

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 27, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘[T]here is no point in leveling an attack against selfishness, or in exhorting people to get busy and help others...[for] whether people serve themselves or serve others is not in their power to choose. This is decided wholly in terms of the kind of world in which they think they live, in terms of the kind of power they see ruling the roost. The issue lies at the level of the god they worship and not in the kind of person that they may want to be. In New Testament terms, they live or die according to the kind that holds them and the kingdom to which they belong.’

-Arthur McGill, *Suffering: A Test of Theological Method*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” - arr. Sedio

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 124)

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side

All: when our enemies attacked us, when their anger was kindled against us;

One: then the flood would have swept us away,

All: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

One: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

***Hymn No. 223** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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/Special Music “Swing Low!” - arr. Snyder
The Magnolias



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

First Reading: *Romans 12:1-8* NT 161-2 LP 196-7

Second Reading: *Exodus 1:15-21* OT 49 LP 61

Sermon “On Who is in Charge” –Rev. Drew Harrison

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - arr. Farlee

***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**

God whose giving knows no ending, accept our gifts as signs of our thanks, and teach us to live lives that reflect our gratitude.

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. 63** “The Lord is God”

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 “They’ll Know We Are Christians” - arr. Schelat

**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.

Every Sunday, please join us in the Social Hall following worship service for coffee and fellowship at “Coffee Hour.” All are welcome.

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Bailey Wichart
Liturgist	Stephen Hwang
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Ron Griffith, Barb Griffith, Karen Daly, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Dan Enright, Liz Degori, Darlene Powell



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Music Notes

Today's prelude is Mark Sedio's 2017 setting of the 19th century hymn tune "Lord, Revive Us." The offertory is based "Rockingham Old," the alternate tune for "Hamburg," to which the text "When I Survey" is commonly set. The postlude is by locally-sourced composer David Schelat (from Delaware). Speaking of local sourcing, we thank the Magnolias for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> August 27-September 3	
Sunday 27	10 AM Worship
Monday 28	6:15 PM Worship Staff Mtg. – Up Kitchen 7 PM Worship Committee – Up Kitchen
Tuesday 29	6 PM Weekday Preschool Orientation – Sanctuary
Wednesday 30	4:30 PM Summer Lunch Distribution – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 31	
Friday 1	
Saturday 2	
Sunday 3	8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship



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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This Week's Birthdays

August 29	Camille Luby
September 2	Dena Bogardus
September 3	Dave Gerace
<i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i>	

