



The First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

154 S Mill Rd, West Windsor, NJ

Sunday September 21, 2025

9.30 am EST

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship!

If you are visiting today, we welcome you most cordially to the worship and life of our congregation! All visitors and guests at today's service are encouraged to sign our guest book in the narthex (entrance) and/or fill out a Welcome Card, which is in the pew rack.

Nursery care is available for children age 4 and under in our Christian Education building. There are activity packs for young kids in a basket in the passthrough at the back of the sanctuary. After the Learning Time for the Young of All Ages, children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Children will be escorted by adult shepherds to the Christian Education building.

If you have a prayer request, you may fill out one of the prayer slips that are in the pew racks and then hand it to an usher during the Ministry of Hospitality and Announcements. You may also email prayer requests to admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com to have them added to our weekly Prayer email.

Please silence electronic devices

THE GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL *-We temporarily mute everyone on Zoom-*

WELCOME

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113

[PfAS 113A \(blue page 716\)](#)

(remain seated)

Sharon Gladwin

*HYMN Bless the Lord, O Saints and Servants

[PfAS 113B \(blue page 718\)](#)

INVITATION TO GOD'S LOVE: PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Sharon Gladwin

(seated)

**Holy God,
we confess that we are often too concerned
with our own peace only.
We seek the comfort of silence,
and ignore the cries of the oppressed.
We are inwardly focused,
missing your call to serve the world in justice and love.
Forgive us, O God.
Equip us to fulfill your will for a world
in which all know dignity
and all are treated as your beloved children.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sharon Gladwin

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sharon Gladwin

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Let's share the good news! Let us greet one another with:
The peace of Christ be with you!

*At home on Zoom you will find yourself in a smaller group for about a minute to share a holy greeting:
unmute yourself and wish each other the Peace of Christ.*

LEARNING TIME FOR ALL AGES

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Chae

PRAYER AND PROCESSION

(Children K-5th grade meet in the Narthex for Sunday School in our Christian Education Building.)

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Bozrah - Samuel Wakefield

*Who is this that comes from far With his garments dipp'd in blood,
Strong, triumphant traveller -- Is He man or is He God?
I that reign in righteousness, Son of God and man I am;
Mighty to redeem your race, Jesus is your Saviour's name.*

*("Wide ye heav'nly gates unfold, closed no more by death and sin;
Lo! the conq'ring Lord behold, let the King of glory in."
Hark! th'angelic host inquire, "Who is He, the 'almighty King?"
Hark again! the answ'ring choir thus in strains of triumph sing.)*

*(He whose pow'rful arm alone on his foes destruction hurled,
He who hath the vict'ry won, He who saved a ruined world.
He who God's pure law fulfilled; Jesus, the incarnate Word;
He whose truth with blood was sealed; He is heav'n's all glorious Lord.)*

Narrator: This is the Word for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Prayers for Everyone” The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

*HYMN

O God of Every Nation

GTG (purple) 756

THE THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rose Reyero

SILENT PRAYER

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

When you exit please leave your donation and pledges in the collection plate in the narthex. They can also be mailed to the office, 154 South Mill Road West Windsor, NJ 08550. If you wish to donate online, that option is available on dutchneckpresbyterian.com via the “Give Online” button, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin with a camera app, or use <https://tinyurl.com/DNPCdonate>.

*DOXOLOGY

Take My Life

GTG 697 Sts 1&4

**Take my life and let it be,
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN**

To God Be the Glory

GTG (purple) 634

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

To God Be the Glory

GTG (purple) 634 - refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done!**

The flowers today have been given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of my father, William Benscoter, given by Pat Steimle.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Education Hour at 11 am:

Today Pastor Jan Willem leading a discussion and Q&A on
"Where is Dutch Neck Right Now, and Where Are We Going?"

This is a follow up on his presentation on May 4, 2025.

If you missed that presentation, please [click here](#) to see the slides from JW's May presentation.

Navigate with your computer's up and down arrow keys.

Adult Sunday School begins at 11 am both in person in the Library,
second floor of the CE Building and on Zoom at [this link](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 950 350 017 Passcode: 111816

which is the same as for the regular worship service.

Come learn!

To receive our weekly newsletter containing events and announcements: email
admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com

DNPC Youth Choir Thursdays at 7:00pm in the choir room

JOIN US for a new year of joyful & meaningful music-making, learning & growing and fellowship together! All K-8th graders welcome. For more information about our program, email Children's Choir Directors Dr. Ken and Amy Carter at akjcarter@comcast.net.

Watch for Project Freedom 's Recognition at Philadelphia Eagles Football Game

Project Freedom is a not-for-profit organization which provides affordable housing apartments to lower income families and the disabled community in many New Jersey townships. They do not take government funds but find the townships to be very helpful.

