



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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STYLE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY

September 20, 2020

9:30 AM

**In-Person Worship Service
Also Live on Facebook**

Homecoming

Matthew 20:1-16

This will also be sent out through email afterwards and will be available on the church website:

www.pcwoodbury.com

**IN PERSON WORSHIP
IN THE SANCTUARY
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
9:30 AM**

The Session met and approved opening the sanctuary for worship on **Sunday, September 20** with a safety protocol. Yes, we will be able to worship in the sanctuary, but it will be very different from pre-Covid 19 events. The protocol for worship has been sent out by email and is included on the last page of this newsletter. If you feel the need to worship from home, we will be continuing our FB Live services. Again, thank you for your prayerful patience during this difficult time, and we look forward to joining you for worship in the sanctuary in a few weeks.



Christian worship has undergone many changes over the millennia. The word of God and our beliefs have remained consistent but our ways of expressing our joy in worship has undergone massive change.

Worshippers in the early church were mere observers. Through the Reformation and subsequent centuries, the participants in worship have taken on a more significant role. We are no longer meant to be passive.

Today there are as many styles as there are churches. Presbyterians in general have remained somewhat conservative as a reformed faith in how we worship. Hand clapping and voiced affirmations are rare if not avoided.

There is no doubt that for the most of us the world has gone through drastic changes technologically. Most of us born in the 20th Century have accepted this new technology as an essential part of the world today. As we enter the third decade of the 21st Century we need to evaluate our style of worship and determine if it is speaking to those of the modern world.

In careful consideration and prayer, the church staff with the approval of Session have ventured to include more technology in our worship. We have purchased monitors which have been installed and that we believe will enhance our worship experience and allow us some additional flexibility. Additionally, this technology will allow us to improve our on-line into the future.

I hope that those who find this addition unsettling can accept that our goal is to bring more into the fold. Two large monitors mounted in the

front of our beautiful sanctuary will at first seem jarring. With careful planning the images we project will hopefully lead you in worship and become an important part of our experience.

I miss seeing you all and am excited that we are beginning to come back home. I hope to see you in worship and together we can continue the rich tradition of our historic church.

God's grace be with you,
Jack Hill

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, September 20
During 9:30 am Worship Service**

The purpose of this meeting is to elect elders, deacons and trustees. Please join us, if you are able.

Session members: Don Tatham, Wendy Kunz & Karen Cruscillio;
Deacons: Becky DiGati, Julie Farkas, Colleen Seeburgh & Marian Craig;
Trustees: Dale McIntyre & Jules Farkas.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Session Zoom Meeting: September 21
Stewardship Zoom Meeting: Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm

THE CHURCH OFFICE is now open from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You can reach the office at (856) 845-1244 or church.office@pcwoodbury.com. If leaving a phone message, please leave on the main office mailbox and not an individual mailbox.



**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS:
Shop at Boscov's to benefit the
GWCM Food Pantry.**

1. Shoppers will receive a 20% discount off our lowest sale prices both in-store and online.
2. At check-out, shoppers will designate a non-profit, from the list of participating organizations, to receive a donation of 5% of the purchase price.
3. There are no tickets to purchase in advance, so everyone is invited.



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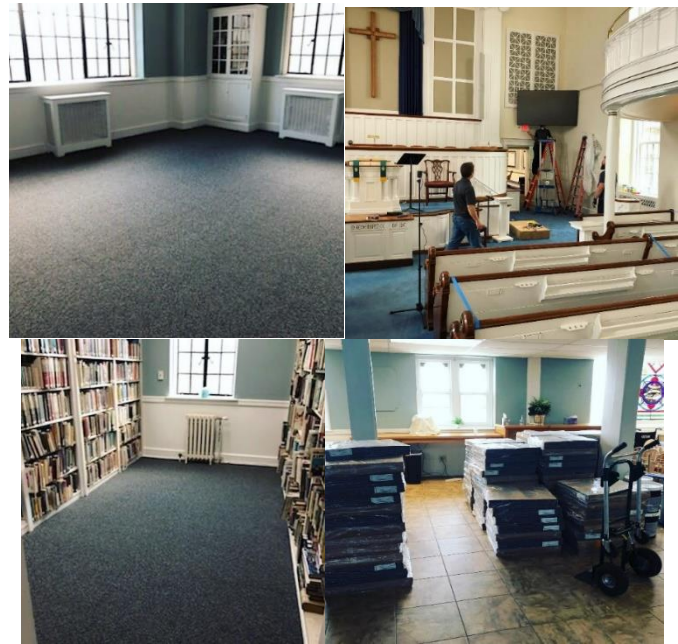
2 BIG DAYS

OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH, 2020
- 9AM TO 9PM -

Shop with us! Shop in-store or online October 14th & 15th - 9am-9pm

<p>SHOPPERS GET</p> <p>20% OFF</p> <p>OUR LOWEST SALE PRICES</p> <p><small>We'll take an extra 20% off at the register on almost everything you purchase. *10% discount items and exclusions apply. See below. Select your charitable non-profit from the list of pre-registered organizations at the register in-store or during checkout online.</small></p>	<p>BOSCOV'S DONATES</p> <p>5% BACK</p> <p>TO A NON-PROFIT OF YOUR CHOICE</p> <p><small>We'll donate 5% of your total purchase price to your participating non-profit</small></p>
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MAJOR PROJECTS are almost completed. Although the church has been closed, some major projects have been completed during this time. The Christian Education Wing has been painted and carpeted and the sanctuary is being fitted with two major monitors and an upgraded video/sound system. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jan Edick and Kristen Franchetti for all the countless hours they put in to get things back in order.



**THE LORD'S PRAYER
Zoom Bible Study
Thursdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm**

Online Donations: We are set up for **online giving**. You can click on the **Give Now** button below. You can also continue to mail in your check made payable to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury to the church or to Kathi Lynch, 1510 Manduit Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jack Hill, Shelby McGovern, Wendy Kunz, The family of Shirley Collier, Bob Exley and family, Al Edwards, Fred Petri, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Emma Mustard, Alex Jenei, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

Pastor Phil will be leading a 6-week Virtual Bible Study through Zoom on Thursdays beginning October 8th. Two times will be offered: 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. See the links below to join in:

- October 8: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
- Oct. 15: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- October 22: Give us this day our daily bread;
- October 29: and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
- November 5: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Nov. 12: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Thursdays --10am:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81979764824?pwd=VTcrY0krTmo5ZzA4dnVIREdjc3A0Zz09>

Thursday--7pm:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85814873452?pwd=elpENWJ3QIE3dHRLaGZsUkY3VURYOT09>



PROTOCOL FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The Session has approved use of the building for Services of the Lord's Day with the following criteria, in order to protect the health of all who attend worship. The church has adopted the following guidelines based upon CDC recommendations and approved practices from West Jersey Presbytery as of July 19, 2020:

1. Only the front doors on the S. Broad Street side of the building will be unlocked. Unless there is inclement weather, the front doors will be opened fully to allow entry without using door handles. Centre Street doors will be available **only** for those needing to use the elevator to enter for worship.
2. In the event of inclement weather, a volunteer wearing gloves and a mask will open the Broad Street doors, and another volunteer will be at the Centre Street door to assist.
3. The temperature of everyone entering the church will be taken by a volunteer, using a no-contact thermometer, and the maximum temperature is 100 degrees. Attendance will be noted using list by ushers with list that also has blanks for visitors.
4. Masks will be required for everyone entering the church and must be worn during any service in the sanctuary.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available for all to use as they come into the church.
6. Bulletins will be handed out by a gloved volunteer, and the order of service should be taken out with the worshiper.
7. There will be signage "in" and "out" of the sanctuary - center doors being in and side doors being "out"
8. Only every other pew will be open; the others will be taped off.
9. Those sitting in the pews must keep at least 6 feet distance to the next person, unless from the same household.
10. The pastor, minister of music, soloist, and the liturgist will maintain social distancing.
11. The pastor and lay minister for pastoral care will not greet members as they leave following worship. Those wishing to speak with them should email asking to speak with them via phone, zoom or text.
12. During Passing of the Peace, all will remain standing at their seat and wave to others.
13. No shaking hands, physical contact or hugging will be allowed.
14. There should be no more than 1 persons in the Narthex, Chapel and landing restroom at a time - please spray bathroom with provided Lysol spray as you leave.
15. The Keurig coffee maker in the chapel and the water cooler in the chapel kitchen will be unavailable for guests.
16. Initially there will be no community singing or liturgical responses . . . all hymnals and Bibles have already been removed from the pews. This part of worship will resume when deemed appropriate by CDC guidelines and NJ guidance.
17. There will not be a choir until this practice can be safely resumed.
18. There will be no Nursery available until approved by Session.
19. The Christian Education building will be closed off until approved by Session.
20. Sunday School will not resume until classes can be resumed safely.
21. There will be no coffee fellowship in the chapel until approved by Session.
22. There will be no collection of tithes and offerings during the service by usher, please deposit offering in plate at the end of the service on your way out.

There is a travel advisory for those entering New Jersey. This list will be continually updated and people should be encouraged to visit State of NJ website for the most up to date list. (<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-information/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>). If members have been to those states, they must quarantine for **14 days** prior to returning to worship in the building. Those who chose not to worship with us on campus at this time, can still join us on the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury FaceBook page.

We look forward to welcoming all who want to join us on Sunday morning. Worship begins at 9:30am, but we ask that everyone **arrive early** in order to allow time for compliance with our new guidelines.