

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
7th Sunday after Epiphany
Installation & Ordination of Church Officers
Sunday, February 24, 2019 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation (*Rebbe Shmuel Schneersohn*)

“You cannot fool God; ultimately, you cannot fool others either. The only one you can fool is yourself. And to fool a fool is no great achievement.”

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy” - arr. Leavitt

Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 8*)

One: O Lord, Our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
**All: You have set your glory above the heavens,
The sun, moon, and stars proclaim your greatness.**
One: Yet you care for us,
though we are weak and undeserving.
**All: You have lifted us up.
You have redeemed us and
filled our lives with
abundant love and priceless grace.
O Lord, Our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name throughout the earth!**

***Hymn No. 435** “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

Minute for Mission *Community Meal, Carol Owens*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are too satisfied with our own kindness. We love the lovable, serve the honorable, and love only the neighbors we like. We care when it costs us little or nothing but are afraid to pay the cost of true love.

Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to take up the cross of compassion and love with abandon. Discipline us to serve the unlovable, the dishonorable, the criminal. And strengthen us to trust that when we love as you have loved us, our lives will be filled with your abundant blessings.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the words of God through the prophet Isaiah, “I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.”
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***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 “Jubilate” – Sherman – *Tyler Bell Choir*

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

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| 1. | 1 Corinthians 15:42-50 | NT 177 | LP 216 |
| 2. | Luke 6:27-38 | NT 64-5 | LP 78 |

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Goodness” — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Installation and Ordination

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...

Affirmation of Faith

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?
All: I do.
One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
All: I do.
One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
All: I will, with God’s help.
One: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?
All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 God 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.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - arr. Ashdown

***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** (Worship Sourcebook)

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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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. 802** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 853** "We Are Marching In the Light of God"

"We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God."

Postlude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - arr. Dahl

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

Music Notes 

Today's prelude is based on the tune "In Babilone," an 18th century Dutch folk tune. The offertory is Franklin Ashdown's 2018 arrangement of the Irish hymn tune "St. Columba," named for the saint who brought Christianity to Ireland and was also said to have been the first person to report sighting the Loch Ness monster. The postlude is David Dahl's 2013 setting of the same tune. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



This Week's Calendar
February 24 to March 3

Sunday February 24	10 AM Worship/Installation of Church Officers 11:15 AM Stephen Ministry - Up Kitchen *No Sunshine Singers Practice Today* 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge
Monday February 25	6:15 PM Liturgical Music Meeting - Upstairs Kitchen 7:15 PM Worship Committee - Upstairs Kitchen
Tuesday February 26	
Wednesday February 27	8 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Upstairs Kitchen
Thursday February 28	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday March 1	World Day of Prayer 1 PM World Day of Prayer Service - Pitman Methodist
Saturday March 2	
Sunday March 3	8:30 AM Deacons Meeting - Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Acolyte	
Liturgist	Patty Januszewski
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt, Bobbi Wilkins, Margaret Ginter
Tellers	Jean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Mike Ballard
Coffee Hr. Host	Renee Sheridan



This Week's Birthdays

February 24	Owen White-Lindstedt
February 26	Noah Tamaska
February 27	Jacci Herrick
February 28	Robin Montgomery
March 1	John Polhamus
March 1	Sarah Carson
March 2	Janie Forshay
March 2	Kate Harrison
March 3	Laurel Contarino
March 4	John Foster

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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