

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
The Second Sunday in Lent, Daylight Savings Day,
& the Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, March 12, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

“To live without speaking is better than to speak without living. For the former who lives rightly does good even by his silence but the latter does no good even when he speaks. When words and life correspond to one another they are together the whole of philosophy.”

-Isidore of Pellusia (b.? - d. 450)

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude (silence)

Call to Worship

One: Friends, Let us listen for the word of the Lord, this day and ever more.

All: We will open our ears and hear what God has revealed!

One: The Lord is still speaking to his people; with every thunder clap, musical note and child’s cry we listen for the word of the Lord.

All: To those who have ears let them hear!

One: The Lord is still speaking to his people; with every pregnant pause, whispered word, and still silence, we listen for the Word of the Lord.

All: To those who have ears let them hear!

One: I tell you the Lord is with us now and forever, if we can only be still and know God’s presence.

All: We will open our hearts and minds to the Lord. For in him we live, and move and have our being. Amen.

***Hymn No. 215** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Prayer of Renewal

Too often we are quick to speak and slow to listen. We rebuke our neighbors before we hear their words. With prideful hearts we think we understand the ways of others, when we barely understand ourselves. Lord, help us to look inward before lashing out. Help us to listen in order to understand, rather than to criticize. And in our moment of silence help us to humble our hearts so we may perceive your forgiving grace.

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

(For this service we ask that you pass the peace in silence. Look into your neighbor’s eyes and share the peace with a smile, a handshake, a hug, or some other silent but meaningful gesture.)

Anthem “Sanctuary” - arr. Larson – *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children

The Sacrament of Baptism *Aaron & Alexa Riggs*

Son and daughter of Steven & Amy Riggs

Assisted by Elder Gina Foster



(Please remain seated.)

***Baptism Hymn No. 487** “These Treasured Children” (verses 1 & 5)

Congregation Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Aaron and Alexa into the care of and ministry of this church, for we are all one in Christ.

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 Kings 19:9-16** (OT 326 / LP 404-5)

Sermon “Silence is Golden So Let’s All Be Rich” –*Rev. Paul Grenier*

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” - arr. Blersch

***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**

Lord, you judge us, not by outward appearances but by the quality of our hearts. As we give so shall we receive. May this offering be judged by the spirit in which it is given, and the blessings it will bring to others. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Linda Waller, Allison Daminger, Lynda Ford, the family of Helen Taylor, Sharon Conley, Shirley Murphy, Douglas Hoffman, Michael Allen, John Tignor, Patricia Collins, Joyce Stewart, Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, Dolores Cheesman and family, Ken Swain, Fred & Doris Oltmann, Gary Wriggins, Cathy Russo, Marie Roberts, Deborah McLaverty, Dot Clay, Rachel Ledden-Albadine, 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. 292** “As the Wind Song”

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 “Wondrous Love” - arr. Dahl

**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	Kathie Daly
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Nancy Stewart, Vicki Downing
Officer of the Month	Mike Jurkiewicz



Today's offertory is Jeffrey Blersch's 2016 setting of a 16th century hymn, from a newly published collection commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The postlude is taken from David Dahl's 2010 set of variations on the tune "Wondrous Love," an early American shape-note hymn from southern Appalachia. This particular variation is inspired by the fourth verse; "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on..." We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

Happy Birthday to You

- March 12 Glenn Raudenbush
- March 13 John Wallace
- March 13 Jessica Scanlon
- March 14 Torey Langlois
- March 14 Patty Januszewski
- March 18 Helen Loeb
- March 18 Stacey Sharpe
- March 19 Karla Langlois

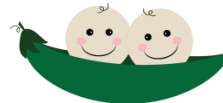


This Week's Calendar March 12 to 19

Sunday 12	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 3 PM Organ Birthday Concert & Reception – Sanctuary/Social Hall
Monday 13	7 PM Property Committee – Church Library
Tuesday 14	
Wednesday 15	10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life – Church Library 7 PM PNC – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 16	9 AM Preschool Someone Special Day – SH 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 17	
Saturday 18	9:30 AM Grace Circle – Off Site
Sunday 19	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Cmmte. – Up Kitchen



Sanctuary Flowers
Given by the Riggs Family in celebration of
Aaron and Alexa's baptisms



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN PITMAN

"God's Open House"

10 Wildwood Avenue
Pitman, NJ 08071
(856) 589-1050



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

www.pitmanpres.org
office.pitmanpres@verizon.net