

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day, Awarding the Cole-Lacy Scholarship

Sunday, June 17, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. David A. Ramsey

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘My father once told me a story about an old Redwood tree – how she stood tall and proud – her sprawling limbs clothed in emerald green. With a smile, he described how she was a mere sapling, sheltered by her kinfolk and basking in the safety of the warm, dappled light. But as this tree grew taller, she found herself at the mercy of the cruel wind and the vicious rain. Together, they tore relentlessly at her pretty boughs, until she felt as though her heart would splinter.

After a long, thoughtful pause, my father turned to me and said, ‘my daughter, one day the same thing will happen to you. And when that time comes, remember the Redwood tree. Do not worry about the cruel wind or the vicious rain – but do as that tree did and just keep growing.’ –Lang Leav, *The Redwood*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “All Glory Be to God on High” - arr. Phillips

Call to Worship

One: Come all you fathers, brothers, and sons, come and worship the Lord!

Men: Praise the name of God, who rules over all creation.

One: Come all you mothers, sisters, and daughters, come and worship the Lord!

Women: Praise the name of Jesus, who conquered death through love.

One: Come all you children of God, come and worship the Lord!

All: Praise the name of the Holy Spirit, who gathers us together as a church. Amen.

***Hymn No. 700** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, you are our father, our mother, our creator, sustainer, and our redeemer.

(Continues...)

You created us in your own image, and you provided for us from generation to generation like the lilies of the field and the birds of the sky. We come to you this day in thanksgiving for all of those who came before us. We thank you for all of the joys and hardships that have made us who we are today, and we ask for your divine blessing. Give us your strength and your support, so that we may continue to learn and live and grow in your spirit and pass that spirit on to our children and our children’s children. To the Father of all 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 “How Can I Keep From Singing” - arr. Littleton
Tenor/Bass Ensemble

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)
(Children will 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

- Psalm 127 OT 573 LP 704
- Luke 15:11-32 NT 78-9 LP 95-6

Sermon “Great Guns, What a Great Dad!” — Rev. David A. Ramsey

Cole-Lacy Scholarship Awards and Recognition

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “The Lord’s Prayer” - Malotte
Dawn Jurkiewicz, soloist



Congratulations

***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. 714** “God of the Fertile Fields”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 765 “May the God of Hope”
“May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.”

Postlude “Italian Hymn” (God of the Fertile Fields)
- arr. Moore

***** 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.



Father's Day blessings to all!

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



Happy Birthday to...	
June 17	Beryl Kane
June 17	Thomas Enright
June 19	Katelyn Vignola

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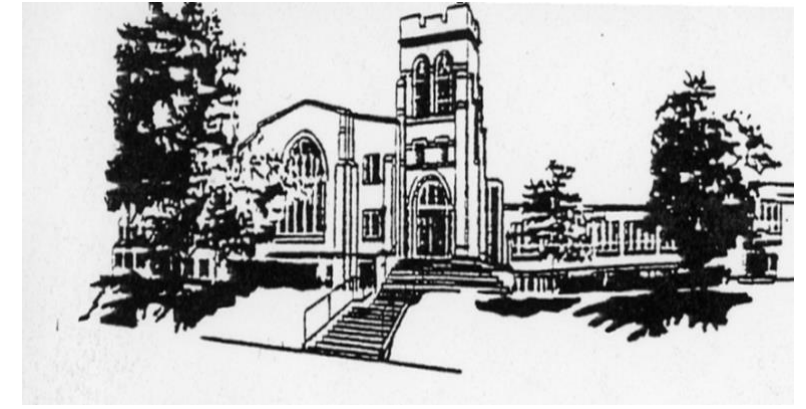
Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Sanctuary Flowers have been given in honor of a great dad, Tom Wriggins, from Jay & Kim Wriggins.



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Linda Richardson
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Nancy Stewart, Dave Nicastro, Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick
Tellers	Carol Schoepske, Terri Lovelace, John Fitzpatrick

This Week's Calendar June 17-24	
Sunday June 17	Father's Day Awarding the Cole-Lacy Scholarship 10 AM Worship with Guest Minister 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee Mtg. – Upstairs Kitchen
Monday June 18	
Tuesday June 19	
Wednesday June 20	10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 4:30 PM Summer Lunch Program – Mem. Lng. 7 PM Circle of Life – Bobbi Wilkins' House
Thursday June 21	
Friday June 22	
Saturday June 23	
Sunday June 24	10 AM Worship with Guest Minister 11:15 AM New Member Class – Memorial Lounge



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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

Music Notes



Today's prelude is Craig Phillips' 2016 setting of an early German chorale by Nicolaus Decius (1485?-1541). The offertory is a musical setting of our Lord's Prayer, written in 1935 by Albert Hay Malotte. This piece was cherished and requested by the founder of the Cole Scholarship, Earl Cole. The postlude is Philip Moore's 2016 adaptation of a hymn by Felice Gardini (1716-91). We thank the Tenor/Bass Ensemble and Dawn Jurkiewicz for sharing special music with us this morning.