

First Presbyterian Church  
60 East Main Street  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771



***With doors wide open***, we welcome all to come and  
discover how God's love in Christ connects us more  
deeply with each other, our community,  
the world and with God.

***With arms wide open***, we welcome all who are  
looking for something more, who have questions,  
who want to make a difference as they learn, serve  
and reach out in word and deed.

***With hearts wide open***, we welcome you.

~ ***Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts*** ~

## *The Presbyterian Times*

60 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York 11771  
The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Prey, Pastor

### *October 2024*

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

### OCTOBER 6, 2024

*Do this in*  
**REMEMBRANCE**  
*of me*



*1 Corinthians 11:24*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Ministers

Pastor  
Administrator  
Organist/Choir Director  
Custodian

The People of God  
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Drew Prey  
Cristina Harrison  
Jessica Chen  
Manuel Denegri

### OFFICERS

Clerk of Session  
President, Board of Trustees  
Moderator, Board of Deacons  
Secretary of Deacons  
Treasurer  
Sunday School Superintendent

Cathy Hogg  
Richard Kveton  
Pat Azmitia  
David Harrison  
Kristine Lalonde  
Cristina Harrison

### SESSION

Efrain Azmitia  
George Baker  
Selina Collier  
Heather Franciotti  
Isa Gutierrez  
Christopher Hogg  
Deborah Hudak  
Richard Kveton  
Jerry Lalonde  
Jen Newitt  
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Mia Ramirez

### MINISTRIES

House  
Church Support, House  
Mission  
House  
Worship  
Christian Education  
Membership & Outreach  
Church Support  
Church Support  
Worship  
Membership & Outreach  
Christian Education

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Pat Azmitia  
Barbara Catalano  
Stephen Collier  
Randy Ecton  
David Harrison  
Joan Kingsley  
Kris Lalonde  
Gilbert Lim  
Janice Longworth  
Jane Byrd McCurdy  
Edna Standerwick  
Steve Wasilchuk

### MINISTRIES

Ushers  
Helping Hands  
Special Events  
Greeters  
Audiovisual  
Sanctuary Care  
Outreach  
Coffee Hour  
Outreach  
Ushers  
Coffee Hour  
Outreach

***Pastoral Care and Visiting*** (Holy Communion, prayer, spiritual counsel...): Jeff wants you to know that he is available for you when needed.

When you would like to share some time in Christian conversation and prayer with the pastor, please let him know. Jeff would welcome a visit with you.

***Church Membership:*** If you are a newcomer to First Presbyterian Church, you are invited to consider church membership. Jeff welcomes the opportunity to receive you in Christian friendship. Please let him know when considering membership at the First Presbyterian.

*The Presbyterian Times* is a monthly publication (except in August) of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, New York. Items for inclusion should be received in the church office no later than the 20th of the month. All articles are welcome, but may be edited for length and content.

Editor & Publisher: Cristina Harrison

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## FROM JEFF'S DESK...

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The 23rd psalm is among the most famous passages of Scripture. Among Christians, it might be the most often-quoted and frequently-memorized set of verses in the Old Testament. The themes of comfort, reassurance, and God's provision for His people have resonated with even non-believers across the ages. We will be looking at this during these weeks leading up to Advent and Christmas.

This psalm, written by King David, the former shepherd boy, may have been composed near the end of David's life. He was well acquainted not only with sheep and shepherding but also with the Lord as his shepherd. The psalm has a pastoral setting and is meant to inspire calm.

The Lord is personal to David, and He provides everything David needs. As the Good Shepherd, He guides David to green pastures and calm waters. All is peaceful! He refreshes David's soul and directs him in the way of righteousness, thereby protecting the Good Shepherd's reputation. Even if David encounters life-threatening trouble, he does not fear because the Lord, the Good Shepherd walks with him.

Like a sheep who feels secure knowing his shepherd is standing guard, David is comforted by knowing the Good Shepherd's rod and staff will protect him. It appears David feels like an honored guest at a banquet hosted by the Lord Himself. His enemies look on as the Lord provides richly for him. Or perhaps David compares himself to a sheep that receives the healing oil and a large cup of water from its shepherd at the end of day. Its predatory enemies can only look at the sheepfold, the entrance of which is blocked by the shepherd.

David is confident that the Lord will be good to him and will shower him with loving kindness for the rest of his earthly life. He expects to enjoy rich communion with the Lord in the sanctuary.

- BibleRef web site.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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**AUGUST 2024**

### GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

AMT. RECEIVED	AVG. MONTHLY EXPENSE	OVER/(UNDER)
\$21,757	\$27,060	(\$5,303)
YTD RECEIVED	YTD EXPENSE	OVER/(UNDER)
\$224,921	\$200,667	\$24,254

### MISSION FUND SUMMARY\*

AMT. RECEIVED	AVG. MONTHLY DISBMT.	OVER/(UNDER)
\$629	\$1820	(\$1,191)
YTD RECEIVED	YTD PMT.	OVER/(UNDER)
\$11,888	\$7,800	*

\* MISSION DISBURSEMENTS ARE MADE QUARTERLY.

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### *Test Me on This*

"Giving strengthens our faith.... In Malachi 3:10, God says we are to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. And He says, 'I want you to test me in this...If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing....' In other words, God says, 'Put me first financially...and I'll take care of you. Trust me....' It is the only place in the Bible that God says to test him. Every other time that you test God, it is an indication that you don't have faith. Here, God says, 'I want you to trust me. I want you to test me out on this issue.'" [The Benefits of Lifestyle Stewardship, John Maxwell, audio tape]

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October...

1	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
3	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
6	World/Family Communion Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Compassion Christmas Joy kick-off	
	C.E. / Sunday School Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Practice	11:30 a.m.
12	Habitat Faith Build at Brentwood	
	Community Dinner	5:00 p.m.
13	Worship M.T. Meeting	11:30 a.m.
15	Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.
17	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
19	Oyster Festival - Work Camp Valet Parking	10 - 4:00 p.m.
20	Guest Preacher - Ken Pollitt	
	Oyster Festival - Work Camp Valet Parking	11 - 4:00 p.m.
23	Bookies	6:30 p.m.
24	Life Line Screening	9- 4:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
27	Compassion Christmas Joy due	
	Mission M.T. Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	5 - 8:00 p.m.



## Coming up:

Congregational Meeting	November 10
Holiday Fair Set-Up	November 17
Holiday Fair	November 23
St. Andrew's Day Worship	November 24



### Community Meal

Meals are provided free of charge to guests of the Senior Center and People Loving People Food Pantry.

Contact Jerry Lalonde:

Email [galalonde@aol.com](mailto:galalonde@aol.com)

Text or call cell 516-297-7773

OR

October 12, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Contact Selina Collier:

Email [Selina\\_collier@fa.org](mailto:Selina_collier@fa.org)

Call 516-759-1168



## FAITH BUILD

Together raising walls, funds and prayers to build a better community

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**



## WHAT IS FAITH BUILD?

Habitat for Humanity's mission is rooted in faith. Houses of faith are some of the most important supporters of our work. Locally, Habitat for Humanity of Long Island welcomes congregations of all faiths to partner with us in reaching our goal to provide safe housing for families in need.

Faith Build is an opportunity to live out your group's ministry, engage your members and see the miracle that occurs when future homeowners and volunteers work alongside each other. A \$1,000 donation secures one full team-build day with 15 volunteers.

Last year, over 40 different congregations of all faiths volunteered to build with Habitat Long Island. We invite your entity to be part of Faith Build and turn faith into action!

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# SESSION NOTES

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## SESSION REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay held a regular meeting on September 17, 2024.

**MODERATOR'S REPORT:** Jeff reported that he co-officiated at the wedding of member Holly Roselle and Ryan Janoska on July 13, 2024 at the Church of the Incarnation in New York City.

Liliana Rose Martignetti was baptized at the church on September 1, 2024. Liliana was born July 4, 2024. She is the daughter of Jessica Beardsley Martignetti, a former member of this church, and Anthony Martignetti. Liliana is the granddaughter of former members Cliff and Deborah Beardsley.

Jeff reported with sorrow that he performed the funeral of Tom Griffin on September 14, 2024. Tom was the brother of Violet Pesinkowski.

Jeff introduced information regarding new Presbytery rules and costs related to medical insurance for clergy and their families, and ways in which our church might save significantly on those costs. Session discussed all the information and will continue to consider how best to proceed.

Jeff noted that Presbytery is looking for people to serve on a variety of their committees, and to reach out to him if you are interested.

### **THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN ALL MINISTRY TEAMS!**

Please contact one of the elders in charge if you are interested in joining that committee.

Ministry	Team
Christian Ed	Elders - Chris Hogg and Mia Ramirez
House	Elders - Efrain Azmitia, George Baker and Heather Franciotti
Worship	Elders - Isa Gutierrez and Jen Newitt
Church Support	Elders - George Baker, Richard Kveton and Jerry Lalonde
Mission	Elder - Selina Collier and Clerk, Cathy Hogg
Membership & Outreach	Elders - Deb Hudak & Dan O'Hare

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# DEACON NOTES

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## DEACON'S REPORT FROM THE SEPTEMBER 3 MEETING

We received a thank you letter from Haily for the Deacons contribution to her summer camps.

We discussed the response of the announcements for the Deacons Fund during the church service.

The Blood Drive is scheduled for September 17th, 1:45 to 7:45.

Rally day is September 15th, where following the service we will have a cook out with a bouncy house. Gilbert and Mitch will play music.

The Coffee Hour system has not been working well. Members are not showing up or do not wish to participate. We had suggestions as to different formats that can be used.

October 12th is the next habitat for Humanity



## Community Blood Drive

Blood Drive was a success.

We collected 25 units.

Thank you to the Outreach Committee (Janice & Steve)  
and to our volunteers. The next Blood Drive will be in January.

To our ❤️  
Life Savers



## Compassion Christmas Joy

Give a  
*Gift in Jesus'*  
Name



*Help make this holiday season a lot brighter for children  
living in poverty.*

### How It Works

**Every child in the program  
gets a gift.**

When you make a donation to the Christmas Fund, your charitable gift is combined with those from other donors to purchase gifts of equal value for every Compassion-assisted child. That way, no child is left out.

**Every gift is personalized for  
their needs.**

Staff members at each child development center, who know the children personally, make the purchases so every registered child receives Christmas gifts that are appropriate, personally meaningful and useful.

**Sometimes, gifts are even  
more impactful than toys.**

Gifts also help meet essential needs and may include:

- Food.
- Medicine.
- Hygiene supplies.
- School supplies.
- Clothing.
- Bibles.

**Donations are due October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Please make checks payable to the  
First Presbyterian Church,  
noted Compassion Christmas  
Thank you!!*



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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## Rally SUNDAY Cookout and Carnival

### "Back to School"

"Rally Day was a wonderful celebration of the vitality of our beloved Church. Our classes were filled with happy, energetic students. And the Bouncy House proved to be an excellent outlet for that energy. The kids got to bounce while their parents relaxed at the barbecue: perfect! We have a variety of exciting events for the upcoming year, including a new Confirmation Class and a Communion Workshop for the younger kids. All leading up to our Christmas Pageant at year-end whose theme is "Unity."



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## BOOKIES

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Wednesday, October 23

~ the Bookies ~

at 6:30 PM

~ *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* ~

by Mark Twain (as if it could be by any other...)

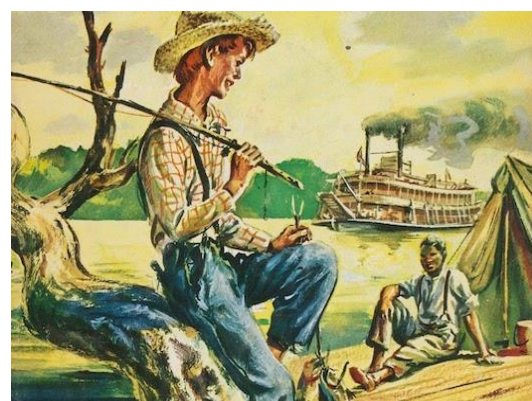
**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** is a wonderful story of adventure and discovery. It is a classic that is loved by almost everyone, and written by Mark Twain.

The story is somewhat dark and satirical. While Huck finds himself in physical danger, his greatest dangers are threats to his morality and character.

He navigates the Mississippi River by raft with his close companion and runaway slave - Jim. They confront issues of the value of human life and friendship.

Huck's adventure is a valuable and controversial document of slavery's legacy.

I loved the book and I hope that you will as well.



Join us on the 23rd of October at 6:30 at the Church.

See you then!

