

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 28, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation** (Richard Beck)

“Doubts are the burden the believer must carry to keep her eyes opened to the suffering of others.”

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** “Because You Live, O Christ” - arr. Bullard

**Call to Worship** (Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson)

One: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,  
Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said: Peace be with you!

**All: The Risen Christ is with us now, offering us the gift of peace.**

One: Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

**All: We too have seen the Lord. Let us rejoice and give thanks!**

One: Let us worship God!

\***Hymn No. 249** “Because You Live, O Christ”

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, afraid to act, and uncertain in our actions. We are unwilling to commit to anything without guarantees, and we put our trust in the empty promises of the world.

Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to trust you. Strengthen us to obey your commands and live faithfully as new people, forever changed by the promise of your resurrection.

**Moment of Silence**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: When you were dead in trespasses,  
God made you alive together with him,  
when he forgave all our trespasses,  
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.  
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\***Passing of Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Anthem** “Vidi aquam” – Ravanello - *Women’s Ensemble*  
The Latin text combines verses from Ezekiel 47 and Psalm 117...

*Translation:* “I saw water flowing out of the temple, from its right side. Alleluia, Alleluia. And all who came to this water were saved, and they shall say Alleluia, Alleluia. O give thanks to the Lord for He is gracious; because His mercy endures forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

**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**

1. Acts 5:27-41      **New Testament** 123      **Large Print** 149-50

2. John 20:19-31      **New Testament** 115      **Large Print** 141

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** “What We Know” — Rev. Drew Harrison

\***Affirmation of Faith** (From the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on man’s inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of man’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

**Minute for Mission** *Third Meal* by Darlene Jacobson

\***Hymn No. 286** “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

**Stephen Minister Commissioning**

*Pitman Presbyterian commissions Cathy Russo as a Stephen Minister for our congregation.*

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male and female;**

**for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called,  
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the  
bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

**All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Lord of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

(Pastor Drew will lead the congregation in commissioning Cathy Russo as  
Stephen Minister.)

One: ...now and forever.

**All: Almighty God,  
in Jesus Christ you called disciples  
and, by the Holy Spirit,  
made them one church to serve you.  
Let your Spirit rule your church,  
so that we may be joined  
in love and service to Jesus Christ,  
who, having gone before us,  
is coming to meet us  
in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** “Breathe On Me, Breath of God” - arr. Moore

\***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**

Lord, we thank you for your many gifts. In gratitude, we humbly  
offer our gifts and ourselves to you. 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. 247** "Now the Green Blade Rises"

**Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 539** "We Will Go Out With Joy"

"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God."

**Postlude** "Now the Green Blade Rises" - arr. Moore

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

*Thank you to our Worship Servers*

<b>Liturgist</b>	Connie Bradley
<b>Greeter</b>	Judy Reed
<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Ginter, Linda Waller, Carol Schoepske
<b>Tellers</b>	Terri Lovelace, Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick
<b>Coffee Hr. Hosts</b>	Mike & Bev Ballard



**Sanctuary Flowers**

In memory of Edward F. Scheetz, given by daughter Elaine M. Scheetz, grandchildren Todd Ledden & Rachel Ledden-Albadine and their families

**Music Notes**

Today's prelude is Alan Bullard's 2015 setting of the tune "Vruechten," also known as the Easter Carol. This melody first appeared in an Amsterdam psalter in 1685. The offertory is Philip Moore's 2016 arrangement of the tune "Trentham," originally penned by English organist and composer Robert Jackson (1840-1914). The anthem is an antiphon based on a Gregorian chant for the Easter season. The choral setting is by Italian composer Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938). We thank the Women's Ensemble for sharing special music with us this morning.

*This Week's Calendar*  
April 28-May 5



<b>Sunday</b> April 28	<b>Levite Sunday</b> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Mulching Madness! - Church Lawn 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry - Upstairs Kitchen 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge
<b>Monday</b> April 29	
<b>Tuesday</b> April 30	
<b>Wednesday</b> May 1	
<b>Thursday</b> May 2	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b> May 3	6 PM Setting up for Senior Luncheon - Social Hall
<b>Saturday</b> May 4	12 PM Deacons' Senior Luncheon - Social Hall
<b>Sunday</b> May 5	8:30 AM Deacons - Social Hall 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room 4:30 PM Camden Hispanic Fellowship Worship Service



*This Week's Birthdays*

<b>April 28</b>	Kyle Leach
<b>April 28</b>	Jason Russell
<b>April 30</b>	Michele Bruynell
<b>April 30</b>	Linda Davis
<b>April 30</b>	Michael Keehn
<b>April 30</b>	Sue LaPierre
<b>May 1</b>	Pat Meudt
<b>May 2</b>	Nic Albadine
<b>May 3</b>	Dana Capanna
<b>May 5</b>	Bailey Wichart

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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