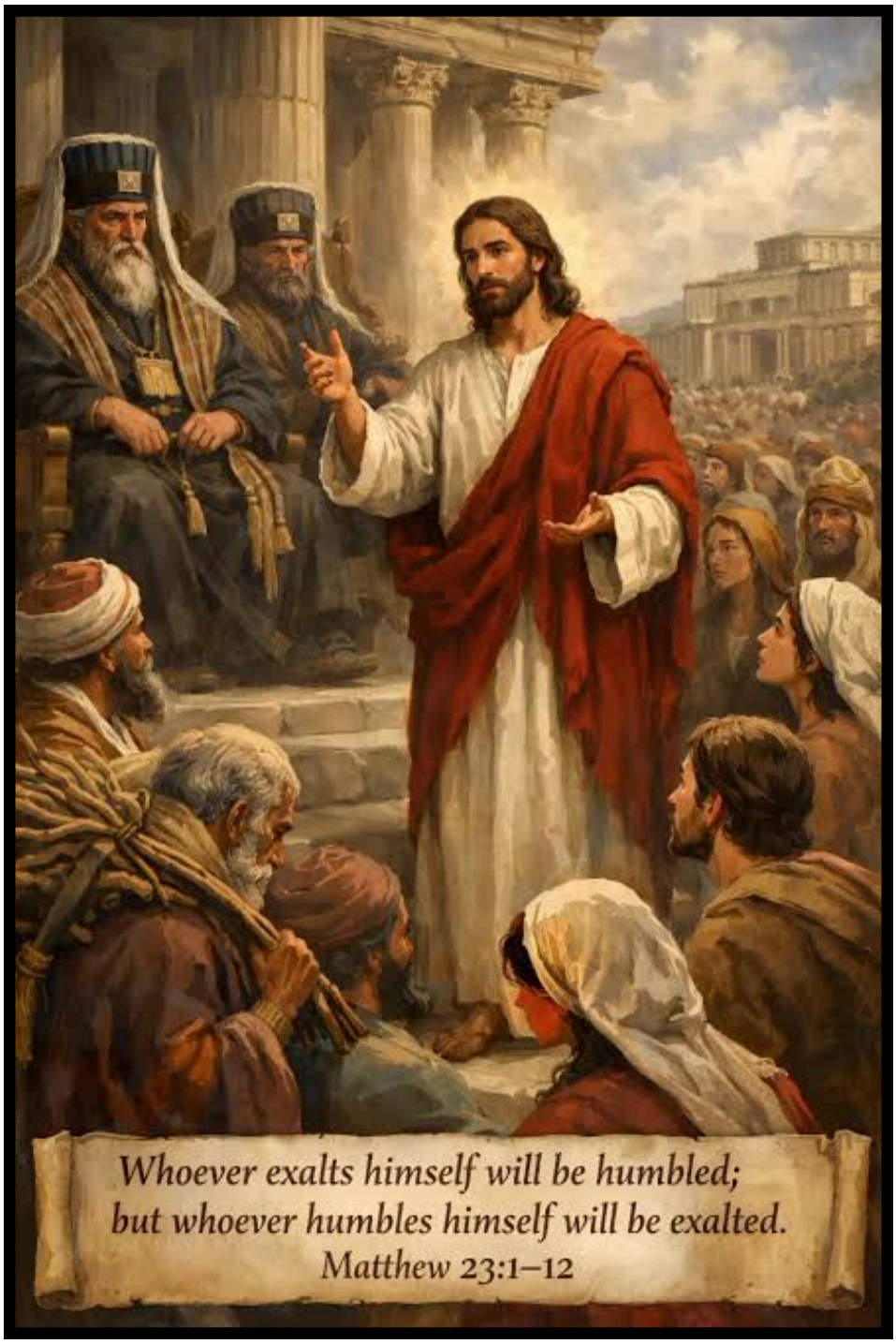
First Presbyterian Church, PCUSA



24th Sunday after Pentecost
Honoring Our Veterans
Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:00 A.M.

