

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" – arr. Biery

Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 43)

One: Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

**All: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

One: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

**All: Your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.**

*Hymn No. 772 "Live into Hope"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle. Yet we have no mercy for our neighbors. We ignore their cries for help, we condone their suffering with our silence, we refuse responsibility for our brothers and sisters. Forgive us Lord, and help us to trust your mercy as we offer it to others, following in the footsteps of your Son, who provides the perfect example and our perfect redemption, and in whose name we pray.

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 "I Have Decided" – Orr
Sanctuary Choir with Taria Mitchell, 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: *Amos 2:4-11* OT 849 LP 1042

Second Reading: *Luke 18:1-14* NT 81 LP 99

Sermon "Standards and Practices" *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Prayer and Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Great Day" – arr. Waddles
Taria Mitchell, soloist

*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 offering for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*Linda Waller, Julie Sapp, the family of Jack Marston, Cheryl Becker, the
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. 339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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 "Live into Hope" – arr. Callahan

**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 Patty Januszewski
Greeter Joan Wagner
Ushers Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers Liz Degori, Dan Enright, Darlene Powell



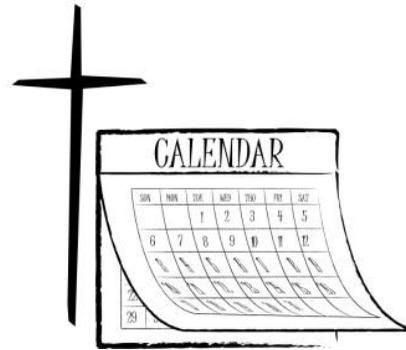
Music Notes

Today's music was chosen especially in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The anthem was written by Philip Orr, recipient of a New Jersey State Council on the Arts fellowship and several ASCAP Plus Writers Awards. The offertory is a new arrangement of a much-loved spiritual by Brandon Waddles, director of the Jubilee Singers at Westminster

Choir College. Our guest soloist, Taria Mitchell, is a June 2017 graduate of Westminster Choir College. We thank her and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

God bless you on your birthday.

- January 14 Joan Wagner
- January 17 David Wible
- January 18 Karen Gallo
- January 19 Daryl Hulitt
- January 20 Ryleigh Wichart



Sunday, January 14

10am Worship
 1115am New Members Class – Social Hall
 1115am Worship Committee – Upstairs Kitchen
 1115am Sunshine Singers Rehearsal
 7pm Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration – Apostles Lutheran Church

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed

Wednesday, January 17

7pm Session – Memorial Lounge
 10am Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen
 1pm Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen
 7pm Circle of Life – off site

Thursday, January 18

5pm Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary
 6pm Lite Bites – Social Hall
 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 20

8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
930am Grace Circle – off site

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