

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Reading is the careful study of the Scriptures, and the concentrations of one’s powers on it. Meditation is the busy application of the mind to seek with the help of one’s own reason for knowledge of hidden truth. Prayer is the heart’s devoted turning to God to drive away evil and obtain what is good. Contemplation is when the mind is in some sort lifted to God and held above itself, so that it tastes the joys of everlasting sweetness.”

Or in other words...

“Reading Scripture seeks for sweetness of a blessed life, meditation perceives it, prayer asks for it, contemplation tastes it. Reading, as it were, puts food whole into the mouth, meditation chews it and breaks it up, prayer extracts its flavor, contemplation is the sweetness itself which gladdens and refreshes the soul.”

-Guigo II, 12th Century Carthusian monk

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” - arr. Hobby

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 23)

One: We are gathered as a faithful flock.
All: Christ is our Shepherd and our Lord.
One: Though shadows fall on our path,
All: The Word of God is our light and our sword.
One: When trouble comes we shall not fear,
All: For we know that our Lord is ever near. Amen.

\*Hymn No. 490 “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

Prayer of Renewal

Lord, too often our prayers are just words that rest on the surface of our lips. We confess our sins, but never search our hearts thoroughly in order to change. We thank you for things we think we have accomplished alone. We ask for things we don’t believe you can deliver. Let us not be shallow in our prayers. Help us to plumb the depths of your word in prayer, and uncover the truths you have stored up for us. May we unite our souls to you, so that we reflect your divine image in all we do.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Hymn No. 584 “Glory, Glory, Glory”
“Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.”

Passing of Peace

Anthem Tyler Bell Choir – “Just As I Am” - arr. McChesney

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.
Adults: God be with you there.
Children: God be with you here.

Scripture Psalm 23 (OT 501-2 / LP 617)

Sermon “Read it again, with feeling!” –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters” - arr. Bottomley

\*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

We offer these gifts with deep gratitude for the blessings we have received and we earnestly pray that this offering be used to enrich the lives of others. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Nic Albadine, Andy Roesler, Toshi Jurkiewicz, Linda Waller, Allison Daminger, Lynda Ford, the family of Helen Taylor, Sharon Conley, Shirley Murphy, Douglas Hoffman, Michael Allen, Patricia Collins, Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, Dolores Cheesman and family, Fred & Doris Oltmann, Gary Wriggins, Cathy Russo, Marie Roberts, Deborah McLaverty, Dot Clay, Glenn Raudenbush, Erin Fitzpatrick, Montana Lovelace-LaPierre

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. 803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 540 “Farewell, Good Friends!”
“Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom. Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.”

Postlude “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters” - arr. Wold

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\*Please stand as you are able.

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera’s focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.

Please promptly pick your children up from Sunday School at the conclusion of our worship service, and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall – all are welcome!



Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Title: Thank you to our Worship Servers. Rows include Acolyte (Kara Conley), Liturgist (Sue Hummel), Greeter (Jen Hwang), Ushers (Ron Griffith, Barb Griffith, Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt), Tellers (Jean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Darlene Powell), Officer of the Mo. (Mike Jurkiewicz).



*Notes*

Today's prelude is Robert Hobby's 2008 setting of the tune "Resignation," an American folk hymn which first appeared in an 1835 collection called "Southern Harmony." The offertory is a 2013 arrangement of "Beach Spring," a tune first published in 1844 in Philadelphia in a volume called "Sacred Harp." We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



*Happy Birthday to You*

- March 26     *Stephanie Lai*
- March 31     *Meri Reed*
- March 31     *John Gallo*
- April 1       *Harry Salotti*
- April 1       *Maggie Carson*



*May All Your  
Wishes Come True*



*March 26 to April 2*

Sunday 26	<b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice <b>2 PM</b> Congregational Life Sunday (Presbytery of West Jersey) – Presbyterian Church of Hammonton <b>5 PM</b> Jazz Vespers – Christopher Davis-Shannon Trio – Sanctuary/Social Hall
Monday 27	<b>6:15 PM</b> Music Staff Meeting – Up Kitchen <b>7 PM</b> Worship Committee – Up Kitchen
Tuesday 28	<b>7:15 PM</b> Stephen Ministries – Up Kitchen
Wednesday 29	<b>7 PM</b> PNC – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 30	<b>7 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>8 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 31	
Saturday 1	
Sunday 2	<b>8:30 AM</b> Deacons – Memorial Lounge <b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice <b>6 PM</b> Youth Group – Social Hall

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