

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 25, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation
“To be chosen as the beloved of God is something radically different. Instead of excluding others, it includes others. Instead of rejecting others as less valuable, it accepts others in their own uniqueness. It is not a competitive, but a compassionate choice. Our minds have great difficulty in coming to grips with such a reality. Maybe our minds will never understand it. Perhaps it is only our hearts that can accomplish this. Every time we hear about 'chosen people', 'chosen talents', or 'chosen friends', we almost automatically start thinking about elites and find ourselves not far from feelings of jealousy, anger, or resentment. Not seldom has the perception of others as being chosen led to aggression, violence, and war.”
-Henri J.M. Nouwen

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Blessed Assurance” - arr. Hobby

Call to Worship
One: We gather together in the house of the Lord.
All: But we know our God has many houses in Heaven and on Earth.
One: We come to worship as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.
All: But we know that all people are children of God.
One: We know that though there are many people and many nations, there is but one God.
All: Let us worship the God who is love and the source of all goodness in the world with hymns of praise! Amen.

***Hymn No. 396** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Prayer of Renewal
(From the Final Statement of the Bose [Italy] meeting in 1997, “Theological Reflections on Interreligious Prayer”)
Kindle within us all the fire of your love, carry upon your wings the prayers of all men and women, o’ come, spirit of God, walk with us along the paths of life, embrace us all with the friendship of your love, take away barriers that divide us and make us pray together in spirit and in truth. O’ come, spirit of God, draw all peoples together and bring us into the mystery of your life. Teach us through the prayers of others, that you are God and no-one else. Enable us together to praise your name for evermore. 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
Pastor: “As-salāmu ‘alaykum”
(Translation = “Peace be upon you.”)
Congregation: “wa’alaykumu as-salām”
(Translation = “And upon you peace.”)

Anthem/Special Music “Sound the Trumpet” – Purcell
Women’s Ensemble

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 Genesis 21:8-21 [OT 17 | LP 20-21]

Sermon “The Many Children of God” –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” - arr. Carter

***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**
As we enter the season of summer vacations, we pray that we will not forget the one who makes all of our laughter and leisure possible. Accept these gifts, O’ God, and help us to continue to give in your name wherever we go. 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. 839** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

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 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” - arr. Walther

**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	
Liturgist	Sue Hummel
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Ron Griffith, Barb Griffith, Linda Waller, Karen Daly
Tellers	Nancy Stewart, Karen Daly, Ron Griffith



Music Notes

Today’s prelude is Robert Hobby’s 2014 setting of the gospel hymn tune “Assurance,” originally written by Phoebe Knapp (1830-1908). The postlude was written by celebrated Baroque composer Johann Gottfried Walther, a contemporary *and* a cousin of J. S. Bach. The anthem was composed by Henry Purcell, who brought a uniquely English style to Baroque music in the 17th century. We thank the Women’s Ensemble for sharing special music with us this morning.

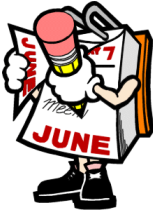


God’s blessings on all of our graduates
from preschool through college!

This Week’s Birthdays



June 25	Patrick Bergeron
June 27	Tom Kowalik
June 29	Bruce Roesler
June 29	Molly Fitzpatrick
June 30	Kathie Daly
May God bless you on your birthday.	



This Week’s Calendar June 25-July 2	
Sunday 25	10 AM Worship
Monday 26	
Tuesday 27	7:15 PM Stephen Ministry – Up Kitchen
Wednesday 28	8 AM Trustees – Church Library 4:30 PM Summer Lunch Distribution – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 29	
Friday 30	
Saturday 1	
Sunday 2	10 AM Worship

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

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