

Tidings of Peace



November 2025

Worship in November

In person/Livestream Worship at 9:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>



November 2
All Saints Sunday
"Luke's Sermon on the Plain"
Rev. Erich Kussman Preaching

November 9
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
"For Times Such as These"
Rev. Kahlil Carmichael Preaching

November 16
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
"Prince of Peace Story"
Preaching - Rev Brandi Hebert
Joyful Noise Sunday

November 23
Christ the King Sunday
"Justice and Righteousness in the Land"
Pastor Peter Preaching



November 30
Advent One
"To Be Woke is to be Awake"
Pastor Peter Preaching

Pastor's Page

It is time to tell our stories. The congregation is invited and encouraged to sign up for one story telling small group event to tell your Prince of Peace/Faith Story. In preparation, think about these three questions: Why did you come to Prince of Peace? Why do you stay? And what difference does Prince of Peace make in your life?

I want us to tell our stories because stories inspire. Stories give us an identity. Stories are easy to remember. And most important, God's word comes alive in our stories.

Remember, every story matters. We want to hear your story this November.

I have scheduled six story telling opportunities that I encourage you to sign up for one.

Sunday, November 2nd, 5:00pm, Dinner Church, The Community Room, This will be a pot-luck supper, bring a dish to share.

Wednesday, November 5th, 12 noon, The Community Room, Bring a bag lunch.

Wednesday, November 5th, 7pm, The Host Home.

Wednesday, November 12th, 12 noon, The Community Room, Bring a bag lunch.

Wednesday, November 12th, 7pm, The Host Home.

Saturday, November 15th, 6:30pm, The Host Home.

Tidings, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to rclarecarlson@aol.com.

Deadline for the December issue is Sunday, November 30th

Staff and Officers of Prince of Peace

Rev. Peter Froehlke, Pastor
Rev. Dale Selover, Director of The House Next Door
Dr. Doug Helvering, Minister of Music
Victoria Chow, Church Musician
Dorothy Safranek, Financial Secretary
Cheryl "Sherri" Daniels, Office Manager

Congregational Council

Joan New - President
Kathy Nowak - Vice President
Ellen McBrearity
Jessica Clarke
Michelle Conk
Beth Mitchell
Christian Oehm
Dorothy Safranek
Con Sweeney
Claudia Thompson
David Herrington, Secretary (non-voting)

Joint Worship with Dutch Neck Presbyterian and Live Well Church

Our three congregations will join for a joint worship service on Sunday **November 9th at 9:30** here at Prince of Peace.

Our preacher is Rev. Kahlil Carmichael from Live Well Church in Windsor. We will have joint choirs with special music from each church. After church there will be a time of fellowship and an Adult Class led again by Rev Carmichael. We look forward to a full church on the 9th.

Stewardship Sunday

Our Stewardship emphasis is story telling. Listen to the stories told. Listen to the difference Prince of Peace makes in the lives of our people but also in the lives of our community.

Be inspired. Give generously. Participate in our mission. You will receive a giving card for 2026 in the mail. The offering on November 23 will include both our regular giving and our giving cards for 2026.

Pastor's Page (Continued)

The sign up sheet is posted outside the church office.

Two more thoughts:

Perhaps you do not want to tell your story, still sign up and come to listen to the stories.

Or, maybe you just want to tell your story to me. Let's get together for coffee or a beer. Talk to me personally. We Love to Tell The Story

Pastor Peter

Story Tellers and Preachers Scheduled for November

November 2nd

Preacher - Rev. Erich Kussman, St. Bartholomew Lutheran in Trenton
Story Teller - Claudia Thompson

November 9th

Preacher - Rev. Kahlil Carmichael, Live Well Church in Windsor

November 16th

Preacher - Rev Brandi Hebert, God's Love Lutheran in Newtown
Story Teller - Martin Rexroad

November 23rd

Preacher - Pastor Peter
Story Teller - Dr. Doug Helvering

WHAM Annual Thanksgiving Service

The Windsor Hightstown Area Ministerium will hold our annual Thanksgiving Worship on Sunday November 23rd, 7:00pm, at St Anthony's Catholic Church in Hightstown.

Council Corner

We Love to Tell the Story!! The council is looking forward to telling their stories and hearing the stories from Prince of Peace disciples! Please come to one of the gatherings set up by Pastor Peter.

We have received more than \$12,000 toward the matching gift of \$25,000. We will accept donations toward the match throughout the rest of 2025.

We invite you to pray about the ministries at Prince of Peace and consider a donation in addition to your 2025 pledge. Please note MATCH on your donation. A question about giving stock has been asked and we can accept stock. Let us know and we'll get you the details.

We have had two disciples sign up for Community Solar with Neighborhood Sun so far, and they are very happy with it. If you are a customer of PSE&G, you can sign up as well. Have questions or need help signing up? Email Natalia at natalia.franco@neighborhoodsun.solar or call her at 240-985-8641.

Neighborhood Sun will donate \$100 to Prince of Peace for each new customer through our link -www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/POP NJ. Feel free to share this with a neighbor!

The council is seeking a person to take over as Financial Secretary by the end of 2025. Dorothy Safranek has been faithfully fulfilling this role for about 20 years! We thank her for such faithful and long service to Prince of Peace. As stated in our bylaws, the financial secretary is charged with counting and recording the offerings collected each week.

POP has a secure web-based financial system. The procedures are documented. There are others who help with the counting and depositing each week.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in this role. Talk to **Dorothy Safranek, Joan New, or Pastor Peter.**

Joan New
Council President (JLNewcrew@aol.com)

Hearing (Augustine's) Confessions?

It's a famous work, the Confessions by St. Augustine (354–430). It is not easy to read, being complex at times and long overall.

But it is easy to hear, when key passages are read aloud, as Christian communities have done for centuries.

Dave New, Con Sweeney, and Claudia Thompson will join me in reading the Confessions and choosing passages to read aloud for discussion at some sessions of the Adult Forum in the coming months.

I will summarize the overall flow of the work as we go along. We would like a few more readers. If you would like to join us as readers of this classic work, please let one of us know so that we can make plans with Pastor Peter.

Then, all who attend those particular Adult Forums will be hearing Confessions, starting on Sunday November 23.

Paul Rorem, paul.rorem@ptsem.edu

Finance Updates...you have heard the call and responded...

A big thank you to those of you who have already met the \$25,000 match challenge and made an additional donation to POP. It is greatly appreciated! We have had 15 donors and received \$12,325 so far. We are greatly encouraged by everyone's support.

For those of you looking for easy ways to donate, POP accepts donations on line through VANCO on our Website. Pay Pal will no longer be an option. We also accept stock donations through the church's investment account.

VANCO is our choice for regular weekly or monthly giving which we refer to as "Simply Giving." We have several members who donate weekly on Mondays or once a month on the 15th using this method. Once they choose this, it stays in effect until they choose to stop it. Now, **we are working with VANCO to allow secured electronic giving on our website that is controlled by you.** Here is how it works.

Go to the POP website and select **DONATE**. When you select donate, you will have 2 choices:

(A) Donate to Prince of Peace or (B) Donate to the House Next Door.

If you select Donate to Prince of Peace, you will then have 4 choices:

1. General Donation - will be used for operations and supports items such as salaries, insurance, worship and music expenses, administrative expenses, utilities, maintenance, etc. Please use the comment box for your envelope number if you have one.
2. Flower Donation – allows you to pay directly for weekly or holiday flowers. Use the comment box to designate the date for weekly flowers or the choice for holiday flowers.
3. Building Use – to be used by individuals or groups using our facilities and making a donation for the use. The comment box must be completed with the date of the event.
4. Property Improvements – Donations will be used for unplanned emergency repairs that may occur. For example, we were able to repave the parking lot through the special collections for Property Maintenance.

If you select Donate to the House Next Door you will have 3 choices:

1. General Donation – will be used to cover director and admin salaries, utilities, and general maintenance of the facilities.
2. Program Registration – allows you to pay your registration online. Please utilize the comment box to indicate the program name and date that you are registering for.
3. Building Use – this should be used for groups using the HND facilities and donating a fee for the use. The comment box should be used to indicate the date of the event.

Processing your donation- you will be able to:

1. Type in the amount.
2. Choose either a one-time donation or recurring donation.
3. One-time donation will pop up as "now." Choosing a recurring donation will give you a choice of monthly, weekly and a calendar where you can pick a date.
4. In the Note section, please enter your envelope number if you have one or any other message you wish to make.