Philadelphia Insurance works with non-profits in the greater Philadelphia area who provide needed services. Each year, 3 non-profits are recognized for all their good work. This year, Project Freedom is one of them. They will be recognized as part of the Community Red Zone Program on Sunday, September 21, 2025, when the Eagles play the Rams starting at 1:00 P.M. Fans will see all 3 organizations randomly appearing in the videos posted throughout the game. They have a booth set up to distribute information to interested parties.

Project Freedom was provided some financial support from DNPC in the past. Members of Corner Brighteners also prepared and served Holiday Luncheons to the residents, their aides and staff to thank them all for the work they do. People like Helen Thompson, Audrey Curtis, Gina Loebell and many others helped them all to have a Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Chanukah, and of course a Merry Christmas!

Florence Cohen

Our weekly "Thursday Night Dinner" returns on September 25, 2025

Bring a friend at 6.15 pm and join us in sharing a meal together.

Enthusiastic cooks have filled the school-year calendar to be chefs for 86% already! 🎉

- Work solo, as a duo, or with your family/friends
- Use your recipe or one we provide, or facilitate a catered dinner.

Please sign up to host a dinner by contacting Rev. Rory, Rev. Jan Willem, Bonnie Benkard or Sharon Gladwin. (Again: We're at 86% already! 🎉)

High School Youth

Youth group will return alongside Thursday Night Dinner on September 25. Come for dinner at 6:15 and we'll gather in the youth room from 7:30-8:30. Contact Rev. Rory for more information.

Next Open Table Games September 28, 2025 2:00pm – 4:00pm, in Fellowship Hall

Join us for games and intergenerational community building at our new recurring ministry, Open Table! Bond over the shared experience of playing a game together. We will have tables for classic, cooperative, competitive, and card games. You do not need to bring a game to participate, and all are welcome regardless of age or experience. For more information, contact Samuel Eastman eastman_samuel@yahoo.com.

Confirmation 2025-26

We're gearing up for a new year of confirmation for young people Grades 6-8! Confirmation is about joining the missional project that Jesus initiated and entrusted to the church. We'll begin the year with a local retreat on Friday evening 10/10 - Saturday 10/11 followed by Sunday morning sessions from 11-12pm after our worship celebration. If you have a young person to be involved, contact Rev Rory:

Blessing of the Animals Saturday October 4, 2025 @ 4 pm

You and your pets are invited to join us in the parking lot behind the CE building for a Blessing of the Animals service, which will begin at 4 p.m. The service will be held outside. We will be blessing pets individually. Before you come, please be sure that your pets are safely in cages or held with proper leashes. Should your pet be a little shy or over protective of you around strangers, you can bring a photo instead. If you have a beloved pet that has passed on, the pastors will be offering a prayer of thankfulness for the wonderful memories of the love you shared with this pet. If you would like, please bring a photo to share. We look forward to seeing you and your pets on October 4 at 4 pm rain or shine.

Dutch Neck Women's Retreat 2025 - Friday afternoon to Sunday late morning, October 24-26

This year we will be back closer to home at St Joseph's by the Sea in Mantoloking NJ. Happily, Terry-Thomas Primer, D Min, will return as our spiritual leader. She has chosen Deuteronomy 30:14 and Romans 10:8 as our sources for exploration and meditation. Our theme is "It's not Hiding but in Plain Sight." The retreat begins as we gather in Fellowship Hall on the afternoon of Friday, October 24 and then carpool to Mantoloking. The retreat concludes after breakfast followed by Holy Communion on Sunday, October 26. Costs which cover room (singles) and board (4 meals) are estimated at \$200.00 per person. Space is limited so register early by contacting Sally Stillwell sallys4@verizon.net or Terri DeVincenzo, Terri.devincenzo8@gmail.com

Members of Session

Margaret Acheampong
Andrew Benkard
Craig Doolittle
Bill DuBois
Sam Eastman

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Katharine Osborn Kosa
Bob Murray
David Redman, *Clerk*
Peggy Redman

Phil Rodefeld
Nancy Roff
Sarah Thody
Olivia Walker (Youth)
Frances Wonnell

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Sue Berenato
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Shannon Cirullo
Debbie Doolittle
Julie Donaldson
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Genevieve King
Angie Leamann
Diane Marolda
Diane Mendes
Trish Miele
Micah Morgan

Charlotte Murtland (Youth)
Ruth Murray
Barbara Nabial
Jenn Sabol
Christopher Schultz (Youth)
Benny Sun

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All are welcome, all are wanted, all can belong
and fully participate here. All means all.

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