

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time • The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Daylight Savings Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.

For Prayer and Contemplation

Intentional Authentic Evangelism is simply sharing the Good News. It is authentic and it is intentional, not merely expressions of kindness or good moral ethics. We all have Good News to share in our lives; it is a part of our identity.

Intentional Authentic Evangelism is NOT: "Christian" hypocrisy; a committee responsibility

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" - arr. Culli

Call to Worship

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**All: Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the
refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Call to Reconciliation

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

Prayer of Confession

the brittle words we have thought and spoken...

the relationships that are crumbling...

the arid perspective that centers on self...

the cracked and jagged edges of our world...

Hear our confession, O Christ, and rain down your mercy upon us.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus says, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of living water."

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

*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

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem "At the Table of the Lord" – Althouse – *Sanctuary 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 John 4:1-21 NT 94-5 • LP 115-6

Prayer of Illumination

**Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your
words by the insight of the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sermon "Authentic, Intentional Evangelism" - *Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.*

*Affirmation of Faith (a portion of The Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the
reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing
the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of
the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless
life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life
eternal.**

When You Give *Vicki Downing*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Loaves Were Broken" - arr. Wold

*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

**You have so graciously provided for us out of the abundance of your
love, dear Lord, and we give you thanks. We thank you for the beauty
of this earth that sustains life, for society and its cultures, for those
who serve others in your justice, peace, and love. Thank you for the
love of family and friends and for those who have gone before us who
have taught us your Way. For all your many gifts you so graciously
lavish upon us, we give you thanks and praise...**

**Use these gifts of money and all our gifts, O Lord, to further your
work of compassion in the world. To Christ's glory we pray. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

One: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the
God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua,
Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph,
Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown
saints.

**All: You are the God of our mothers and fathers and our
children to all generations.**

One: You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one
people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly
heritage.

**All: Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to
your will.**

One: Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with all the people
of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory
of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven
and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child,
our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will
to the point of laying down his life for the good news he
preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he
taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of
table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

**All: And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.**

One: In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery
of the faith we proclaim:

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

One: Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these
your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and
one another.

**All: As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to
see your glory. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be
strengthened to follow your Way...**

One: Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love: Speak your peace in the world where... wars rage and violence triumphs... We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations, that all people may flourish, for the upcoming elections in our country, for all people in positions of power over others' lives... May your will be done. May your Kingdom come. We pray for those who grieve... for those who are sick... for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection... Send forth comfort as only you can give... Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others, and remember our making. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

All: **Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. 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.

Words of Institution Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.

Communion Hymn No. 498 "Loaves Were Broken"
(Communion Servers, please come forward.) *Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion (from Revelation 7:9-17)

One: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

All: **"Salvation belongs to our "God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

One: And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

All: **"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!"**

***Hymn No. 298** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 543** "O Christ, Surround Me" v. 5
"Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me."

Postlude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" - arr. Ross

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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Communion Servers	Sandy Lovelace, Bev Ballard, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Liturgist	Vicki Downing
Greeter	Renee Sheridan
Ushers	Dave Nicaastro, Cathy Russo, Linda Waller, Karen Daly
Tellers	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly
Coffee Hour Host	Marilyn Rabbai



Flowers This Week

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are in honor of Beverly Currier, given by her family.

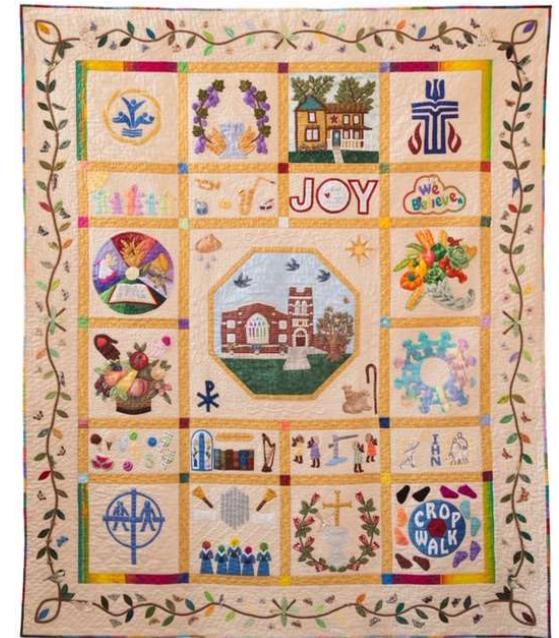
Music Notes 🎵

Today's prelude is Benjamin Culli's 2012 arrangement of the hymn tune "Abbot's Leigh," named for a village near Bristol, England where it was first composed by Cyril Vincent Taylor. The offertory is Wayne Wold's unexpectedly mystical arrangement of the tune "Beach Spring," a melody that first appeared in the American "Sacred Harp" songbook of 1844. The postlude was written in 2015 by British conductor and composer Graham Ross (b. 1985). The tune on which it is based, "Ellacombe," made its first appearance

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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