

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

For Prayer & Contemplation

"Quite despised is gold to our king,
Who does not stamp his image in money;
In a human being, the one greater than all,
Our savior stamps his beauty.
Who[ever] has believed in the name of God
Receives the stamp of God,"
-St. Ephrem the Syrian

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "We Gather Together" – arr. Phillips

Call to Worship (Psalm 116:5-7, 12-13)

One: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**All: The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

One: What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

*Hymn No. 336 "We Gather Together"

Prayer of Confession

One: God of grace,
we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

One: We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

One: We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

One: We have not always honored those who guided us in life.
We have participated in systems
that take life instead of give it.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

One: We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others' intentions...

**All: Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways we fall short of your glory.
Help us to learn to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Now that we have let go of the pain,
the bitterness, the anger of our lives,
let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other,
forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**All: We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.**

*Hymn No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose
grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World
without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end,
Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."**

*Passing of Peace

Anthem "Thanksgiving Song" – Finnish folk song – *Sunshine Singers*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

(Children will return during final hymn.)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

- Deuteronomy 14:22-29 OT 171 LP 214
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 NT 176-7 LP 215

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Money Talks: First Fruits" — Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

One: What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ...**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for him.

Time of Gratitude

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" – arr. Held

*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

God of loaves and fishes, accept our gifts, however small they
may be. Magnify them and use them so that your kingdom may
come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Consecration of Pledge Cards

One: Giver of all that is good, we dedicate these gifts to you.

**All: They represent our sweat, our lives, and our hopes.
Accept them as tokens of our thanks for all that you give
us.**

One: Bless them to be used in your service,
and multiply our small gifts to do great things.

**All: Bless us that we may be living sacrifices to you,
And give us energy and imagination in your service.**

*Hymn No. 655 "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

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. 712** "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 838** "Standing on the Promises" v. 4

"Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior, standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God."

Postlude "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" – arr. Sims

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

- Please note that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. While the focus is primarily on the chancel, there are some wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.
- Join us in the Social Hall immediately following worship service for coffee & fellowship. All are welcome!

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Darlene Jacobson
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Dave Nicastro, Linda Waller, Karen Daly
Tellers	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly

Music Notes

Today's prelude is Craig Phillips' unique take on the tune "Kremser," which was originally published in the Netherlands in 1626. The offertory is Wilbur Held's setting of an English folk tune "collected" by Ralph Vaughan-Williams in 1906 and named for the village in Surrey where he first heard it: "Forest Green." Several popular hymn texts have been wedded to this melody, including "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The postlude is David Sims' 2017 arrangement of the same tune. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing a spec



<i>This Week's Calendar • November 18-25</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> November 18	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Up Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> November 19	9 AM Thanksgiving Preschool Party – Social Hall 2 PM Set Up for Presbytery Meeting – Social Hall 4 PM Presbytery Dinner Meeting – Social Hall
<i>Tuesday</i> November 20	
<i>Wednesday</i> November 21	1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> November 22	Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed
<i>Friday</i> November 23	Black Friday Church Office Closed
<i>Saturday</i> November 24	9:30 AM Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> November 25	10 AM Worship No Sunshine Singers Practice Today 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen 5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall

<i>Happy Birthday to...</i>	
November 18	Terri Lovelace
November 18	Shari Hulitt
November 18	Rachael Lodholz
November 19	Peggy Price
November 20	Caden Luby
November 23	Keith Conley

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM

