

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

First Sunday in Lent, the Ordination & Installation of New Church Officers

Sunday, February 18, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

'Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.' -Henri Nouwen

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "There Is A Balm in Gilead" - arr. Powell

Call to Worship (Psalm 51:15-17)

One: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth will declare your praise.

One: For you have no delight in sacrifice;

All: if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

All: a broken and contrite heart,

O God, you will not despise. Amen.

*Hymn No. 792 "There Is A Balm in Gilead"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, and done what is evil in your sight. We have fought cruelty with cruelty. We have allowed destructive influences to grow unchallenged in our communities. We have denied that positive transformation could happen in other people and in ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Strengthen us with your Spirit so that we can lead our lives fully and wholly in your light.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"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, amen."

Passing of Peace

Anthem "Give Me Music" – Thompson - *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-17 OT 336 LP 416-17

Second Reading: Mark 1:40-45 NT 35-36 LP 43

Sermon "Contagion" –Rev. Drew Harrison

Prayer and Meditation

Minute for Mission *Jennifer Grenier*, Local Mission Initiative

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" - arr. Dahl

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: 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.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation and the Laying on of Hands

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own.

Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

The Prayers of the People

Please contact the officer for a copy of the prayer list.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



***Hymn No. 415** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"
"Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness."

Postlude "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" - arr. Sedio

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.



All are invited and welcomed to join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall following worship service for fellowship.

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Liturgist	Carol Owens
Greeter	Vicki Downing
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Jean Brod, Liz DeGori, Darlene Powell

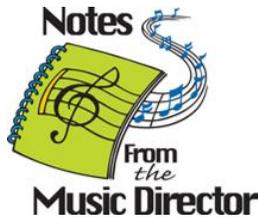


Sanctuary Flowers

This week's sanctuary flowers have been given in honor of James & Margaret Fortney's anniversary from their children & grandchildren.



Blessings on Elders Stephen Hwang, Barbara Wallace, and David Nicastro and Deacons Karla Langlois and Edward Mitchell as they begin their ministry with the First Presbyterian Church in Pitman.



Today's prelude is Robert Powell's setting of an African American spiritual responding to the question in Jeremiah 8:22 – "Is there no balm in Gilead?" The postlude is Mark Sedio's 2017 setting of the tune "Restoration," first published in the 1835 shape-note hymn book Southern Harmony. The offertory is David Dahl's arrangement of the same tune. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Birthdays

February 21	Mike Lowe
February 22	Karen Daly
February 23	Jennifer Weinhardt
February 24	Owen White-Lindstedt



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY
This Week's Calendar | February 18-25

<i>Sunday</i> February 18	10 AM Worship (No Sunshine Singers Practice Today) 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Up Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> February 19	Presidents Day' – <i>Church Office Closed</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> February 20	
<i>Wednesday</i> February 21	10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 7 PM Circle of Life
<i>Thursday</i> February 22	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> February 23	
<i>Saturday</i> February 24	9:30 AM Southwest Jersey Organ Guild Chapter Workshop – Sanctuary 12 PM Lunch for SWJ Organ Guild Chapter – SH
<i>Sunday</i> February 25	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Chili Cook Off @ Coffee Hour – Social Hall

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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