

Claremont-Lafayette United Presbyterian Church

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"Serving the Lord Jesus by loving, comforting, nurturing, and teaching the Word which provides hope to all people."

11:00am
October 18, 2026

21st Sunday After Pentecost

IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED



Ruling Elders:

Joyce Soto (Clerk of Session)
Vandora Fair, Elaine Foster, Cheryl Hayes, Carol Kelly,
Bernadette Robinson, Yvonne White

Deacon Board:

Pamela Brown (Moderator),
Warren Tex Green, Beverly Torres, April Venable

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Enter, Praise, Worship and Glorify GOD, the Creator, Redeemer, and
Sustainer of Our Lives

Order of Worship

Musical Prelude Trust Me

Call to Worship (Please stand. Read responsively.) Sandra McIntyre

Come, all who feel alone or uncertain.

God is here – faithful in every moment.

Come, all who rejoice.

God rejoices with us and receives our praise.

In all seasons, through all things—

We worship the One who never leaves us. Amen.

Opening Hymn Let's Have Church

Opening Prayer (Please stand.) Sandra McIntyre

Heavenly Father,

In this moment of worship, we ask for open hearts and receptive minds. May we set aside the distractions of the world and approach your teachings with a sense of anticipation. As we engage with your word, may it find fertile ground within us, taking root and bearing fruit in our lives. With expectant spirits, we say, "**Amen.**"

Call to Confession (Please stand.) Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (Please stand and say in unison.) Sandra McIntyre

Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against you by what we have done and left undone. We have not loved you or our neighbor fully. We are truly sorry. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, that we may delight in your will. **Amen.**

Choral Response Precious Jesus

(Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Declaration of God’s Forgiveness (Please stand.) Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.
People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with Him is unfailing love and full redemption.
He will redeem you from all your sins. **Amen**

Exhortation (Please stand.)..... Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Ritual of Fellowship:

Turn to your closest neighbor and greet them with the sign of Peace saying:
“The Peace of the Lord be with you.”
Response: “And also with you.”

Recognition of Visitors

Announcements:

October 2026 Birthdays

Yvonne White, 10/01	Ivan Smith, Jr., 10/08
Khaleesi Brown, 10/11	Lauren Greene, 10/12
Roscoe Taylor, 10/12	Kevin Greene, 10/19
Allure White, 10/20	Celestine Shaw, 10/27
Melinda Hunt, 10/28	

Special Prayers For:

LaShay Anderson, The Family of Arianna and Felipe Aponte, Stephanie Arana, Amory James Barrett, Helen Burke, Alma Burnett and Family, Denise Campbell, Alfred Clausell, Jonathen Cooper, Kebra Cooper, Keisha Cypress-Bryant, Rev. Carlisle Dickson, Estella Estrada, Elder Vandora Fair, The Family of Andrea Forde, Elder Elaine Foster, Deacon Warren (Tex) Green, Elder Cheryl Hayes, Aja Herbin, Norma Holmes, Monica Jackson, The Family of Iona Johnson, Charlie & Craig Jones, Elder Carol Ann Kelly, Jackie Knights, Ebony LeSuer, Deacon Eva Minor, Minister Cheryl Moore, Deacon Delando Myers, Angela D. Barber-Parker, Tamera Peterson, Wilma Burgess Pope, A. J. Roberts, Elder Bernadette Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Willie Mae Robinson, Charles Rutledge, June Burr Scott, Nydia Serrano, Harold Sims, Charles Simmons, The Family of Mahaley Stewart Bowles and Mary Taylor Stewart, Cyndi Strickland, Barbara Terry, Carol Turnerto, Ajene Washington, Thelma K. Williams, and Linda Zadra

As Alijah Lewis heals from his procedure, we solicit prayers for his restoration and complete recovery.

If you know of anyone who you'd like to add to our prayer list or have a praise report for someone who can be removed from the prayer list, please visit our website and complete the prayer request form.

- **2026 Per Capita Apportionment** is \$37.00 Per Person.
- The **Second Plate Collection** will be taken twice a month on first and third Sundays.
 - First Sunday – (Silver Plate) Deacon Board
 - Third Sunday – (Silver Plate) Kitchen Committee
- **Christian Education Sunday School** - Confirmation classes are complete. The Candidates will meet with The Session on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7pm. The Confirmation date will be advised.
- **Seasoned Retirees** – will meet Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 11am here at the church.
- **Presbytery of the Northeast, New Jersey** - invites us to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of our Presbytery with lunch Saturday, November 7, 2026, 11-2pm. Location: The Terrace at Biaggios, 299 Paramus Rd, Paramus, NJ 07652. Registration ended: October 15, 2026, Cost: \$25. Registration was through the QR Code on our church website homepage. Check in with Elder Robert Mason about ticket availability.
- **Power of Prayer** - with Elder Sheila Myers will be 7pm, Thursday, November 19, 2026. Please visit the church website: www.claremontlafayette.com to access the Zoom link and enter the prayer meeting.
- **Saturday Sandwich & A Prayer** – Saturday, November 21, 2026, set-up begins at 10am; prayers and distribution of food at 12 Noon. All are welcome to participate in this community outreach.
- **The Session** – The next scheduled Session meeting will take place Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7pm.
- We invite you back next week:
Our speaker will be: Elder Vandora Fair
Worship Leader will be: Elder Joyce Soto

Old Testament Scripture..... Sandra McIntyre
(Pew Bible Page 63-64)..... Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament Scriptures (Please stand.).....Sandra McIntyre
(Pew Bible Page 24) Matthew 22:34-40

Musical Selection The Final Say

Sermon *It's Not That Complicated!* Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.

Call to Discipleship (Please stand.) Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.

Invitational Hymn Thank You for Everything

The Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical Version) Hymnal Pg# 14

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI (Please stand.)
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end." **Amen.**

Worship God with Our Gifts: Tithes: Bring your tithes to the Lord.
Thank you for your faithful giving to the Ministry of Christ.
Please bring your offering in person or send to the church:
PO Box 4392; Jersey City, NJ 07304. You can also give electronically from your phone via Givelify.



- Offering** – Weekly Giving (General Operating) – **Gold Plate**
- First Sunday – (Silver Plate) Deacon Board
 - Third Sunday – (Silver Plate) Kitchen Committee

***Doxology** (Please stand.)
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Closing Remarks

Closing Hymn.....You Are Good

Charge (Please stand.)..... Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.
And now, as you leave this place, Love God. Love your neighbor. Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Love one another as Christ has loved you. It's not that complicated. So go now—and don't just talk about the love of Jesus. Show somebody what it looks like.

Benediction (Please stand.)..... Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest, rule, and abide with you, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Postlude For You I Am Praying

