

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
Fourth Sunday in Lent, Daylight
Savings Sunday

Sunday, March 11, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Debby Brincivalli

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Those of us who walk along the road do so reluctantly. Lent is not our favorite time of year. We’d rather be more active – planning and scurrying around – all of this is too contemplative to suit us. Besides we don’t know what to do with pioussness and prayer. Perhaps we’re afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden. Perhaps we are afraid to face our future knowing our past. Give us the courage, O God. Give us the trust to know we’re forgiven, and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk.”

Ann Weems – Kneeling in Jerusalem

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “My Song Is Love Unknown” - arr. MacMillan

Call to Worship

One: O Lord, fill us with your love in the morning.

All: Let us sing with joy all the days of our lives.

One: Show us the power and glory of your word made flesh.

All: Smile upon us with favor and bless us with peace.

One: In spirit and in truth, let us worship God.

***Hymn No. 204** “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Prayer of Confession

O God, forgive us when we are preoccupied with our own small, selfish concerns, when we make daily choices without seeking your help. Forgive us when haste makes us indifferent to the needs of others, or when fear keeps us from speaking out for what is right. Forgive us when we neglect the study of your word, the practice of prayer, and growing in faith. We ask for Your help and understanding. Restore us we pray. During this season of Lent give us the strength and courage to do what is right. Show us the path to serve you best. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

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 “Hide Not Thou Thy Face” – Farrant – *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

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| 1. Numbers 21:4-9 | OT 139 | LP 174 |
| 2. John 3:14-21 | NT 94 | LP 114 |

Sermon “Not a Spectator Sport” –Rev. Deborah Brincivalli

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “My Song Is Love Unknown” - arr. Culli

***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**

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modeling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus’ name, 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. 224** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

“Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.”

Postlude “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - arr. Phillips

***** ***** *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.



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Susan Burkart
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Carol Schoepske, Dave Nicastro, Margaret Ginter
Tellers	Dan Enright, Bobbi Wilkins, Bob Webb



Happy Birthday to...	
March 12	Glenn Raudenbush
March 13	John Wallace
March 13	Jessica Scanlon
March 14	Torey Langlois
March 14	Patty Januszewski
March 18	Helen Loeb
March 18	Stacey Sharpe

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Music Notes

Today's prelude is Alan MacMillan's 2017 setting of "Love Unknown," a hymn tune by British composer John Ireland. The offertory is Benjamin Culli's 2014 arrangement of the same melody. The anthem is by Richard Farrant (1525-1580), a musician of the Chapel Royal in England. The postlude is actually a set of variations featuring Craig Phillip's harmonization of the tune "Rockingham," a tune with roots in late 18th century England. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Calendar March 11-18	
<i>Sunday</i> March 11	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 10 AM Worship *No Sunshine Singers Practice Today*
<i>Monday</i> March 12	7 PM Property Committee – Church Library
<i>Tuesday</i> March 13	
<i>Wednesday</i> March 14	5:30 PM Youth Group – Social Hall
<i>Thursday</i> March 15	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> March 16	
<i>Saturday</i> March 17	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 9:30 AM Grace Circle 
<i>Sunday</i> March 18	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee – Up Kitchen 2 PM Congregational Life Sunday Workshops – Hammonton Presbyterian 3 PM Organ Birthday Recital – Sanctuary/SH Reception



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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