

Claremont-Lafayette United Presbyterian Church

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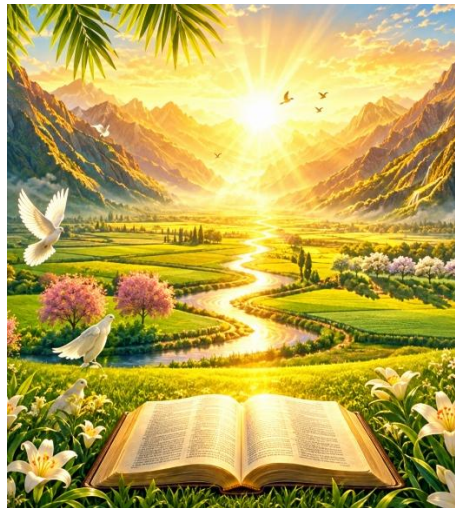


*“Serving the Lord Jesus by loving, comforting, nurturing, and teaching the Word
which provides hope to all people.”*

11:00am
October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

A Quiet Reassurance



Ruling Elders:

Joyce Soto (Clerk of Session)
Vandora Fair, Elaine Foster, Cheryl Lawrence 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 Let Us Go Into The House

Call to Worship (Please stand. Read responsively.)..... Elder Cheryl Lawrence Hayes

We gather here to worship God.

We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

We gather here as Christ's body.

We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

We are here to worship and to be transformed.

Let us worship the Triune God! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn My Help

Opening Prayer (Please stand.) Elder Cheryl Lawrence Hayes

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, help us meditate on your law and commandments. As your Word is read today, help us be fully present – heart, soul, and mind – and show us your way of love. **Amen.**

Call to Confession (Please stand.) Elder Vandora Fair

We recognize the well-worn paths of sin in our lives and the world. Let us confess our sin together, so that we may delight in God's laws of love. **Amen.**

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

..... Elder Cheryl Lawrence Hayes

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with

abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Choral Response God Provides

(Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Declaration of God’s Forgiveness (Please stand.) Elder Vandora Fair
The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all: God’s mercy is eternal. We are made blameless through Jesus Christ. Freed from sin’s power over us, we can bear the fruit of God’s love and righteousness.

Exhortation (Please stand.) Elder Vandora Fair
Thanks be to God! 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** - 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. Though registration ended: October 15, 2026, Cost: \$25, you still have a final registration opportunity through the QR Code on our church website homepage.
- **The Session** – The next scheduled Session meeting will take place Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7pm.
- **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.
- We invite you back next week:
Our speaker will be: Elder Robert M. Mason, Jr.
Worship Leader will be: Elder Yvonne White

Old Testament Scripture Joshua 21:45
(Pew Bible Page 203)..... Elder Cheryl Lawrence Hayes

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 41:10
(Pew Bible Page 629)..... Elder Cheryl Lawrence Hayes

New Testament Scripture (Please stand.) Romans 10:17
(Pew Bible Page 150)..... Elder Cheryl Lawrence Hayes

Musical Selection More Than Enough

Sermon *A Quiet Reassurance* Elder Vandora Fair

Call to Discipleship (Please stand.) Elder Vandora Fair

Invitational Hymn My Life Is In His Hands

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..... Let The Church Say Amen

Charge (Please stand.) Elder Vandora Fair

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, a reminder of God’s deep and abiding love for all. Let us go from this place, loving God with heart, soul and mind, to build a beloved community of mutual love and care.

Benediction (Please stand.) Elder Vandora Fair

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us as we go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor! **Amen.**

Please be seated

Postlude For You I Am Praying

