

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 15, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

‘We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.’ -*Dorothy Day*

**Welcome & Sharing Information**

Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** “Meditation on ‘Alleluia No. 1” - Miller

**Call to Worship**

One: You are made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**All: Stay with us, Lord.**

One: You are present wherever two or more are gathered.

**All: Stay with us, Lord.**

One: Today we gather in your holy presence to hear your word and sing your praises.

**All: Stay with us, Lord.**

**Open our eyes to your presence here  
and go with us when we leave this place.**

\***Hymn No. 240** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have disobeyed your will. Forgive us our selfishness and our disobedience. Return us to Your path, and guide us to the still waters of your healing grace. Renew in us a desire to be faithful to you, that we may follow you all the days of our life. 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**

“Lift Thine Eyes” (Angel trio from Elijah) - Mendelssohn  
*Patty Januszewski, Liz Messer and Marilyn Rabbai*

**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:* 1 John 3:1-7 NT 240 LP 291

*Second Reading:* Luke 24:36-48 NT 91 LP 110-11

**Sermon** “Recognize” –Rev. Drew Harrison

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** “Finale from Sonata 6” - Mendelssohn

\***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**

**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. 247** “Now the Green Blade Rises”

**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** “Now the Green Blade Rises” - arr. Ashdown

\*\*\*\*\* ***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>	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Vicki Downing
<b>Greeter</b>	Elaine Scheetz
<b>Ushers</b>	Nancy Stewart, Dave Nicastro, Bobbi Wilkins, Margaret Ginter
<b>Tellers</b>	Jean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Bob Webb



<i>Happy Birthday to...</i>	
<b>April 15</b>	Liz Contarino
<b>April 15</b>	Sarah Donofrio
<b>April 16</b>	Rob Guarni
<b>April 18</b>	Gene Cressman
<b>April 19</b>	Howard Dietrich
<b>April 20</b>	MaryKate Fitzpatrick
<b>April 21</b>	Claire Powell

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Today's prelude is a contemporary and contemplative setting of our opening hymn, "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks." The tune, called "Alleluia No. 1," was originally written by Donald Fishel in 1971. The anthem is Felix Mendelssohn's setting of Psalms 121:1-3, taken from his celebrated oratorio depicting events in the life of the prophet Elijah. The postlude is actually two movements from Franklin Ashdown's 2014 partita (set of variations) on the 15th century French tune "Noel Nouvelet." We thank Patty Januszewski and Liz Messer for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week's Calendar   April 15-22</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> April 15	<i>Levite Sunday</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers 11:15 AM PW Core Board – Coffee Hour/Social Hall
<i>Monday</i> April 16	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> April 17	
<i>Wednesday</i> April 18	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 7 PM Circle of Life
<i>Thursday</i> April 19	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> April 20	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
<i>Saturday</i> April 21	9:30 AM Grace Circle 12 PM Deacons Senior Lunch – Social Hall
<i>Sunday</i> April 22	<i>Earth Day</i> <i>Levite Sunday Rain Date</i> <i>Family Promise Hosting Week Begins</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers



## Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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