

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

We already possess all the gifts we need;
we've already received our presents . . .
hands to build true peace on earth
and to hold each other tight in love.
- Victoria Stafford

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

Call to Worship

by Andrew Black

One: Guided by the star we come
All: To pay homage to the Shepherd of Israel
One: Guided by the star we come
All: To kneel before the Light of the World.
One: Guided by the star we come
All: And we are overwhelmed with joy
One: Guided by the star we come to Worship
All: We come to celebrate the Christ, our Savior

*Hymn No. 152 "What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
whose Son is the gift our world needs,
we confess that we do not always bring our best to you.
We stay in comfortable routines, and do not seek you out.
We choose our own desires over your call.
Forgive us Lord, and redeem our meager offerings,
that we may be overwhelmed with the joy of your love.

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 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" – arr. Greene
Don Zimmerman, trumpet soloist

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: *Galatians 4:4-7* NT 189 LP 231

Second Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12* NT 2 LP 2

Sermon "Seeking"

Rev. Drew Harrison

Prayer and Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Remembering the gift of God's love, let us offer our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory "Carol of the Bells" – arr. Sorenson
Ed Mitchell and Marilyn Rabbai, piano duet

*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

We offer up our gifts in thanksgiving for the greatest gift, your Word who became flesh and lived among us. Shape us in his image, that we might bear witness to his glory in our lives. Amen.

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. 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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 "What Star Is This?" – arr. Graham

**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

Liturgist	Karen Daly
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Jennifer Grenier, Peggy Price, Linda Waller, Bobbi Wilkins
Tellers	Jean Brod, Bob Webb, Bobbi Wilkins

Music Notes



Today's anthem is J. William Greene's 2013 arrangement of the tune "Mendelssohn" for trumpet and organ. The offertory is Heather Sorenson's 2013 arrangement of "Carol of the Bells" by Mykola Leontovych. The postlude is a contemporary setting of "Puer Nobis," a tune written in the 16th century by

Michael Praetorius. Just before the end there is a quote of the three kings' music from "Amahl and the Night Visitors." We thank Don Zimmerman and Ed Mitchell for sharing special music with us this morning.

God bless you on your birthday.

January 1 John Donofrio
Emily Owens
January 3 Gregory Leach
January 4 Kathy Morgan-Wible
January 5 Vince Gerace
Karen Conroy-Grobman
January 6 Anthony Corma
Greg Golden



Sunday, December 31

940am Christmas Carols Hymn Sing
10am Worship Service
11am Taking down the Greens
1115am Sunshine Singers

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

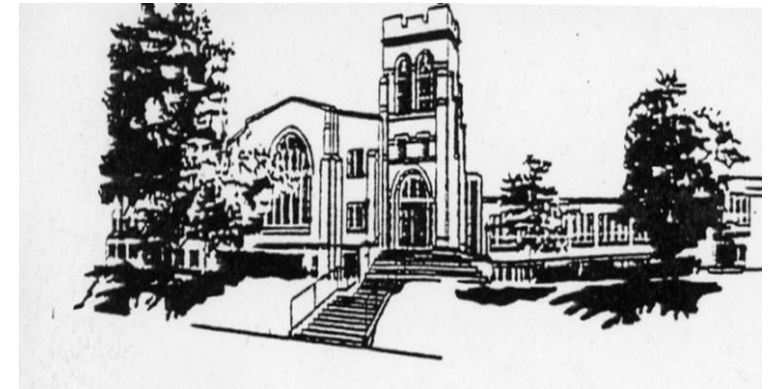
Thursday, January 4

7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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