

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ  
Transfiguration of the Lord,  
the Sacrament of Baptism & Joining of New Members  
Sunday, February 11, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

'To be able to say, 'I'm baptised' is not to claim an extra dignity, let alone a sort of privilege that keeps you separate from and superior to the rest of the human race, but to claim a new level of solidarity with other people. It is to accept that to be a Christian is to be affected – you might even say – contaminated – by the mess of humanity. This is very paradoxical. Baptism is a ceremony in which we are washed, cleansed and re-created. It is also a ceremony in which we are pushed into the middle of a human situation that may hurt us, and that will not leave untouched or unsullied.'  
--Rowan Williams

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** "Prelude in F major" - J. S. Bach – *Linda Davis*, organ

**Call to Worship** (*Amy Loving*)

One: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**All: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.**

One: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

**All: Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.**

One: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**All: Together, let us worship God!**

**Blessing Over the Water**

**\*Hymn No. 485** "We Know That Christ is Raised"

**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** "Come Down, O Love Divine" - Tadman-Robins  
*Sanctuary Choir*

**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: *John 8:31-36* NT 101 LP 123-4

Second Reading: *Colossians 2:6-15* NT 200-01 LP 245

**Sermon** "Clothed in Christ" –Rev. Drew Harrison

**Prayer and Meditation**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)" - arr. Titus

**\*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**

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.

**Welcoming New Members**

*Richard Partheymuller, Beverly Benson, Thomas Enever, Scott Weinhardt, Jennifer Weinhardt*

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Presentation of Candidates**

*Jennifer Russell, Sawyer Weinhardt, Thomas Enever*

**Profession of Faith**

**Baptism**

**Prayer**

**Apostles Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please contact the 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. 726** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

**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** "All Who Believe and Are Baptized" - arr. Osterland

\*\*\*\*\* 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.

All are invited and welcomed to join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall following worship service for fellowship.



Sanctuary Flowers

This week's sanctuary flowers have been given in memory of Richard E. LaMora, Sr., by his wife Mildred and family.



Birthdays

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| February 11                         | Rachel Corma     |
| February 14                         | Lauren Staman    |
| February 15                         | Donna Dietrich   |
| February 15                         | John Fitzpatrick |
| February 16                         | Alan Montgomery  |
| May God bless you on your birthday. |                  |

Week's

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM  
 Communion on the first Sunday of the month

This Week's Calendar | February 11-18

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| Sunday<br>February 11    | Blanket Sunday<br>Family Promise Hosting Week Begins<br>10 AM Worship/New Members Joining/Baptisms<br>(No Sunshine Singers Practice Today)            |
| Monday<br>February 12    | 7 PM Property Committee – Church Library  |
| Tuesday<br>February 13   |   |
| Wednesday<br>February 14 | Ash Wednesday<br>Valentine's Day<br>4-6:30 PM Open House for Prayer & Ashes – Sanctuary<br>5:30 PM Youth Group Pizza Gathering – Up Kitchen           |
| Thursday<br>February 15  | 6 PM Girl Scouts – Upstairs Kitchen<br>7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  |
| Friday<br>February 16    |   |
| Saturday<br>February 17  | 9:30 AM Grace Circle  |
| Sunday<br>February 18    | 10 AM Worship/Ordination & Installation of New Church Officers<br>11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice<br>11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Up Kitchen |



Music Notes

Today's prelude comes from a collection of eight short preludes and fugues attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach. The offertory is Hiram Titus' 2012 arrangement of the traditional Scottish tune "Kelvingrove." The postlude is taken from Karl Osterland's 2016 set of contemporary interpretations of Reformation-era chorales entitled "A Wittenberg Collection." We thank Linda Davis for sharing special music with us this morning.



New Members Are Joining

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

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