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Today, we welcome back to CPC Elder Linda Macari and organist Ken Smith!

Linda Macari is a Ruling Elder authorized by the Commission on Ministry of the PNENJ to officiate at the Lords's Supper. She currently serves on the Session of Fanwood Presbyterian Church and chairs the Christian Education Committee. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University and a Master's in Religious Education from Gordon Conwell. She retired in 2016, and mentors 2 theological students in the Philippines. Linda is married to The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari for 47 years, and they have 2 adult children and 1 granddaughter.

Ken Smith is a Rutgers graduate and, for 30 years, was the organist at St. Patrick's in Newark, Ken is also a professional photographer; you can see his work online at www.QuietHeart.com. He continues to share his musical talents as an occasional substitute organist at several area churches.

The **Liturgist** for today is Sara Meissner. The **Chancel Flowers** are given by the Boyce family in memory of Bobbie & Ted Weeks.

Prayer Concerns: Carolkay Barré; Hope Saladino; Ellie Catalano; those in need of comfort or healing; those mourning the loss of loved ones; those who help others; and for us, may we live and work for a just and equitable world.

This week:

Today, after worship:

- Coffee hour & fellowship - downstairs in the Assembly Room. Come and help make Thanksgiving greeting cards for the families of St. Elizabeth's!

Wednesday 7:00pm - Session Meeting (Memorial Room)

Thursday 6:30pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal; **7:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting: The meeting will be held on Sunday, **November 24** immediately following the worship service. At that time, there will be a presentation of the 2025 budget, election of church officers, and other business as appropriate. A link to the annual report will sent the day before to all those subscribing to the E-news, and copies will also be available at the meeting. A light lunch will be served after the meeting in the Assembly Room.

Turkey Drive! Accepting donations of frozen turkeys and cash/gift cards until Nov. 24 for our friends-in-need in Elizabeth. Special envelopes in the narthex.



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November 17, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Meditation from *Thais* J.Massenetown

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT (698) *Take, O Take Me as I Am* J.L.Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

The Lord is continually creating something new

We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.

Through all this change, God is with us.

Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful

Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* W.M.Runyan

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE (704) *To My Precious Lord* C.K.Park

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI H.W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 16

ANTHEM *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S.Bach/K.K.Davis

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:1-13

SERMON "Waiting and Watching" Linda Macari

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* Walker's Southern Harmony

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Air on the G String* J.S.Bach

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606) Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #618 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* A.Fedak

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE (741) *Guide My Feet* Spiritual/W.P.Whalum

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* A.Campra

**Those who are able, please stand.*