You will notice that when you continue to process the payment, if you choose directly from your bank account, there is only a 1% processing fee. This is the cheapest way to donate. If you choose a debit or credit card, there will be a 2.9% fee. You can select to pay the fee or not to pay the fee. If you pay the fee, your recorded donation will be for the full amount including the fee. If you choose not to pay the fee, obviously, you will only get credit for the donation piece.

Once again, we want to thank everyone for their generosity and continued support of POP and all that we do for our community.

Submitted by **Dorothy Safranek and Finance Team**

Book Group

*If interested in joining the book club,
please contact Phyllis Church at
609-799-0723 or p.church@mindspring.com
We meet once a month in the church lounge at 1
p.m. Please bring your lunch and/or snack for
others to share.*

**Thursday, November 13th at 1 p.m.
in the Lounge**

Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan

This lovely novella is set in Ireland in 1985 during the Christmas season. Bill Furlong, an ordinary man, is

married with a loving wife and five daughters. On a bitterly cold day, he delivers wood and coal to a nearby convent and discovers a desperate young girl in a coal shed. He realizes that he must stand up to the power of the Catholic Church in order to help her. This story, based on the infamous Magdalene Laundries, has been made into a 2024 film with the same title.



**Thursday, December 11th
(Time to be Determined)**

Annual Christmas Luncheon

at the Springdale Clubhouse
1895 Clubhouse Drive,
Princeton, NJ 08540

Peace and Cherry Tree Gardens Winding Down for the Year

As fall came to NJ, the Peace and Cherry Tree Gardens felt the change....Colder temperatures, shorter days, and blossoms that didn't get enough warmth to transform into beans, squash, watermelons, tomatoes, etc...BUT volunteers still continued to harvest the fall produce as long as it grew. Some weeks when a lot of heavier vegetables like honeynut squash, potatoes, watermelon or eggplants were ready, almost 50 pounds were delivered to St. Bart's! Unfortunately, with frost starting, those deliveries are ending as October ends... Tomato and squash plants have been pulled, the last lettuce heads were harvested, herbs were cut as much as possible, and though some may have been smaller, we're sure they were a tasty addition to several needy families' tables! Tomatillos and figs weren't as plentiful as the month ended, but they are still trying to ripen so whatever comes over the next few weeks will be given to those in need.

Garlic has been planted to grow on it's own during the winter. Work over the next few weeks will consist of cleaning up the garden and winterizing or storing the equipment.

Many thanks to Shari Rexroad who's been very dedicated during this, her first full season as POP's Master Gardener. Despite multiple big critters finding their way over the fence as well as smaller ones attacking various crops, Shari's creative solutions and knowledgeable leadership kept the garden producing some of the old standards as well as new surprising varieties. Thanks also to Berta Schott, Cathy Corcoran, Joan Prins, Kathy Morris, Nancy Reyes, Christine Rexroad, and Laura Poethke for all their time and effort in the gardens whenever they were available this season. God's Work was done with Their Hands!

Racial Justice Team Continues Its Work - Would YOU like to help?

POP's Racial Justice Team continues to meet virtually once a month on the first Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30...Maybe you'd like to become involved? This small team knows that educating each other and our congregation about racism of all kinds and advocating for change towards a more just society encompasses SO much that we can't do it all. We invite your ideas and your help as we continue to advocate and work toward a more just world. How can you add to our ongoing work and future plans? That's up to you! Here's what we've been doing lately and planning for the near future...

LOCAL AND STATE-WIDE ELECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT! A table in the narthex has info on voting in case you haven't registered yet. VOTE for leaders who will support your priorities...YOUR VOTE COUNTS! Let our leaders know what you care about!!!

