

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation (Matthew 25:21)

‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”’

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “For the First Sunday of Lent” - Near

Call to Worship (Psalm 51:15-17)

One: O Lord, open my lips

All: **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

One: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

All: **You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

One: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All: **A broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise. Amen.**

*Hymn No. 783 “When We Are Tested”

Prayer of Confession (The Worship Sourcebook)

One: Jesus the Christ,
you refused to turn stones into bread.

All: **Save us from using our power,
however little,
to satisfy the demands of selfishness
in the face of the greater needs of others.**

One: Jesus the Christ,
you refused to leap from the temple top.

All: **Save us from displaying our skills,
however modest,
to win instant popularity
in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

One: Jesus the Christ,
you refused to bend the knee to a false god.

All: **Save us from offering our devotion,
however weak,
to cheap and easy religion
in the face of the harder path
on which you bid us to follow you.**

One: Jesus the Christ,

All: **Give us wisdom to discern evil,
and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive
help us to choose the will of God.**

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Psalm 37:23-24)

One: Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when God delights in our way;
Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.

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

*Hymn No. 646 “Sing Out, My Soul”

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem “Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” – Shute – *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

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| 1. | Romans 5:12-19 | NT 156 | LP 189 |
| 2. | Matthew 4:1-11 | NT 3 | LP 3-4 |

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Little Things” - Rev. Drew Harrison

Lament for Lent *Gun Violence*

Hymn No. 471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. (sung 3x)

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 “Meditation on Three Lenten Hymn Tunes” - Callahan

*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

Faithful God, we are more than grateful for what you’ve given us. Accept our offerings as tokens of thanks and teach us to be as generous as you are. 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.**

Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Drew Harrison

Communion Hymn No. 523 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
(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

Lord God,
in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory;
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

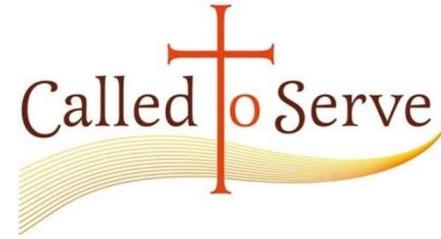
***Hymn No. 775** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 448** "Peace of God Be with You"
Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Sa-laam, sa-laam.
Peace of God be with you.

Postlude "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" - arr. Burkhardt

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



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Acolyte	Bailey Wichart
Communion Servers	Betsy Wriggins, Lionel Stewart, Jennifer Hwang, Stephen Hwang
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Liturgist	Betsy Wriggins
Ushers	Dave Nicaastro, Cathy Russo, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing
Coffee Hr. Host	Session



Music Notes

Today's prelude comes from Gerald Near's 2012 collection of Gregorian chant tunes compiled, arranged for organ, and organized according to the liturgical year. In the offertory, composer Charles Callahan combines a Latvian folk tune, "By the Babylonian Rivers," a Gregorian chant, "O Sun of Justice, Jesus Christ," and a hymn by John Ireland, "My Song Is Love Unknown." We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

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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