

Guided by the Spirit, Our Presbytery follows Christ by partnering with congregations, communities, and individuals to embody God's inclusive love and justice in an ever-changing world.



Connectional NEXUS - July 2026

Our Presbytery

Do you have a sermon in you?

PREACHING GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

A preaching course for Ruling
Elders in the presbyteries of
New Jersey and Long Island

Thursdays
Sept 10-Oct 29 | 7:30-8:30PM

on Zoom, followed by one
final in-person class

TO REGISTER
CLICK HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
STEVES@HIGHLANDSPRESBYTERYNJ.ORG

The **Immigration Task Force** of our presbytery invites you to a screening of the 30-minute documentary *Jesus Was a Migrant*, followed by a time of discussion about the intersection of our faith and immigration. All are welcome.



Sunday, July 26th

6 - 7:30 PM | Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Jesus Was a Migrant follows NYT bestselling author, historian, and public educator Dr. Jemar Tisby to the border to ask the question American Christianity has been avoiding: What does our faith actually require of us?



**Did you missed the Insurance Virtual Summit?
We've Got You Covered!**

Don't worry! You can still catch all the expert insights on how your church can lower its insurance rates and effectively manage risk. The full recording of the Virtual Summit is now available to watch at your convenience.

[Watch the Virtual Summit Recording Here](#)

RESOURCE ALERT !

Churches have their non-profit (501c(3)) status under the umbrella of the PC(USA).

In the past, if you needed documentation of your church's 501c(3) status, you would make a call to legal services in Louisville, and a member of the legal team would compile the paperwork for you.

This process has been made easier!

If you are in need of this tax paperwork, you can simply use the group exemption tool found here: <https://www.pcusagroupruling.org/einstart>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Next 2026 Presbytery Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

@ 10:00 AM

**Sisters of St. Joseph
Campus, Brentwood**



Join in prayer across our presbytery

Presbytery of Long Island
Mid-Week Pause for Prayer
Every Wednesday, 6:30-7:00 PM,
on Zoom

Please join together across our presbytery for a time of prayer for our needs, our congregations, our nation, and our world. Gently facilitated by past-Moderator Elder Don Adams, this brief gathering on Zoom will offer weekly connection and a space to gather our prayers as we seek God's guidance during challenging days. All are welcome.

[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 899 9412 3794
Passcode: 575901

Creation of an Immigration Emergency Fund

Our Presbytery's Immigration Task Force and the Shepherding Council invite congregations to contribute to a fund that will provide financial support for the legal and other costs of families in our congregations who are impacted by immigration actions or deportation. Recipients would be referred by a congregation in our presbytery and must have a relationship with the congregation. Any financial assistance will be approved by the Moderator team. *Individual or church contributions can be sent via check made out to the "Presbytery of Long Island" with "immigration emergency fund" in the memo and sent to Presbytery of Long Island, 109 Udall Rd., West Islip, NY 11795.*

Events & Notices from Our Churches

Promote Your Next Church Event Here

Please send:

Event Name/Dates/Church/PDF flyer or link
to laurie@presbyteryofli.org



[Click on the event for more information!](#)

First Presbyterian Church, Smithtown
Community Yard Sale
Sponsored by Presbyterian Women
Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Rain Date: July 25

Springtime Clean Up and Clean Out Closets, Basements, and Attics.
We have a place for you to sell on your own, with a friend, with a group.
Spaces 10 x 10 feet \$35 or double space \$60
Come and sell! Come and shop!

First Presbyterian Church
175 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY
631-265-5151
www.FPCSmithtown.net

Contact:
Terri Miller
tmiller@optonline.net
631-379-7204

Community YARD SALE

Presbyterian Women focus on mission - Monies raised through this Community Yard Sale will be used to assist women, children and youth who experience many difficult circumstances locally and globally.

**VBS 2026
NEW LIFE**

JULY 27-31
5:30-8 PM
COST: \$15 PER CHILD FOR THE FULL WEEK
DINNER INCLUDED EACH NIGHT AT 5:30
AGES 4 (BY 7/20/26) THROUGH 11 YEARS

REGISTER BY JULY 9
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1843 DEER PARK AVE, DEER PARK
631-242-0221

[Registration](#)

**BLOOD
DONATION
Drive**

MONDAY, JULY 20TH
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BABYLON, GYMNASIUM
79 E Main St
Babylon, NY 11702
PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING BLOOD.
THERE IS A CRITICAL NEED THIS SUMMER.

