

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Jazz Vespers Sunday
 Sunday, September 24, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

'I felt like the Prodigal Son—I had not yet learned that the story in Luke 15 was actually about the older son, who is the one who is like church people, those who stayed on the farm (somebody has to), but couldn't take it unto himself to be grateful when his brother came home. I wanted to become more like Jesus, wondering what he would say or do had he been where I was.' -*Krister Stendahl*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "As I Went Down to the River to Pray" - arr. Petersen

Call to Worship (*St. John Chrysostom*)

One: If anyone has labored from the first hour,
All: let them today receive the just reward.
 One: If anyone has come at the third hour,
All: with thanksgiving let them feast.
 One: If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour,
All: let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss.
 One: If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour,
All: let them draw near without hesitation.
 One: If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour,
All: let them not fear on account of tardiness.
For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first.

***Hymn No. 770** "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we know that your love for us is abundant, but we have trouble believing it. We are jealous of your blessings given to others. We are afraid there won't be enough for us. We think of ourselves first, and forget that your son taught us to serve. Forgive us, Lord, and reveal to us your abundant love, that we may rejoice in the blessings of our neighbors and humbly follow in the footsteps of your son, Jesus Christ.

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 "Beautiful Savior" - arr. Van Klay - *Tyler Bell 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

First Reading: *Exodus 16:2-15* OT 62-3 LP 78
 Second Reading: *Matthew 20:1-16* NT 21-2 LP 26

Sermon "Late to the Party" - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory "Cantus Aethereum" (Ethereal Song) - Ashdown

***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**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

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. 852** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 62 "Love the Lord Your God"
 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are."

Postlude "Incantations" - Fedak

**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 | |
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| Liturgist | Barry Owen |
| Greeters | The Golden Family |
| Ushers | Karen Daly, Linda Waller, Bobbi Wilkins, Margaret Ginter |
| Tellers | Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly |



Music Notes

Today's prelude is taken from the "Starry Crown Suite," written by Lynn Petersen in 2007 for the AGO regional convention in Portland, Oregon. The offertory is a 2016 composition by Franklin Ashdown, who describes it as "...a simple 3-minute work based on an original plainsong-like melody." The postlude was chosen especially for this week's celebration of Rosh Hashana, and is based on chants from the Synagogue. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

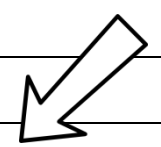


This Week's Birthdays

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| September 24 | Treacey Nicaastro |
| September 25 | Jen Hwang |
| September 25 | Wesley Hoffman |
| September 27 | Barry Owen |
| September 27 | Paul Loeb |
| September 30 | Loren Golden |
| September 30 | Hannah Grace Lindstedt |
| October 1 | Pete Vignola |
| October 1 | Debby Guarni |
| October 1 | Presley Albadine |
| <i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i> | |

This Week's Calendar | September 24-October 1

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| <i>Sunday</i> September 24 | 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall |
| <i>Monday</i> September 25 | 6:15 PM Liturgical Music Meeting – Upstairs Kitchen 6:30 PM PCoC Community Prayer Service – Grove Auditorium 7 PM Worship Committee Meeting – Upstairs Kitchen |
| <i>Tuesday</i> September 26 | 7:15 PM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen |
| <i>Wednesday</i> September 27 | 8 AM Trustees – Church Library 11:30 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen |
| <i>Thursday</i> September 28 | 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| <i>Friday</i> September 29 | |
| <i>Saturday</i> September 30 | 6 PM 1930's Dinner – Social Hall |
| <i>Sunday</i> October 1 | 8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 6 PM Youth Group – Social Hall |



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Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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