With your Racial Justice Team FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION this year, the Refugee Welcome Picnic for God's Work Our Hands Day was the biggest project for the past few months. Meanwhile, our work with the Haitian refugee family (who some of you met that day) continues. They are making progress in that both parents now have jobs (the husband FT and wife PT). POP's team of volunteers helped four family members celebrate birthdays over the past two months starting with singing to the young teenager at the picnic and bringing him a gift and cupcakes for his special day. Since then we recognized his mom's and dad's birthdays as well, but the most fun-filled celebration was for the 2-year-old's special day, which seemed to be a milestone for the family. Instead of OUR planned gift, balloons, cupcakes with candles, playing at a park and lots of posed photographs of the little boy as well as the whole family, his parents made it a bigger celebration complete with Haitian food prepared by his mother. His father topped off the fun with champagne sprayed over the birthday boy's head (and then anyone who wanted it nearby!) and splotches of frosting gently placed all over his face! We're not sure he understood what was happening but everyone had fun! (Two more birthdays are coming in November - join us and help plan for more!)

Christian Focus News

Thank you to all those who helped us reach our quota of ordering 6 large print hymnals. We have ordered 3 so far to see if this is what our users would like.

The 3 will be in looseleaf binders in the back of the church. Please pick one up on your way in if you need the larger print and let us know what you think.

These 3 are so large that they only have the words and not the music. There is an "enlarged" size that is 20% larger than our actual hymnals and includes the musical staff.

If you think that size would be useful, let Christian Focus know (Phyllis Church or Dorothy Safranek) and we will order the next 3 at that size!

If there are other ideas you have to improve your worship experience, please let us know and we will be happy to help where we can!

Christian Focus meets every Wednesday in the church lounge from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. You are invited to come whenever able, bring a small lunch to eat and enjoy a 30 minute tape focused on inspirational Christians.

Racial Justice Team (Continued)

What else is the team planning?

- Help us make Christmas special for our “adopted” Haitian family...details tba
- Join the Racial Justice Team at the Peace Pole on Sunday, November 30 as we pray for peace and our refugee, asylum seeker, and Indigenous neighbors whose lives are ever more fragile with recent funding cuts and laws affecting them.
- Ever think about Mary and Joseph as refugees? How about your family and their immigration stories... Look for more about that in next month’s newsletter...

Interested in any of the above like volunteering, joining the walk, ordering a TShirt (state your size), sharing some ideas or joining the Racial Justice Team? Contact **Nancy Reyes** at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or 609-273-1239.



What else can we do for our refugee and asylum seeking neighbors?

- With both parents working now, they are unable to attend the scheduled ELL classes at I-RISE...Working around that schedule requires even more flexibility and matching pairs of volunteers when we can squeeze into their schedule to continue helping with conversational English as well as everyday challenges that come up. A few more volunteers could help!
- I-RISE is still requesting gift cards for Uber, Lyft, Shoprite, Mastercard and Visa to help with transportation and for food as SNAP benefits and canceled work authorization mean more families need such assistance.
- Warm clothing, blankets, outerwear, diapers, wipes, and toy donations are always welcomed (leave in box provided in narthex).
- Since many attending 1 to 1 ½ hour ELL classes have little children not yet in school, the Trenton office is trying to provide daytime Child Care during classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays IF they can find someone to fill a PT Child Care paid position. This would be for 15-20 hours/week paying \$20/hour. This would be at the I-RISE/Westminster Presbyterian Church Club Room across from the ELL classroom so parents would be nearby if needed.

- Don't have time during the week or not interested/able to go into Trenton to volunteer? Why not join the Annual I-RISE Walk in Highland Park on Sunday afternoon, November 9 from 2-4? This 1-mile walk including speakers and entertainment is their biggest fundraising event with a goal of \$250,000 this year to help make up for lost funding.

I-RISE T-shirts designed for the event are for sale at \$10 (or make a larger donation). Walkers are also asked to carry red or pink hearts to go along with the theme “Unapologetically Compassionate” so if you can’t walk but feel artistic, make some signs for those of us who walk! See flyer on this page with a link as another way to donate.

Social Outreach Ministry Team

Christmas Gift Wishes from Individual Children, Families, Seniors, and Hospice Patients Served by Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ)

Again this year we are partnering with Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ to provide Christmas gifts requested by 20 individual children that they serve, as well as options for Families, Seniors, and Hospice Patients. All gifts are \$30 each.

The sign-up form for the children, Hospice Patients, and Gift Cards for Seniors will be sent out soon. From it, select a child (or children), hospice patient(s) and/or Seniors, then make out a check to Prince of Peace earmarked "LSM/NJ Child(ren)'s Gift(s)and/or Hospice Patient(s)' Gifts(s).