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Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
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At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Wednesdays 4:45-6:15 p.m.
September 9 - December 2
Westminster United Presbyterian Church
109 Udall Road (manse)
pastorkerry@optonline.net

griefshare.org

Westminster United Presbyterian Church

FPCB

BBQ & CONCERT

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**ON STAGE:
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• 79 East Main Street, Babylon, NY • davepettigrew.net • nybbqbrigade.org

2026 Annual Church Fair



First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn

497 Pulaski Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740
631.261.2150
fpcgoffice@gmail.com

A Community Tradition

Saturday, September 26

10am - 3pm

Rain Date: Sunday, September 27

Something for everyone!

At the corner of Broadway & Pulaski

*Vendors, Food Court, Raffles, Live Music,
Indoor Rummage Sale*

2026 Annual Church Fair



Saturday, September 26

10am - 3pm

Rain Date: Sunday, September 27

12pm—5pm

Contact

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn

fpcgoffice@gmail.com

631.261.2150

to receive an application for a 10' x 10' spot

on our spacious front green lawn located at

497 Pulaski Road

on the corner of Broadway & Pulaski.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
[CLICK HERE](#)



Food Pantries in Our Presbytery

As food pantries are working to meet increased need in their communities, we ask churches in our presbytery to consider offering additional support to congregations that host food pantries. [Click here](#) for a list of pantries in our presbytery.

Local Events



The Center for Public Justice is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 Preaching Reformed Fellowship
Deadline: July 15

The Preaching Reformed Fellowship exists for pastors who understand that justice and political discipleship matter but aren't sure how their theology supports these efforts, how to step into the work of public witness, how to help their congregations develop a social imagination that includes caring for the whole world, or how any of that can be faithfully communicated in the pulpit. Preaching Reformed Fellowship is designed with the how questions in mind.



What does the fellowship include?

- Opening and closing retreats in Washington, D.C.
- A cohort of 15–20 pastors engaging shared challenges and questions
- Nine online webinars featuring practitioners, including voices from the global church and historically marginalized communities
- Monthly small group meetings (options include lectionary study, political theology, spiritual direction, or sermon coaching)
- One-on-one mentorship to develop a “proclamation project” (previous participants created sermons, series outlines, workshops, or written resources)

[Read More](#)

Synod of The Northeast



Holmes Camp & Retreat Center

Holmes Camp & Retreat Center sits on over 500 acres of hills, forest, and wetlands in the Hudson Valley, less than two hours from New York City. Facilities include a small conference center with lodging, dorms, cabins, outdoor and indoor meeting spaces, and rustic youth summer camp facilities. Four lakes and ten miles of trails onsite, as well as nearby



landmarks and state parks provide ample opportunities for recreation and renewal.

<https://www.holmescamp.org/>

Friends Day

July 25 [Saturday]

Celebrate the ministry and history of Holmes Camp & Retreat Center at our annual Friends' Day! Join us for food, activities, and a summer-camp-style worship service next to Westminster Lake. Lodging is available Friday and Saturday.

Women's Retreat

November 6 – 8 [Friday – Sunday]

Escape to Holmes' for a guided weekend of rest, restoration, and reconnection. The Women's Retreat features a new theme each year with engaging facilitators. The Fall Women's Retreat is our most popular program every year.

SAVE THE DATE

Rev. Holly Haile Thompson, D.D
40th Ordination
Anniversary Celebration

October 24, 2026
4:00 PM
Sag Harbor, NY

We hope you will join us for this meaningful occasion of worship, thanksgiving, remembrance, and celebration as we honor a remarkable servant of Christ and celebrate God's faithfulness through her life and ministry.

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
— Isaiah 12:3



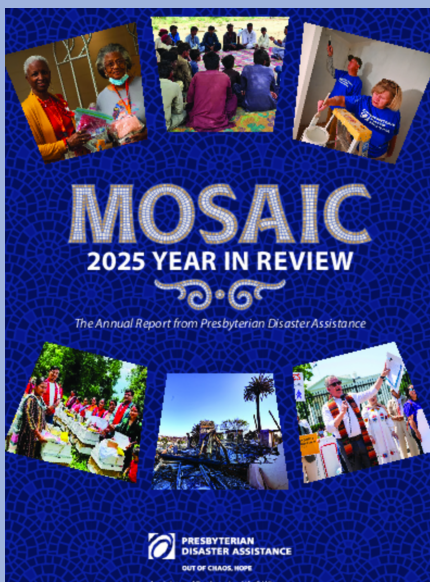
Faith Written Down: Your Budget as a Spiritual Document

June 24, 2026

I've often heard the phrase, "Budget determines mission. Show me your budget, and I'll show you what you love." It...

