



**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LAMBERTVILLE  
First Presbyterian Church**

**Many voices with one faith, one heart.  
One family under God.**

**From the Heart:**

**Is Your Faith Wavering?**

Do You Struggle with your faith? Do You Question if God can See all the Horrible Things People Do to others. Lately do you want to turn the News Off and pass on hearing Headlines that are shocking your faith? There are many different scriptures in the Bible when God's chosen people also Question Gods Reaction to what is happening.

***Habakkuk 1:2-4***

**Habakkuk's Complaint**

"How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted."

I'm sure we all have had these thoughts. Not only individuals but Churches as well can struggle.

God answered Habakkuk with this-

***Habakkuk 1:5***

"Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

When we struggle with what is in front of us don't lose faith in the Lord. Pray to God about it. Open your bible and read it and pray for guidance. We might not understand how Gods work is to be done but have faith in Him. Trust in God.

***Revelation 3:20*** is a Bible verse in which Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

The verse symbolizes Jesus standing outside the church at Laodicea, waiting to be welcomed in, and is a call for the church in Laodicea to repent and welcome Christ, who is patiently waiting to be admitted into the church to fellowship with them. It is a plea for individuals to hear Jesus's voice and open the "door" of their lives. Jesus does not force His way in; He waits to be invited and welcomed into their lives.

Jesus will always be there for you.

Be honest with yourself and repent to the Lord. Don't wait to hear Jesus Knock at the door. Open your heart and don't be afraid. Share your faith with others, and enjoy the fellowship together, with others and Jesus.

Yours in Christ,  
Elder Phil McCloughan

## “From the Office”

Hi All,

We have a busy month, with a lot of things going on in and about the church. Bell Choir has started and thank you to all the bell ringers, they are very much appreciated, and after all, we are ringing for the Lord!

The Church has joined the Lambertville Chamber of Commerce, and Stephen and I attended their Orientation this past Monday, September 30th. There are many things that the Chamber are doing for our community, and I have some of their information here at the office. If anyone is interested in information about the Chamber, please reach out to Stephen or myself.

As many of you know, I will be retiring at the end of this year leaving my Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Session positions. Thank you for your support over and your kindness over the years, it has been very much appreciated!

Blessings to you!

Sue




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## Church News:



Communion Sunday is on October 5th, *10:00 am* at Mt. Airy Presbyterian. Pastor Gregory will be leading the service.

The Children’s Sunday School will be resuming on November 9th, in the Chapel (KICK Room.)

The Ladies’ Bible Study is continuing on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Church Library.

**Starting on Wednesday October 8th, the Community Luncheons will be resuming. The luncheons will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month until the end of the year. Our gym, kitchen and chapel will be in use from 10:30 am until about 1:30 pm. Thompson Memorial Church will be hosting the luncheons. The lunch will be starting at noon with a chapel service starting around 11 am.**

**If anyone would like to help out with the luncheons, please see the below link**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EABA82EA6F94-58694706-lambertville?useFullSite=true#/>**

We will be having a bake sale during Lambertville’s house tour on October 19th. Last year’s Bake Sale was a huge success! We like keeping our doors open as an outreach to our community and those coming through. If you can donate One or more baked goods that will be wonderful. Also, if you can come by on Sunday and help work the table that would also be appreciated. If you have knowledge of the church and want to walk folks up to the sanctuary again that would be great. I will be in the kitchen all day on Saturday for those who can’t make it on Sunday and want to drop things off. Any questions don’t hesitate to call me at (609) 865-7254. Blessings, your sister in Christ Heidi.

The gates to the Garden and Cemetery will be closed from 10/30 until 11/1.

Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Yes, it's that time of year to prepare for our Christmas Outreaches.

I have some available shoeboxes for your participation in this beautiful outreach.

The completed boxes need to be delivered to the drop off location by me on Sunday November 23rd.

Thank you for your generosity,  
Joanne DiBlasi



## *Ministry and Outreach:*

**News from our Missions Team**~ Please be sure to check out the bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary each month! If anyone would like to help join the Missions Team, please reach out to any member. May the Lord continue to bless us as we are faithful to His call!

**Your Missions Team: Addie Andino, Gail Armitage, Russ Topping and Donna Zambella**

### **Hello to All from the First Presbyterian Deacons....**

We met on Tuesday 9/30 to discuss the happenings of the upcoming months. Here are just some of the highlights~ Try and coordinate monthly youth services starting in January. Roller Skating will be starting on Friday Nov. 21st. The Bake Sale on 10/19, and our church will also be open for tours. If you would like to help with any of the above, please reach out to any of the Deacons. Thank you.

**Your Deacons: Gail Armitage, Jen Chernoski, Heidi Danberry, LaNelle Gallagher, Dana Garrenger and Stephen McCloughan**

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

***Hebrews 13:16***



**October Birthdays:**

**10 Brian Fisher**

**17 Giana Griffiths**

**20 Pat Warford**

**23 Chase Stratuik**

**24 Nate McIntyre**

**25 Craig Reading**

**27 Bo Hartpence**

**27 Diana Pursell**

**30 Giana Vaccarino**



Just for Kids.....



HOLY

1 Peter 1:15-16



ETERNAL

Psalms 90:2



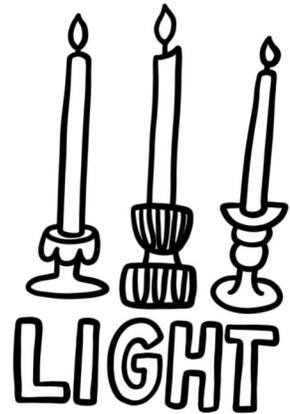
1 Cor. 1:9



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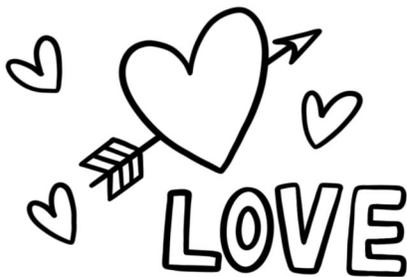
Deut. 32:4

GOD  
is...



LIGHT

1 John 1:5



LOVE

1 John 4:8



GOOD

Psalms 34:8



Psalms 46:1



MERCIFUL

Psalms 116:5

## **October Assisting, Greeting and Care & Share Schedule:**

### **Elder Schedule**

**10/5- Communion @ Mt. Airy**

10/12- Phil McCloughan

10/19- Don Pidcock

10/26- Karen Thatcher

### **Deacon Schedule**

**10/5- Communion @ Mt. Airy**

10/12- Jen Chernoski

10/19- Stephen McCloughan

10/26- Heidi Danberry

### **Greeting Schedule**

**10/5- Communion @ Mt. Airy**

10/12- Betsy Brown

10/19- Joan Yannarella

10/26- Sue McCloughan

### **Care & Share**

#### **Music Ministry**

**If you unable to serve your scheduled dates,  
please find a replacement and contact the church office.**

**Schedules are subject to change**

**Thank you!**

Session Minutes  
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville  
Westminster House  
June 9, 2025 6:30pm

**Class of 2026**

Pat Durborow  
 Phill McCloughan

**Class of 2027**

Don Pidcock  
 Karen Thatcher

**Class of 2028**

Russ Topping

Rev. William 'Tex' Culton, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

**Present:** Pat Durborow, Don Pidcock, Karen Thatcher, Russ Topping and Rev. William Culton

**Excused:** Phil McCloughan, Clerk of Session Susan McCloughan

**Welcome:** Reverend Culton, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the June 9 2025 Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

**6:30PM-Devotion** Pat Durborow

Pat based her devotion on several scripture, speaking on the 'Storm' that all of us find ourselves in from time to time. No Storm is too big for Jesus. The only time Jesus was said to sleep in the Bible is found in Matthew 8:23. Jesus sleeps during the storm because He know the power He has. In Jesus we have the power to get through any storm. Paul wrote this final letter to Timothy from prison, awaiting execution 2 Timoth 1:7 'For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. We can find peace and courage throughout God's Word — Phil 4:6-7 'Do not be anxious about anything The Psalms direct us to put our trust in God, to fear no evil, as God is our refuge and strength. From Isaiah 41:10 'Do not fear for I am with you.' Pat's devotion lead Session into an uplifting discussion.

**Around the Room**

Session Members discussed, shared praises and concerns.

**Moderator Time:** Rev. Tex Culton

Continued discussion on the 'storms' of our lives; how we must encourage and strengthen each other; sharing of experiences and how God brings us through.

**Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box** — Elder Karen Thatcher

**Review of Minutes:** A motion was called to approve the minutes from May 19, 2025. All were in favor,

**Dates for Discernment Process:** Session reviewed email from Jeanne Radak, no date set for zoom meeting nor retreat #2. Pending.

**June Calendar:** Session reviewed upcoming Sermons and Music for the rest of June. Karen remained after the meeting to discuss music with upcoming speakers.

**Copier Contract Billing:** Session reviewed the renewal bill of the Yearly Maintenance Contract and approved.

**Community Luncheon use of Facility by Thompson Memorial Church:** Session continued discussion to house the Community Luncheon on Wednesdays. Some concerns to be addressed, however we are in favor of an Outreach to our community. (Gym temperature during summer, gym floor, kitchen stove/vent).

**Memorial Day Veterans List:** Session discussed and will review with church office.

**Session Minutes Review:** Approved without exceptions. Thank you Sue.

**Worship & Music /Church Life** — Karen Thatcher

Insurance Review — no changes to the Insurance, all in order and up to date.

**Young Adult Time** — The pastor/speaker will be prepared to address the young adults.

**Accompanist/Music Director** - As we continue to praise the Lord with our Music Ministry, we are in discussion with an interested party.

**Spanish Ministry** — The Spanish Ministry meets in the church on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm.

**Monthly Communion Service** — The Joint Communion Service (between Mt Airy and Lambertville) will continue with Pastor Gregory into the fall. Pastor Gregory will also be part of the July Joint Service for the River Area Churches.

**July Joint Worship Service/River Area Churches:**

After the June 4 meeting, the Joint Worship Service is underway with Sermon, Communion, Guest Speaker, Music and a Fellowship Picnic to follow. Next meeting is June 18 6:30pm at Stockton Presbyterian Church.

**Building and Grounds** — Pat Durborow, Phil McCloughan

Pat and Don Pidcock reviewed the following:

- 1) The repair of our garden wall should now wait until fall due to the plantings/foilage.
- 2) Gym Bathrooms — need refreshing, paint and possibly new fixtures. Pat and Don will address.
- 3) Church Kitchen — stove and vent— no new information
- 4) Monthly Fire Inspection will be completed this week per Don.

**Budget and Finance** — Heather McIntyre

**The Year-to-Date Summary** — no update at this time

**Lowell Hunter Estate** — No update at this time

**Boy Scouts** — Don advised that he was invited to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, PAC 49 as Chaplin. He noted what a beautiful ceremony it was. Don advised that the Charter between First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville and the Boy Scouts goes back to 1933.

**2025 Per Capita** — Note discussed at this evening's meeting.

**Sunday School/Junior Deacons** — Don Pidcock

It was noted that the Adult and Children's Sunday School is ending on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will pick back up in the fall of 2025. Don noted that there will be a Men's Breakfast, 8am on Saturday at the Old Rocks Church.

**Missions** — Russ Topping

Russ noted that there is no new information at this time.

Don noted, that there will be a small group to go to the Dominican Republic for a Mission Trip this summer (August). More to follow.

**Notations**

Holy Communion — was held on Sunday June 1, 2025 with Pastor Peter Gregory at the joint communion service at Mt Airy Presbyterian Church. Next Communion will be at the Joint Worship Service of the River Area Churches on July 6, 2025.

**Sight & Sound Fellowship Trip/Nov 8, 2025** — There are few openings on the signup sheet.

**Continuing of Education** — Elders are encouraged to continued in and share the Word of God through reading His Word, devotions, prayer and to be involved in education.

**Elders** — are to continue Pastoral Care as needed. \*

**Prayer Meetings** —will be held on the first Monday of each month. Members will be sharing His Word through readings, thoughts,.scripture and prayer. Meetings are in person, unless specified, those unable to make the meeting, call in is available. If for personal reasons keep Session members from attending, the Session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 6 0'clock hour. \*

**Session Devotion:**

September is Phil McCloughan.

**Adjournment:**

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15pm and was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen L Thatcher, Elder