

# The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 12, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

### For Prayer & Contemplation

Jesus came to take the sting out of death and to help us gradually realize that we don't have to be afraid of death, since death leads us to the place where the deepest desires of our hearts will be satisfied. It is not easy for us to truly believe that, but every little gesture of trust will bring us closer to this truth.

- Henri Nouwen

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Sursum Corda" (Lift Up Your Hearts) – arr. Culli

### Call to Worship

One: I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

**All: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with God there is great power to redeem.**

\*Hymn No. 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past we cannot change;  
open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow in your kindness and image;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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 Sanctuary Choir - "O God, Show Mercy to Us" - Holst

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 25:1-13* NT 28 LP 34

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* NT 204 LP 249

Sermon "Seeing Through Tears" –Rev. Drew Harrison

### Minute for Mission

### Invitation to Offering

Remembering the gift of God's love, let us offer our gifts to the Lord.  
Please join me in our Prayer of Dedication.

Offertory "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" - arr. Smith

### \*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.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment,  
may we become imitators of you, Gracious God,  
who holds nothing back from us,  
but is generous and gracious with all that is yours.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

- Tom Schuman

### 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. 625 "How Great Thou Art"

### 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 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" - arr. Post

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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.

*Flowers were offered this week in loving memory of Dorothy and Wallace Owen's wedding anniversary and were given by Barry, Merri and Meredith Owen.*

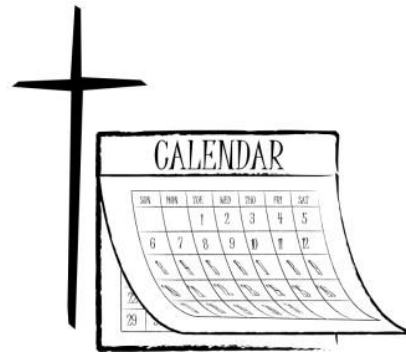


Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Jennifer Grenier
Greeter	Connie Bradley
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Nancy Stewart, Vicki Downing



<b>November 12</b>	Betsy Wriggins, Linda Richardson
<b>November 13</b>	Roy Langlois
<b>November 14</b>	Carol Owens
<b>November 16</b>	Alan Fisher, Elaine Kensil
<b>November 17</b>	Liz Degori
<b>November 18</b>	Terri Lovelace, Shari Hulitt, Rachael Lodholz

*May God bless you on your birthday.*



<i>This Week's Calendar</i>   November 12-18	
<i>Sunday</i> November 12	830am Veteran's Breakfast 10am Worship 3pm Presbytery's Installation of Rev. Drew Harrison
<i>Monday</i> November 13	430pm Taste of South Jersey – Adelphia Restaurant 7pm Property Committee – Church Library 730pm CROP Hunger Walk Committee – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> November 14	Mission Market
<i>Wednesday</i> November 15	Mission Market 1130am Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1pm Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 7pm Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> November 16	Mission Market 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Music Room 8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
<i>Friday</i> November 17	Mission Market
<i>Saturday</i> November 18	Mission Market Angel Tree tags

### *Music Notes*



Today's prelude is composer Benjamin Culli's 2009 setting of the hymn tune "Sursum Corda." The original melody was written to be a setting for the text "Lift up your hearts . . .," which, as explained last week, appears in the earliest liturgies of the Christian church. Its composer, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971), was born in Jenkintown, PA, attended the

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Divinity School and served as an Army chaplain in World War I. The offertory is a contemporary piano arrangement of William Bradbury's gospel hymn tune, "Solid Rock." The hymn's text by Edward Mote makes reference to the parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24-27) as well as the metaphor of Christ as a rock (1 Corinthians 10:4). We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

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