

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 8, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘But having wrestled with his request in John 20, I have some reasons of my own for wanting to see those wounds. I want to know that my risen savior knows what life in this world is like. If I am going to stand up for my part of the truth, I want my God to know that once in a while the truth exacts a cost. If I am going to try to resist evil for the sake of good, I want to know that the ultimate representative of that good recognizes the painful and powerful reality of the forces of evil.’

-Rebecca Wright

Welcome & Sharing Information

Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Christ Lay In Death’s Bonds” - arr. Scheidt

Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: Praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

One: God has claimed us as God’s own.

**All: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Prayer of Confession

Living God, for whom no door is locked, we confess that we close ourselves off from you. We let our fear control us. We let our own wounds blind us to the hurt we cause in others. We lash out at those we love.

(Continues...)

Enter into our locked hearts with your holy presence. Cast out our fears with your perfect love. Bind our wounds and fill us with the gracious love of your Son, who frees us to love and to serve.

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 “Easter Anthem in Celtic Style” - Norris
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children/Dismissal to Sunday School

(Children return during final hymn.)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

First Reading: Acts 4:23-37 NT 122 LP 148

Second Reading: John 20:19-31 NT 115 LP 141

Sermon “Wounds” –Rev. Drew Harrison

Welcoming New Members

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “In the Bulb There is A Flower” - arr. Biery

*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

Lord we give you thanks for all your gifts. Accept these gifts, and teach us to be as generous as you are with what we have.

The Prayers of the People

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. 244 “This Joyful Eastertide”

Benediction

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 “This Joyful Eastertide” - arr. Sims

***** **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.



Join us in the Social Hall after the service for Coffee Hour. All are welcome!

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Connie Bradley
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick
Tellers	Carol Schoepske, Terri Lovelace, John Fitzpatrick



Music Notes

Today's prelude is a setting by early Baroque composer Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654) of an Easter hymn tune by Martin Luther, "Christ lag in Todesbanden" (Christ Lay in Death's Bonds). This is also the tune upon which Bradley Norris' 2014 Celtic-style anthem is based. The offertory is James Biery's 2014 arrangement of "Promise," a hymn tune by Natalie Sleeth. The postlude is David Sims' 2017 arrangement of a 17th century Dutch Easter hymn. We thank the Sanctuary choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>Happy Birthday to...</i>	
April 11	Bob Langlois
April 12	Marilyn Scanlon
April 13	Barbara Wallace
April 13	Charlie Capanna
April 14	Will Enever
April 15	Liz Contarino
April 15	Sarah Donofrio



<i>This Week's Calendar April 8-15</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> April 8	8:30 AM Deacons Meeting – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM VBS Planning Meeting – Up Kitchen 11:15 AM Mission Trip Planning Meeting – Coffee Hr./SH
<i>Monday</i> April 9	
<i>Tuesday</i> April 10	
<i>Wednesday</i> April 11	4-9 PM WPS Fundraiser – PJ Whelihans Wash. Twp. 5:30 PM Youth Group – Social Hall
<i>Thursday</i> April 12	9 AM Weekday Preschool 'Someone Special' Day – SH 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> April 13	
<i>Saturday</i> April 14	9:30 AM PW West Jersey Presbytery's Spring Gathering – St. Paul's Presbyterian, Laurel Springs
<i>Sunday</i> April 15	<i>Levite Sunday</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM PW Core Board – Coffee Hour/Social Hall

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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