

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ  
World Communion Sunday  
Family First Sunday  
Sunday, October 1, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

'The danger is not lest the soul should doubt whether there is any bread, but lest, by a lie, it should persuade itself that it is not hungry.'  
-Simone Weil

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** "Let All Things Now Living" - Welsh folk melody - *Jillian Lai*, piano

**Call to Worship** (Adapted from a prayer by Gord Waldie)

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**All: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**All: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**All: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

**\*Hymn No. 137** "He Came Down"

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you always keep your promises, but we do not. We say we want to follow Jesus, but our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you. Lord, forgive us and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, that we offer to you in silence...

**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** "Let Everyone Shout and Sing" – Poorman – *Sunshine Singers*

**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: *Matthew 21:28-32* NT 23-4 LP 28-9  
Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-13* NT 197 LP 240-1

**Sermon** "Getting a Boost" –Rev. Drew Harrison

**Presentation of Tithes/Offering**

**Offertory** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" - arr. Maxwell

**\*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**

**Gracious God, you share more than we could ever hope to deserve. Please accept our humble gifts. May they glorify you and help us work together to help people. Amen.**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

**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.**

**Words of Institution** Rev. Drew Harrison

**\*Communion Hymn No. 530** "One Bread, One Body"

(Communion Servers, please come forward.)

*Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

**The Sharing of the Supper**

**Unison Prayer After Communion** (Written by Matt Gaventa)

**Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 727** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

**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** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" - arr. Behnke

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*\*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.



*This Week's Birthdays*

<b>October 1</b>	Pete Vignola
<b>October 1</b>	Debby Guarni
<b>October 1</b>	Presley Albadine
<b>October 2</b>	Charles Unger
<b>October 2</b>	Margaret Ginter
<b>October 3</b>	Suzanne Carson
<b>October 4</b>	Fred Wagner
<b>October 5</b>	Dave Owens
<b>October 6</b>	Becky Roesler
<b>October 8</b>	Bobbi Wilkins
<b>October 8</b>	Mitchell Conley

*May God bless you on your birthday.*

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Communion Servers	Jennifer Grenier, Jim Smathers, Barb Stech, Dave Nicastro
Liturgists	Sunday School Students, Connie Bradley
Greeters	Owens Family
Ushers	Sunday School Students, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Dan Enright, Liz Degori, Darlene Powell

*Music Notes*

Today's prelude is known as the folk song "Ash Grove" in Wales, but it has also inspired several different sacred hymn texts. The offertory is David Maxwell's 2013 setting of the tune "Servant Song" by Richard Gillard. The postlude was chosen especially in celebration of Worldwide Communion and is based on a Jamaican folk tune, adapted by Doreen Potter and given a communion text by Fred Kaan, who nicknamed it "Communion Calypso." Its international debut came in 1975 when this hymn was sung at the World Council of Churches Nairobi Assembly. We thank Jillian Lai and the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



This Week's Calendar   October 1-8	
<i>Sunday</i> October 1	<b>8:30 AM</b> Deacons – Memorial Lounge <b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice <b>6 PM</b> Youth Group – Social Hall
<i>Monday</i> October 2	<b>7 PM</b> Session – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> October 3	<b>6:30 PM</b> Invitation & Outreach – Memorial Lounge
<i>Wednesday</i> October 4	<b>6 PM</b> Presbyterian Women's Fall Association Meeting – Social Hall (Soup & Bread)
<i>Thursday</i> October 5	<b>7 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>8 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> October 6	
<i>Saturday</i> October 7	
<i>Sunday</i> October 8	<b>10 AM</b> Worship (No Sunshine Singers Practice Today)

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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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