

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
*The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany &
the Ordination of the Elders*

Sunday, February 19, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Sex is the most wonderful thing on this earth, as long as God is in it. When the Devil gets in it, it’s the most terrible thing on this earth.”

-Billy Graham, Just As I Am

“The way you make love, is the way God will be with you.”

-Rumi, The Book of Love

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “God of the Sparrow” - arr. Powell

Call to Worship

One: God is Love, and we are welcomed with open arms.

All: Lord, teach us to love more openly.

One: God is love, and God knows each hair on our heads.

All: Lord, teach us to love more thoughtfully.

One: God is love, and God desires us to be with him forever.

All: Lord, teach us to love more passionately.

One: God is love and God forgives all and cherishes all.

All: Lord, teach us to love unconditionally.

***Hymn No. 22** “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer of Renewal (RCL Collect)

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Anthem “Amazing Grace” - arr. Keesecker – *Sanctuary Choir*

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 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 & 32-35 (NT 169-170, LP 206, 207)

Sermon “The Many Meanings of V-Day!” –Rev. C. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” - arr. 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**

Love is a gift that always demands something of the giver. Today we give this offering as a sign of our love for the one who first loved us. May it be worthy of the one who lives and reigns forever in our hearts. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The family of Helen Taylor, Evelyn Dedinas, Sharon Conley, Shirley Murphy, Douglas Hoffman, Michael Allen, John Tignor, Myles Golden, Patricia Collins, Joyce Stewart, Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, the family of the Rev. Dr. Kate Killebrew, Rev. Keith Reed, 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, Carol Owens, the family of Kevin & Liz Gianfortune, Colleen Printy, Gary Wriggins, Cathy Russo, Debby Guarni, Jackie Kummer, Jennette Roesly, Marie Roberts, Deborah McLaverty, Robert Kressly, Nic Albadine, Dot Clay, Rachel Ledden-Albadine, Betzaida Plaza, Lorraine Kaltreider, Renee Farrell, 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.

Ordination of the Elders *Jason Russell, Carol Owens*

Welcoming of the Trustees *Jill Waselik, Bobbi Wilkins, Bob Webb*

***Hymn No. 463** “How Firm A Foundation”

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 “How Firm A Foundation” - arr. Culli

**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 please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall – all are welcome!



Sanctuary Flowers

Given by Barry, Merri, & Meredith Owen in honor of James & Margaret Fortney’s Wedding Anniversary



Today's offertory was chosen from an album of spirituals for keyboard in celebration of African American History month. The anthem is Thomas Keesecker's 2016 setting of the text of "Amazing Grace" to the tune of "House of the Rising Sun." The arranger writes that he was inspired by a performance of the Blind Boys of Alabama on a PBS special. The postlude is Benjamin Culli's 2012 setting of the shape-note tune, "Foundation." We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, the chair of the Property Committee in conjunction with the pastor shall make a decision regarding cancellation of services by 7 AM Sunday. In the event of cancellation, either the pastor or the Property chair will update the website, Facebook, and social media. In addition, the pastor will record an announcement on the church answering machine. The pastor will call all appropriate chairs.

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Freddy Ferraro
Liturgist	Vicki Downing
Greeter	Joan Wagner
Ushers	Bobbi Wilkins, Margaret Ginter, Dave Nicastro, Nancy Stewart
Tellers	Jean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Bob Webb
Officer of the Month	Jeff Downing



Happy Birthday to You

- February 20 *Doris Oltmann*
- February 21 *Mike Lowe*
- February 22 *Karen Daly*
- February 24 *Owen White-Lindstedt*
- February 26 *Noah Tamaska*

This Week's Calendar

February 19 to 26

Sunday 19	10 AM Worship/Ordination of the Elders 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Education – Up Kitchen
Monday 20	Presidents' Day – Church Office Closed 6:15 PM Liturgy Mtg. – Up Kitchen 7 PM Worship Committee – Up Kitchen
Tuesday 21	
Wednesday 22	7 PM Pastor Nominating Committee – ML
Thursday 23	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 24	
Saturday 25	2 PM Youth Group Nerfapoolooza!
Sunday 26	10 AM Worship (Blanket Sunday) 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice

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