Gift cards for Seniors may be mailed to the church office or put in the Sunday worship offering plate.

Put check(s) in the offering plate on Sunday, or send it/them to Prince of Peace at 177 Princeton Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550. Selections may be made through Saturday, December 6, 2025. The checks will be appreciated ASAP, but no later than Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Thank you so much for being a part of this giving opportunity.

Appreciatively,
Berta Schott, on behalf of the Social Outreach
Ministry Team

Thanksgiving Food Bags for St. Bart's Lutheran Church Needed

St. Bart's is again providing food for Thanksgiving to hungry folks in their community and are requesting donations from their partner churches.

Our November "Food of the Month" is complete food bags, turkeys, and hams. Turkeys and hams may be fresh or frozen. Please put them in the refrigerator in the Community wing.

Donations may be left at Prince of Peace on Saturdays, November 8 & 15 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm; Monday -Thursday, November 3-19,2025 from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm, and on Sundays, November 2, 9 and 16, 2025, just before or just after the 9:30 am service.

Donations must be received by Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The bags are being distributed on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

Thank you very much for being a part of this giving ministry.

Food needed for each basket:

- Turkey or Ham (fresh or frozen)
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- Canned Gravy and Canned Cranberry Sauce, 14 oz each
-
- Canned Turkey /Chicken Broth (14.5 oz can)
-
- Canned Vegetables 15 oz. can
-
- Canned Yams / Sweet Potatoes 15 oz can
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- Boxed Stuffing Mix (6 oz box)
-
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Parish Care November 2025

Sharing our care and concern with those in our community in times of need and joy.

Sharing our Faith at church and in our community in many different ways as we continue our journey with Christ

Read - Talk - Pray - Share - Bless - Assist.

We need your help to share our POP care.

For Our Young Adults Away at School – and older Friends that do not get out

Advent calendar mailing **November 15, 2025.**

We are gathering mailing, shipping and email addresses for our young adults that are away at school. We connect with our students a few times during the school year. Please make sure we have a current 2025-6 address.

Our first mailing, an Advent calendar, is going out soon. If you would like for one to be sent to a young adult or older friend, please make sure I have a mailing address **ASAP**. Please let me know if you have names to add, correct or delete. We will use this address to ship our Valentine Care Boxes in February. Please confirm address even if it is the same as previous years.

Transportation

We are looking for some transportation assistance to and from Sunday church services. If you can take some time to help, please contact me or church office. We will see what can be arranged.

On Going:

We continue with our monthly mailing of Hope Through Healing (loss) and Splash (new baby) pamphlets to families with new little ones.

Care Notes are available in the breeze way. Please share with those in need. If there are some topics that you would like to see, please let me know.

Watch for upcoming Details

We will be sharing Christmas Blessings with our church family that cannot be with us in church.

There will be cards to sign along with a Christmas message. We will be filling small Christmas bags with some goodies. Watch for the time and place to assist with this project.

2026 Calendars

We are a gathering **2026 calendars**. Many thanks for all the calendars we have gathered so far.

If you have received many in the mail and do not have a home for them, please bring them to church. There is a box in breezeway (look low) to collect them. We will take them to adult care communities in the area. They are greatly appreciated by the residents.

And, it is not too early to start thinking about Advent and Christmas. Watch for details of ways we can share the joy of the season with others.

Advent begins Nov 30th - the first Sunday of Advent:

During the advent and Christmas seasons, we think of and spend time with our families. Some members of our church family may appreciate a little extra care during this time. If you are able to share a little time, make a call, deliver some holiday cheer, assist a member with some holiday tasks, read a Bible story together or say a prayer with a member of our church family, Please let the Parish Care Team know. We will share details for a simple visit.

If you know of anyone that would appreciate some special care please let us know how we can help.

If you would like to help with any of our projects or be part of our team, please join us. We are always looking for new ways to share our care with others.

November is the month of Thanksgiving.

We have much to be Thankful for at POP.

Many Thanks to God for all our gifts of Caring.

See you in church as we start a new church year.

I am looking forward to talking with many and arranging our new way of sharing our care.

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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am (in person/Livestream)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

Latest details can be found in the Sunday bulletin