

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

*New Year's Day,
Second Sunday in Christmas Tide
Celebrating the Name of Christ*

Sunday, January 1, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“My hope for you is that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.” -Author *Neil Gaiman*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Noel” (Variations 1, 2 & 3) - D'Aquin

Call to Worship

One: A new year has come! A new day has begun!

All: **A child has been born, and the light of God grows ever brighter in the world.**

One: What has past is over and done. See God is doing a new thing!

All: **Our sorrow is wiped away, and a new path lies before us.**

One: Today is a new day filled with hope and promise. This will be a good year.

All: **For, we will trust in the Lord and goodness shall follow us the rest of our days.**

***Hymn No. 150** “As With Gladness Men of Old”

Prayer of Renewal

O Lord our God, you know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Give us your help and healing in our lives that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy. Amen.

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

Special Music “Watch Night” - Thornton - *Erica Scanlon Harr*, soloist

“From a season of light to the dawn of new day; from the darkness of night, heaven and earth passed away; give us newness of life, justice, peace without strife so the year that begins may be love. Time for birth, life, and death filled with sadness and joy; God has given us new breath, grace that we may employ in the toils of our days, faith that never will sway so the year that awaits may be joy. Holy city from heaven, God has built it on earth; that all people may live joined with Christ in new birth. God has made all things new, holy righteous and true, so the year that unfolds may be peace.”

Time with Children

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture 2 Peter 3:1-9
NT 237-8
LP 288-9

Sermon “All in God's Time” –*Rev. C. Paul Grenier*

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “Ding Dong Merrily on High/O Sanctissima” - arr. Hayes
Ed Mitchell, piano

***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**

Eternal Lord, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: we give this offering in the name of Jesus Christ, in the hope that others may come to know your saving grace.

The Prayers of the People

Dolores Cheesman and family, the family of Debbie Rose, the family of Kay Euler, Tom Hahn, the family of Dan Romano, the family of Helen Fitzpatrick, Ken Swain, Bobbi Wilkins, Helena Roberts, the family of Eric King, Joe Carmichael, Bill McFarland, Fred & Doris Oltmann, the family of Betty Mixner, Carol Owens, the family of Kevin & Liz Gianfortune, Colleen Printy, Gary Wriggins, Cathy Russo, Debby Guarni, the family of Leslie Smathers, Jackie Kummer, Jennette Roesly, Jim McNabb, Marie Roberts, Deborah McLaverty, the family of Earl Warner, Robert Kressly, John Tignor, Nic Albadine, Dot Clay, Dorothy Weir, Rachel Ledden-Albadine, Betzaida Plaza, Kyle Hayes, Lorraine Kaltreider, Renee Farrell, Glenn Raudenbush, George Gruber, 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. 152** “What Star Is This?”

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 “Noel” (Variations 5 & 8) - D'Aquin

**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.



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

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Will Enever
Liturgist	Jennifer Grenier
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing, Margaret Ginter, Peggy Price
Tellers	Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing, Nancy Stewart
Officer of the Month	Peggy Price



Music Notes

Today's prelude and postlude are taken from a set of variations by a French composer of Jewish ancestry, Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772). He was a child prodigy and performed for the court of Louis XIV at the age of six. In 1755 he became organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. Our special music comes from a tradition of Watch Night services on New Year's Eve, and is taken from the African American hymnal, "Zion Still Sings." We thank Erica Scanlon Harr and Ed Mitchell for sharing special music with us this morning.

Birthdays of the Week

January 1 to 8

- 1 John Donofrio, Emily Owens
- 3 Gregory Leach
- 4 Kathy Morgan-Wible
- 5 Karen Conroy-Groban, Vince Gerace
- 6 Greg Golden, Anthony Corma
- 7 Renee Sheridan
- 8 Debby Leach



This Week's Calendar

January 1 to 8

Sunday 1	New Year's Day 10 AM Worship (no communion) 6 PM Youth Group – Social Hall
Monday 2	Church Office Closed
Tuesday 3	6 PM Invitation & Outreach – ML
Wednesday 4	
Thursday 5	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 6	
Saturday 7	
Sunday 8	8:30 AM Deacons – ML 10 AM Worship (with communion) 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers 11:15 AM Taking Down the Tree – Sanctuary

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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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