Joan

(Please note - We are planning on **James**, by Percival Everett, as a follow-on book, looking at the life story of Huck Finn's traveling companion - probably in November, maybe early December.)



# HOLIDAY FAIR

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

We are busy preparing for our re-imagined Holiday Fair  
Featuring... Holiday Décor, Home Goods (from “Sanctuary” &  
“Youngs Farm” among other quality donations) a Baked Goods Table and –  
**“the Silent Auction”.**

Here is a list of some of the exciting offerings we have had in the past,  
and hope to offer again,



☆ Florida Condos available for vacation stay ☆

☆ Guided Nature Walk in local preserve ☆ Gift Certificate to Area Eateries ☆

☆ Jewelry ☆ Sporting Collectibles ☆ Assorted Gift Baskets ☆

☆ Electronics ☆ Fashion Accessories ☆ Vintage/Designer Handbags ☆ Artwork ☆

☆ Round of Golf ☆ Professional Consulting ☆

☆ Tickets to a Sporting Event, Theater, Broadway Show, Concert ☆



And the list keeps growing!!!!

☆ Silent Auction ☆ Holiday Decorations ☆

☆ Baked Goods ☆ Shabby Chic ☆ Cafe ☆

☆ Home Décor ☆ Music & More ☆

**“Many hands make light work”**

Here's some ideas for how you can help...

**Can you help set-up, prepare, and/or help “run the show” on Saturday?**

- ❖ Do you have gifts you received and never used, or things you purchased and not used?
- ❖ Can you make gift a basket or two?
- ❖ Did you get a gift card and have not used it; maybe you just don't shop there. Donate it, we can add it to a basket.
- ❖ Can you distribute flyers and posters?
- ❖ Do you have time to bake... Our Bake table needs cookies, pies, cakes, cupcakes, and brownies anything you like to bake.
- ❖ Bring friends and family.





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# MISSION MATTERS

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Thank you to everyone who continued to bring in much needed food donations during the summer months.

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected on the First Sunday each month or anytime and delivered to local food pantries.

### ***These are the most asked for items:***

Pasta, Pasta sauce, Diced Canned Tomatoes	Mac & Cheese 2 pound or smaller bags of Rice
Boxed rice mixes	Canned Vegetables - low sodium preferred
Canned Beans, Stews, Soups & Chili	Cereal & Oatmeal
Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam	Kids' Snacks
Coffee & Tea	Gatorade Juice Boxes

### **The People's Pantry, 123 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771**

Accepting donations on Wednesdays from 12:00-6:00 and Fridays from 9:00-1:00

Shopping: Senior Wednesdays 2:30-3:00; Community Shopping

Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 & Fridays 10:00-12:00

To volunteer, go their website at <https://peoplelovingpeople.net/volunteer-form>

### **North Shore Community Church Food Pantry, 209 South St, Oyster Bay, NY 11771**

Accepting donations at church office (on the corner) on Thursday and Friday between 10:00-3:00, or Saturday morning at the back door of the church between 9:00-10:00.

Shopping: The Pantry is open for shopping every Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00

### **NOSH Food Pantry/North Shore Soup Kitchen**

NOSH is currently accepting donations of non-perishable food at its new permanent home:

32 School Street (back entrance), Glen Cove

weekdays between 9:00-1:00 (closed Wednesday and weekends)

North Shore Soup Kitchen has re-opened and is accepting donations for its food pantry at First Baptist Church, 7 Continental Place, Glen Cove, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 – 12:00

### **Mimi Mernin's Food Pantry, Village Church, Bayville, 9 Mountain Avenue, Bayville, NY**

Donations may be left in a bin at the back of the Church which is emptied daily.

516-628-2737

**Thanks for helping us to help our neighbors!**  
**The Mission Outreach Ministry Team**

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## *October...*

6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
World/Family Communion Sunday  
Scripture: Matthew 9:8-13  
Colossians 1:15-20  
Sermon: "The Jesus I Never Knew -  
The Difference He Makes"

13 Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Psalm 23:1-2  
John 10:1-6  
Sermon: "The Work of a Shepherd"

20 Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-2  
Luke 4:18  
Sermon: "Jailhouse Rock"  
Guest Preacher: Ken Pollitt

27 Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Psalm 23:3  
John 10:7-10  
Sermon: "Restored & Led"