119 West Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" D. Buxtehude

(Before worship we speak to God, After worship we speak to each other)

WELCOME Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve? **As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.**

What has God done for you?
Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds. Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Say more.
We'll never stop telling our story. The next generation will hear it. Children not yet born will know it.

Hope in God, whose story will never end. **Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!**

HYMN GTG # 299 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

PRAYER OF THE DAY Liturgist

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pure

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Pure

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Amen. (Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Pure

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL MUSIC

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

OT READING Psalm 78:1-7 Liturgist

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done.
5 He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

GOSPEL READING Matthew 23:1-12 Rev. Pure

SERMON "Do You Wear Your Religion on Your Shirt Sleeve?" Rev. Pure

HYMN GTG # 300 "We Are One In Spirit"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED Rev. Pure

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.
We give thanks for courage , for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.

Remind us, Oh God, that the goal for any war need be justice and peace.
On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.

And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.
Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

And remind us, dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran – all know the cost.
Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.
And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified. Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace. We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures. May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING Rev. Pure

OFFERTORY "Fairest Lord Jesus" H. Schroeder

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** GTG # 269 "Lead On O King Eternal"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other."(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE "Toccata in E Minor" J. Pachelbell

MERRY WOODRUFF MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

at First Presbyterian Church Bridgeton

FREE EVENT

Award Winning Pianist

Gleb Ivanov

11.8.26

2PM



Award-winning pianist Gleb Ivanov is a sought-after soloist, who has performed a wide range of repertoire with many known orchestras including the Symphony Orchestras of Missouri, South Bend, Southwest Florida, Southern Finger Lakes, and Napa Valley to name a few. He has been thrilling audiences with his "musical sensitivity and appreciation for style to go with the thunder and lightning." Ivanov is Music Director of St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Cathedral in Jersey City, NJ.

119 W. Commerce St., Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Reception to Follow

Free Will Offering Accepted

4SYF
YOUTH GROUP

Youth Fellowship
Sunday,
November 22nd
after worship



We will be decorating the church, after worship. Pizza lunch to be provided after the decorating is done!
Please join us!





Please pick up your youth at 1:00 pm



TODAY

Liturgist - Debbi BG
Ushers - John A, Bruce C, Ken F
Counters - Marion C, Heather N
Flowers - Yvonne C
Fellowship -
Guest Pastor - Rev. Dan Pure

Gleb Ivanov Recital 2 pm

This Week

11/9 (Mon) - Troop 1 Mtg. 6:30 pm
- Deacons Mtg. 7:00 pm - Bonham

11/10 (Tue) - Cub Scout Mtg. 6:30 pm

11/11 (Wed) - Chair Yoga 11 am - 12 pm
- Bell Choir Practice 5:30 pm
- Choir Practice 7 pm

11/15 (Sun) -Worship 10 am - Sunday School
- Baptism - Colter P

We will be decorating the church,
Sunday, November 22 after worship.
Pizza lunch to be provided after the
decorating is done!
Please join us!

Looking Ahead

11/16 (Mon) - Troop 1 Mtg 6: 30 pm
- Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm

11/17 (Tue) - Lunch Bunch 12:00 pm -
Larry's II in Vineland

11/8 (Wed) - Men's Breakfast 8 am - TBD
- Chair Yoga 11 am - 12 pm
- Bell Choir Practice 5:30 pm
- Choir Practice 7 pm
- Girl Scout Mtg. 6:30 pm

11/20 (Fri) - Memorial Service for Beverly Pugh
Corry Fairer in the Sanctuary
12 pm - Visitation
1:00 pm - Memorial Service
Repast to follow in Bonham Hall

11/22 (Sun) -Worship 10 am - Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship 11:45 am
- Decorate the Church - after worship
Pizza Lunch Provided

Gentle Reminder:
*If you are in charge of Fellowship, please clean coffee pots after use.

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