

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
7th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day
Sunday, May 13, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

'The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.' *Frederick Buechner*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" - arr. Cherwien

Call to Worship (*Psalm 1:1-3,6*)

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***Hymn No. 244** "This Joyful Eastertide"

Prayer of Confession (*Adapted from Psalm 51*)

One: Have mercy on me, O God,
All: according to your steadfast love;

One: according to your abundant mercy

All: blot out my transgressions.

One: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

All: and cleanse me from my sin.

One: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,**

One: so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement. (Continues...)

**All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

One: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

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 "Spreading Your Love" – Wold – *Sunshine Singers*

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

- 1 John 5:9-13 NT 248 LP 293
- Acts 1:15-26 NT 118-19 LP 143

Sermon "On Calling a Disciple" –*Rev. Drew Harrison*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" - arr. Christiansen

***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. 526** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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. Bullard

***** ***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!

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are dedicated to the memory of *Patricia Horton*, given by the Downings.



Music Notes

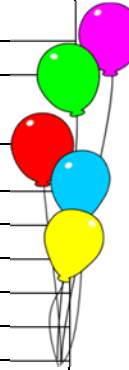
Today's prelude is based on a Jamaican folk tune, adapted into a hymn by Doreen Potter and playfully arranged by David Cherwien. The anthem was written by Wayne Wold and chosen especially in celebration of Mother's Day. The postlude is Alan Bullard's 2015 setting of a 17th century Easter carol, "Vruechten." We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



'I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.'
3 John 4

| Thank you to our Worship Servers | |
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| Liturgist | Pat Meudt |
| Greeter | Doris Ducat |
| Ushers | Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Jean Brod, John Fitzpatrick |
| Tellers | Jean Brod, Terri Lovelace, John Fitzpatrick |

| Happy Birthday to... | |
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| May 14 | Drew Staman |
| May 15 | Ed Carson |
| May 16 | Denny Meudt |
| May 17 | Rose Conroy |
| May 18 | George Gruber |
| May 18 | JoAnna Contarino |
| May 19 | Montana Lovelace-LaPierre |



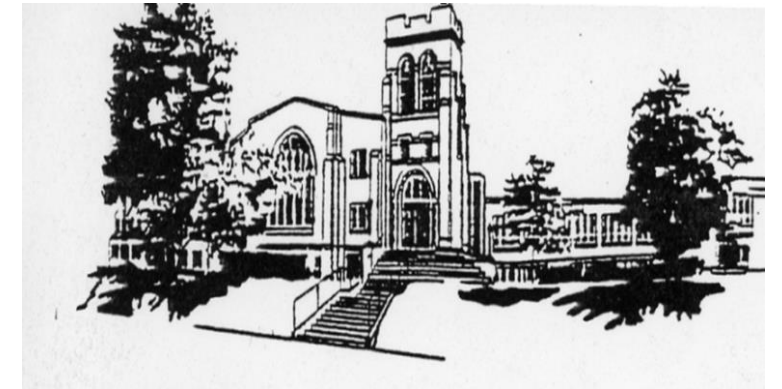
This Week's Calendar | May 13-20

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| <i>Sunday</i> May 13 | <i>Mother's Day</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Ice Cream Party |
| <i>Monday</i> May 14 | 7 PM Property Committee - Church Library |
| <i>Tuesday</i> May 15 | |
| <i>Wednesday</i> May 16 | 1 PM Faith Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 6:30 PM Youth Group - Social Hall 7 PM Circle of Life - Upstairs Kitchen |
| <i>Thursday</i> May 17 | 9 AM WPS Spring Sing - Sanctuary/Playground 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| <i>Friday</i> May 18 | |
| <i>Saturday</i> May 19 | 9:30 AM Grace Circle |
| <i>Sunday</i> May 20 | <i>Pentecost</i> 10 AM Worship 11 AM I&O Annual Church Picnic 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Moms Demand Action Ribbon Making - SH |

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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