

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Family Sunday

Sunday, January 7, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

As many as are persuaded and believe that what we teach and say is true, and undertake to be able to live accordingly, are instructed to pray and to entreat God with fasting, for the remission of their sins that are past, we praying and fasting with them. Then they are brought by us where there is water, and are regenerated in the same manner in which we were ourselves regenerated. For, in the name of God, the Father and Lord of the universe, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, they then receive the washing with water.

- Justin Martyr, *The First Apology of Justin*, c. 155 CE

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" – arr. Wagner
Linda Davis-Shannon, organ

Call to Worship *(adapted from Isaiah 43)*

One: But now thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

**All: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;**

One: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**All: Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you.**

One: Do not fear, for I am with you;
From east and west I will gather you.

**All: Everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.**

*Hymn No. 480 Sunshine Singers - "Take Me to the Water"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn No. 583 "Glory to God"

"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory
to God, alleluia, alleluia!"

Passing of Peace

Anthem Family Choir - "The New Year Carol" – Britten

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: Acts 19:1-7 NT 139 LP 169

Second Reading: Mark 1:4-11 NT 34 LP 42

Sermon "No Matter Who You Are" – Rev. Drew Harrison

Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory "Loaves Were Broken" - arr. Held

*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 *(from The Worship Sourcebook)*

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. 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. 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words
Were Spoken"

(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

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

***Hymn No. 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 545 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"
"Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold. This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel."

Postlude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Ashdown

**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.

Music Notes

Today's prelude is Douglas Wagner's contemporary setting of the tune, "Cranham," originally composed by Gustav Holst, named for a village near his birthplace of Cheltenham, England. The anthem is British composer Benjamin Britten's setting of a text with roots in medieval celebrations of the new year, both sacred and secular. It begins, "Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with this happy new year," and includes the images of the "West Door to turn the old year go," and the "East Door to let the new year in." The postlude is Franklin Ashdown's 2013 setting of the American folk hymn "Nettleton," which was published in Harrisburg in 1813. We thank the Family Choir and Linda Davis-Shannon for sharing special music with us this morning.

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Communion Servers Karen Daly, Jennifer Grenier, Mike Jurkiewicz, Betsy Wriggins
Liturgists Susan Burkhart and Sunday School

Greeter
Ushers
Tellers
Acolyte

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Doris Ducat
Karen Daly, Sunday School, Linda Waller
Karen Daly, Steve Langlois, Glenn Stevick

Birthdays for this Week

Renee Sheridan
Debby Leach
Bobbi Crenco
Noemi Bancroft
Pam Capanna

This Week's Calendar

830am Deacons – Memorial Lounge
10am Communion Worship
1115am Sunshine Singers
6pm Property Committee – Library
7pm Session – Library
630pm Invitation & Outreach – Memorial Lounge
530pm Youth Group Pizza and Meeting – Social Hall
7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
930am Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen
10am Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen

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Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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