

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘Dear Lord, I will remain restless, tense and dissatisfied until I can be totally at peace in your house. There is no certainty that my life will be any easier in the years ahead, or that my heart will be any calmer. But there is the certainty that you are waiting for me and will welcome me home when I have persevered in my long journey to your house.’

-Henri Nouwen

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “O God, Who Gives Us Life” - arr. Thorne

Call to Worship (*Psalm 27:4, 13-14*)

One: One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

**All: to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**All: Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

***Hymn No. 53** “O God, Who Gives Us Life”

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we want to do what is right, but we do not. We mistreat our neighbors, we disregard people in need, and we ignore you. Forgive us, Lord. Place your spirit within us and write your Word upon our hearts, so that we might live in joyful obedience to your son Jesus Christ.

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 “Down to the River To Pray” - arr. Emerson
Pick-Up Family Choir

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

First Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 NT 192 LP 234

Second Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-11 OT 280 LP 348

Sermon “The House of the Lord” — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Litany of Installation

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Affirmation of Faith (*Apostle’s Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

(Continues...)

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Just as I Am, without One Plea” - arr. Callahan

***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. 442** “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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 "Down to the River To Pray" - arr. Petersen

***** **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.

All are welcome to join us in the Social Hall immediately following the service for coffee and fellowship during "Coffee Hour."



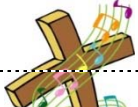
Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Barry Owen
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Dave Nicastro, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are *in loving memory of Robert Downing*, given by the Downing Family.



Happy Birthday to...	
July 16	Dan Riccio
July 18	Amy Enever
July 18	Doug Hoffman
July 20	Judy Russo



Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Thorne's 2014 setting of a hymn tune by the very popular and versatile British composer Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900). The anthem comes from a 19th century spiritual song also known as "The Good Old Way," first published in 1867 and popularized by Allison Krauss in the 2000 movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" The postlude, also based on this melody, comes from a Lynn Petersen's "Starry Crown Suite," which she wrote for the 2007 AGO Regional convention in Portland, Oregon. We thank the Pick-Up Family Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



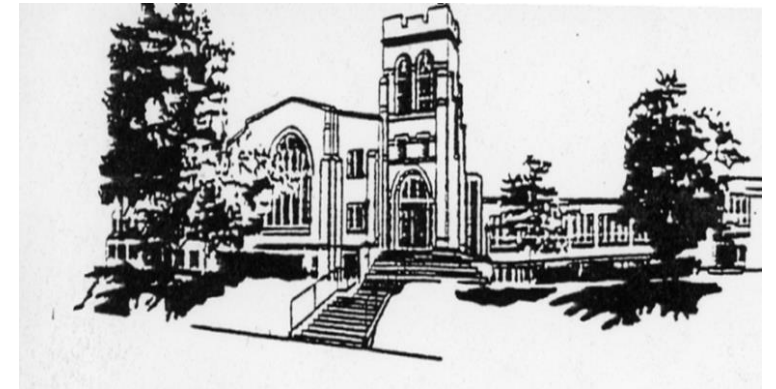
*Vacation Bible School begins today at 5:30 PM!
 Don't miss it!*

This Week's Calendar July 15-22	
<i>Sunday</i> July 15	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee - Up Kitchen 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School - Social Hall
<i>Monday</i> July 16	5:30 PM Vacation Bible School - Social Hall
<i>Tuesday</i> July 17	
<i>Wednesday</i> July 18	4:30 PM Summer Lunch Program - Memorial Lounge
<i>Thursday</i> July 19	
<i>Friday</i> July 20	6 PM Theology on Tap - Sanctuary/Human Village Brewing Company, Pitman
<i>Saturday</i> July 21	
<i>Sunday</i> July 22	10 AM Worship

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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