

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Sunday, May 28, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Action springs not from thought but from a readiness for responsibility.”
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude Tyler Bell Choir – “Band of Brothers Theme” - Kamen

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 68)

One: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

All: **We will call out to the Lord, the rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.**

One: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

All: **God is Sovereign over the earth, a defender of the defenseless, and parent to orphans;**

One: Our God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives. God binds our wounds and binds us together bringing forth restoration and justice in the world.

All: **The Church creates families for those who are alone, and the followers of Christ are called to lead captives to freedom and break the yoke of oppression.**

One: Let us proclaim the power of God!

All: **O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.**

*Hymn No. 340 “This is My Song”

Prayer of Renewal

God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you. Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery. We are yours and we claim you as our God. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ’s sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

*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

Anthem Tyler Bell Choir – “Rise Up, O Church of God” - arr. Waldrop

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 Acts 1:6-14 (NT 118 | LP 143)

Sermon “Don’t Just Stand There!” –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “This Is My Song” - 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

Ever-present and loving God, your word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us. In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves, to you. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs, both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones. Inspire each of us to live as Christ’s witnesses, today and ever more. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please contact the church office for a copy of the prayer list.

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. 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 295 “Go to the World!”

“Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry ‘Amen!’ Alleluia. Alleluia.”

Postlude “Festive Postlude” - Powell

**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!

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Jordan Riggs
Liturgist	Dave Nicastro
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Ron Griffith, Bobbie Griffith, Pat Meudt, Denny Meudt
Tellers	Carol Schoepske, Terri Lovelace, John Fitzpatrick

Music Notes

Today's prelude and offertory were chosen especially for those we honor on Memorial Day. The offertory is Franklin Ashdown's 2016 arrangement of the tune "Finlandia," originally written by composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) as part of a patriotic tone poem. The postlude was composed in 1981 by Robert Powell. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



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This Week's Birthdays

- May 28 | Jared Kowalik
- May 29 | Evy Gallo
- May 30 | Fred Oltmann
- May 30 | Shannon Burke
- May 31 | Eric Bogardus
- June 1 | Lisa Fisher
- June 4 | Derrick Musselman
- June 4 | Olivia Weng

<i>This Week May 28-June 4</i>	
Sunday 28	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers 11:15 AM Christian Education – Up Kitchen
Monday 29	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday 30	6:15 PM Worship Staff – Up Kitchen 7 PM Worship Committee – Up Kitchen
Wednesday 31	
Thursday 1	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 2	
Saturday 3	
Sunday 4	<i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers 12 PM Annual Church Picnic – Social Hall 3 PM Piano Recital – Sanctuary/Choir Room Reception



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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