

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 8, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

'This is what the Passion is, not simply to see suffering as in a play or a Greek tragedy, but to share in suffering, to weep as Jesus wept at the brokenness of what is meant to be whole, to see as thing as it is meant to be and to experience it broken, fractured, and shattered, not just the Savior's body but the body of the whole world; to suffer with indignity and inhumanity, to weep at injustice and crime, and violence and deprivation and depravity, to enter into the sorrows of another as if they were our own, because they are our own.' –Rev. Peter Gomes

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Chant de Paix" (Song of Peace) - Langlais

Call to Worship

One: They say in their heart, "God has forgotten;
God's face is hidden; God will never notice."

**All: Rise up, O Lord; lift up your hand, O God;
do not forget the afflicted.**

One: Why should the wicked revile God?
Why should they say in their heart you do not care?

**All: Surely you behold trouble and misery;
you see it and take it into your own hand.**

One: The helpless commit themselves to you,
for you are the helper of orphans.

**All: Break the power of the wicked and evil;
search out their wickedness until you find none.**

One: The Lord is sovereign forever and ever;
the ungodly shall perish from your land.

**All: The Lord will hear the desire of the humble;
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;
to give justice to the orphan and oppressed,
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.**

***Hymn No. 61** "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we are overwhelmed by the disaster and violence of our world. And we confess that we have some part of it. We have not made peace as we should. We have let your children's cries go unheard. We have given up on hope. Purify our hearts from sin and selfishness, so that we may hear your word of hope anew. Reassure us of your presence, and comfort us in our grief, that we may face the day with renewed hope in your power to bring life, peace, and healing into the world.

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 "Life Calls Us On" – Shelton - *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

First Reading: *Psalm 22:1-21* OT 500-01 LP 615-16

Second Reading: *Matthew 27:45-56* NT 33 LP 40

Sermon "Thirst" –Rev. Drew Harrison

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory "God of Mercy, You Have Shown Us" - arr. Wold

***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 Prayers of the People

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** "God of Mercy, You Have Shown Us" (tune: Beach Spring)

*see insert

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 "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect" - 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.



Every Sunday, please join us in the Social Hall following worship service for coffee and fellowship at "Coffee Hour." All are welcome.



Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of Salvatore & Marie D'Onofrio,
given by John Donofrio Family



This Week's Birthdays

October 8	Bobbi Wilkins
October 8	Mitchell Conley
October 9	Rev. Paul Grenier
October 9	Ginnie Mitchell
October 13	Steve Riggs
October 14	Pete Vignola, Jr.
October 15	Sara Mead
<i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i>	

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Music Notes

Today's prelude was published in 1945 in Paris. The composer, Jean Langlais, was organist at the famous cathedral of Saint Clothilde. Blind from the age of two, he became a celebrated performer, and gave more than 300 concerts in North America. The offertory is Wayne Wold's contemporary arrangement of a Sacred Harp tune called "Beach Spring." The postlude is Johann Gottfried Walther's setting of a 17th century German chorale, "Christus, der is mein Leben" (For Me to Live is Jesus), which is also the melodic basis of our opening hymn. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Calendar | October 8-15

<i>Sunday</i> October 8	10 AM Worship (No Sunshine Singers Practice Today) 11 AM Youth Group Kick Off Event – Outside 11:15 AM Mission Market Organizational Meeting – Social Hall/Coffee Hour
<i>Monday</i> October 9	9 AM Girl Scouts Workshop – Social Hall 7 PM Property Committee – Church Library 7:30 PM CROP Walk Meeting – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> October 10	
<i>Wednesday</i> October 11	
<i>Thursday</i> October 12	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> October 13	
<i>Saturday</i> October 14	9:30 AM PW Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen 10 AM Girl Scouts Event – Social Hall
<i>Sunday</i> October 15	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Education Meeting – Up Kitchen 2 PM CROP Walk – Sunset Auditorium

Ushers & Greeters



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Nancy Stewart
Greeter	Sara Crispin
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Nancy Stewart, Vicki Downing



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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