[Read More](#)

PC(USA)



2025 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mosaic: Year in Review

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was able to provide more than \$6.3 million in assistance across 36 countries and 28 states!

[Click HERE to view](#)



2026–2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendars

The 2026–2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar is your indispensable companion for purposeful planning from September 2026 to December 2027. Designed for clarity and ease, each month is presented on high-quality text paper that's perfect for jotting down notes and plans in pencil — erase and update effortlessly!

[Click HERE to order](#)



The 227th General Assembly has concluded, but its decisions will shape the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for years to come. Help your congregation understand what matters at the 227th General Assembly — and why it matters for your church.

Post-GA bulletin insert (available July 15, 2026)

[Learn More](#)

The Presbyterian OUTLOOK



And just like that,
GA227 is over.
Catch up [HERE!](#)



Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program
The goal of the Coaching Program is to develop pastoral leaders who have a solid foundation in church financial literacy and appropriate skills in leadership and management so that their congregations create a culture that forms generous disciples. This 12-month program is offered at no cost and provides a coach to walk beside you while you build your culture of generosity.

[More Information](#)



Pastor's Renewal Retreat

Zephyr Point is hosting a retreat for both lay and ordained pastors; the conference is set for October 12-14, 2026. This gathering offers clergy and ministry leaders an opportunity to rest, reflect, and renew their capacity for ministry.

[More Information](#)

— SAVE THE DATE —

Rooted and Renewed:
Intergenerational Worship through
Liturgy and Music

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland
Lakeland, FL
January 22-23, 2027



David Gambrell
Workshop Leader



Melissa McNair-King
Workshop Leader



Eric Wall
Service Musician

Presbyterian Association of Musicians
South Atlantic and Puerto Rico
Region | PRESBYMUSIC.ORG/REGIONS



Baltimore, Maryland

September 21-23, 2026

Learn more & register at

StewardshipKaleidoscope.org

**\$375 Early Bird Rate through July 31
for in-person attendees**



**Renaissance
Baltimore
Harborplace Hotel
202 E. Pratt Street**

**Room Rate:
\$214/night**

**Robert Hill,
Bethany Peerbolte,
Shane Claiborne,
Sarah Fisher,
Christopher Lee**

**Ask about our
group discounts!**

More details and registration information coming soon.

[Click HERE for more information!](#)

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention Ministry

Concerned about Gun Violence?



Atwood Institute 2026 Registration is Open!

Come learn with other congregations how to build and sustain a gun-violence-prevention ministry in your faith community. **The 3rd Annual James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage will be Sept. 15-18, 2026, at the Heartland Center near Kansas City, MO.**

As you build relationships with other faith activists from across the nation, expect to learn practical, pastoral, and prophetic skills for guiding your congregation in the task of saving lives and healing the trauma and fear brought by 38,000 lives stolen by gun violence last year.

Who should come? Lay leaders and teams, pastors, parents and grandparents, gun violence survivors, suicide prevention groups, gun owners, safety and public health advocates, veterans, youth leaders---people of faith who are committed to saving lives. **All denominations are welcome.**

Space is limited. Reserve your space today. Scholarships are available. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or use the QR code.

Keynote Speaker **Jer Swigart**, co-author of *Mending the Divides*, will challenge us to deepen our theological calling for gun-violence prevention and to teach skills for healing.

The James Atwood Institute is an ecumenical project of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Find a Presbyterian News Service story [HERE](#).

www.presbypeacefellowship.org/james-atwood-institute

presbypeacefellowship.org/gun-violence-prevention

Rev. Margery Rossi, Minister for Gun Violence Prevention

margery@presbypeacefellowship.org

Rev. Jan Orr-Harter, Editor & Moderator, Gun Violence Prevention Working Group

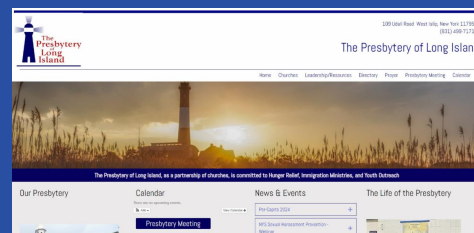
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