

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 1, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘In the incarnation God has given us nothing less than a small measure of eternity through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ. And made us an Easter people – not people who vapidly pretend that everything’s ok – but people who live in the Christ reality of death and resurrection. People who live in the reality of a God who brings live things out of dead things.’ -*Nadia Bolz-Weber*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Allelu, Sing Allelu” - arr. Edmonds – *Sunshine Singers*

Call to Worship (*From St. John Chrysostom’s Paschal Homily*)

One: O death, where is thy sting?

O Hades, where is thy victory?

All: Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

One: Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

All: Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

One: Christ is risen, and life reigns!

All: Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb!

One: For Christ, being raised from the dead,
has become the first-fruits of them that have slept.

All: To Him be glory and might unto the ages of ages.

***Hymn No. 826** “Lift High the Cross”

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

(Prayer Continues...)

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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 “Crown Him Lord of All” - arr. Covington
Sunshine Singers, Sanctuary Choir, & Don Zimmerman, trumpet

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: Isaiah 25:1-9 OT 652 LP 798

Second Reading: Mark 16:1-8 NT 54-5 LP 66

Sermon “Who Will Go With Him?” –Rev. Drew Harrison

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound” - arr. Purifoy
Don Zimmerman, trumpet

***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.

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. 507** “Come to the Table of Grace”
(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

Easter Litany

One: O Christ in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

All: **Keep us victorious over sin.**

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

All: **Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

One: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

All: **Give us joy in your service.**

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed the good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

All: **Direct our lives as your new creation.**

One: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead... one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

***Hymn No. 232** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



Charge and Benediction

One: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!** (3x)

Benediction Hymn No. 246 "Christ is Alive!"

"Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die."

Postlude "Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound" - arr. Langlois

***** **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.

There will be no Coffee Hour this Easter Sunday.
Enjoy the holiday and God bless!



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Communion Servers	Sandy Lovelace, Jim Smathers, Patty Januszewski, Jim Scanlon
Liturgist	Darlene Powell
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Karen Daly, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing, Jim Smathers



Music Notes

Today's prelude is based on a melody from medieval times, "Sumer is icumen in," and arranged for choir, metallophone and flute by Timothy Edmonds. The anthem is Mitchell Covington's 2015 setting of a 19th century hymn by Benjamin Russell Hanby. It features combined choirs and trumpet. The postlude is Kristina Langlois' 2016 setting of the great hymn tune "Lasst uns erfreuen," to which this Easter text is set: "Now let the vault of heaven resound in praise of Love that doth abound, 'Christ has triumphed, Alleluia.' Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here, 'Christ has triumphed, Christ has triumphed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!'" We thank the Sunshine Singers, Sanctuary Choir and Don Zimmerman for sharing special music with us this morning.

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- ✚ Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- ✚ Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM