



**November 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
25th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church of Newton  
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton NJ**

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE

Christie Spriggs

GREETING

Rev. Todd Lattig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Kathleen Meredith

We lift up ourselves to you, O God,  
**longing for a glimpse of your grace.**

We watch for you...and wait,  
**trying to keep awake and aware,**  
trying not to fall asleep,

**trying not to miss your presence,**  
trying not to miss our very lives.

**Today, we come to you awake —**  
clothed in faith, decked out in love,  
**wearing hope for all to see.**

Come and meet us here, O God,  
**in your mercy and your grace. Amen.**

\*HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” UMH 150

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

**Holy One, have mercy on us. When we cannot take any more of this world, we know we must turn to you. When our souls have had their fill of trouble and unease, we seek your protection. We come to you in faith and love, in the hope of your salvation, now and always. Amen.**

ANTHEM “Be Still My Soul” (Jobe)

Kathleen Meredith

MISSION MOMENT: The Weekend Bag Program

Costello Family

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

Kathleen Meredith

**Matthew 25:14-30**

<sup>14</sup>“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. <sup>15</sup>He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

<sup>16</sup>“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. <sup>17</sup>The servant with two bags of



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

**Gracious God, you have filled our lives with the protection of faith, the guidance of love, and the hope of a salvation without end. Take our lives, Holy One — our time, our talent, and our treasure — and use them to encourage the hopeless, to build up the broken, and to heal the wounded souls in our world. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Together We Serve”

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\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs

### **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Monday, Nov 20</b>	<b>10-11 Chair Yoga (HH) 11:30-12:30 LWJ Yoga (HH) 7 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Svc. at Presbyterian Church</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov 21</b>	<b>10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 10-1 Manna House Food Prep ** Deadline for December Newsletter **</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov 22</b>	<b>10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov 23</b>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 25</b>	<b>9-2 Treasures of Hope</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov 26</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service</b>

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### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship  
Liturgist  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Christie Spriggs  
Kathleen Meredith  
Evelyn Cornwell  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison