

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 CROP Walk Sunday

Sunday, October 15, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘Every day of your life you face the possibility that a blessing in your life may be taken away. But blessings are only signs of God’s love. The real blessing, of course, is the love itself. Whenever we get too attached to the sign, we lose our grasp on the God who gave it to us. Churches are filled with widows who can explain this to you. We are not ultimately grateful that we are still holding our blessings. We are grateful that we are held by God even when the blessings are slipping through our fingers.’

-Craig Barnes

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Be Thou My Vision” - arr. Purifoy
 Lou Nicastro, alto saxophone

Call to Worship

One: O Lord, open my lips.
All: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
 One: The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy shall continue,
All: fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.
 One: The Lord is all I have,
All: in the Lord I put my hope.

***Hymn No. 363** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, we rejoice in your blessings, yet we often fail to live up to them. You call but we do not listen. We walk away from neighbors in need. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. Yet you still invite us to share in your grace and abundant love. Forgive us, Lord, and pour out your grace upon us, so that we might know your blessings and share them with one another.

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 “Give Me Jesus” - arr. Patterson - *Sanctuary Choir*
 Lou Nicastro, alto saxophone

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 32:1-14* OT 78 LP 97-8
 Second Reading: *Philippians 4:1-13* NT 198-9 LP 242-3

Sermon “Whatever is Commendable” –Rev. Drew Harrison

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “Give Me Jesus” - arr. Sims

***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

Please call 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. 539** “We Will Go Out with Joy”

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 “Rejoice, the Lord is King” - arr. Callahan, Hopson

**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 Craig Diem, given by Deborah Diem-Martin



Ushers & Greeters

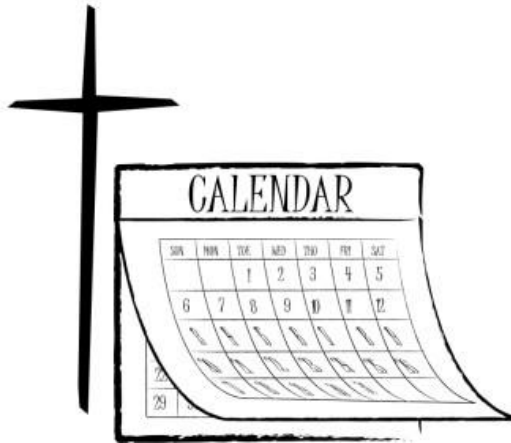


| Thank you to our Worship Servers | |
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| Liturgist | Dave Nicastro |
| Greeter | Elaine Scheetz |
| Ushers | Nancy Stewart, Dave Nicastro, John Fitzpatrick, Carol Schoepske |
| Tellers | Terri Lovelace, Bob Webb, Bobbi Wilkins, Steve Langlois |
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Music Notes

Today's prelude is John Purifoy's contemporary arrangement of the hymn tune "Slane," named for a hill near Tara, Ireland. The offertory is David Sims' 2017 setting of an African American spiritual. The postlude is a mash-up of two different composer's interpretations of the tune "Darwall's 148th," so named for its composer, John Darwall (1731-1789). We thank Lou Nicastro and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



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This Week's Birthdays

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| October 15 | Sara Mead |
| October 17 | Lynn Schoepske |
| October 17 | Joe Bradley |
| October 17 | Dan Dalesandro |
| October 17 | Emory Wichart |
| October 18 | Jacob Hwang |
| October 20 | Meredith Owen |
| October 20 | Kathi Lynch |
| October 21 | Shirley Love |
| October 22 | Lisa Conley |
| <i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i> | |

| <i>This Week's Calendar October 15-22</i> | |
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| <i>Sunday</i> October 15 | 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Education – Up Kitchen 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 2 PM CROP Walk – Sunset Auditorium (Registration @ 1:30 PM) |
| <i>Monday</i> October 16 | |
| <i>Tuesday</i> October 17 | |
| <i>Wednesday</i> October 18 | |
| <i>Thursday</i> October 19 | 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| <i>Friday</i> October 20 | <i>Office Closed</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> October 21 | 9:30 AM Grace Circle 5:30 PM I&O Game Night – Social Hall |
| <i>Sunday</i> October 22 | 10 AM Worship (No Sunshine Singers Practice Today) |



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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