

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 29, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

For my own part, I am persuaded that no form of Christian teaching has any future before it except such as can keep steadily in view the reality of the evil in the world, and go to meet the evil, with a battle-song of triumph. -*Gustav Aulen*

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” - arr. Lind

**Call to Worship**

One: Whispering God,  
the noise of the world is loud.

All: **Open our ears to your still, small, voice.**

One: God of revelation,  
the darkness of the world threatens.

All: **Open our eyes to the light of your presence.**

One: God of abundance,  
we cling tightly to so many things.

All: **Open our hands in generosity and joy.**

One: God of all people,  
we feel the fear of those who are “other.”

All: **Open our arms to the stranger and the enemy.**

One: God of mystery,  
we want so desperately to understand you.

All: **Open our minds to the depths of your truth.**

One: Creating God,  
we long to know your presence.

All: **Open our hearts to receive your love.**

\***Hymn No. 529** “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

**Prayer of Confession** (*From 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly*)

One: In a world filled with dis-ease, we reach for the hem of security and comfort. We will empty our pockets to anyone promising protection, but withhold our trust from the One with the power to make us whole.

All: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

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One: Our faith is trampled underfoot as we clamor for the prospect of a spectacle. Our worries mob our sense of hope, impeding your progress in our lives.

All: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

One: Help us come to you with fear and trembling, revealing our whole truth. In your mercy, make us well, and send us out as agents of your healing grace so that all may praise and glorify you.

All: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. 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/Special Music** “Bouree for viola and clarinet” - J. S. Bach  
*Sarah Carson, clarinet | Jacob Hwang, viola*

**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: Psalm 14:1-7 OT 495 LP 349

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 NT 193-4 LP 235-6

**Sermon** “One Calling” — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

**Affirmation of Faith** (*Belhar Confession*)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

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**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly, that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

**To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” - arr. Thomas

\***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. 803** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

**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** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" - arr. Maxwell

\*\*\*\*\* **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."



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Acolyte	B				
Greeter	P				
Ushers	Jc M				Wilkins,
Tellers	Carol Schoepske, Terri Lovelace, Bob Webb				

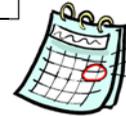
*Music Notes*

Today's prelude is Robert Lind's arrangement of the tune "Union Seminary," which was written in 1957 by Harold Friedell. The postlude is David Maxwell's 2013 setting of the same tune. The offertory is David Evan Thomas' contemporary meditation on the American folk tune "Resignation." We thank Sarah Carson and Jacob Hwang for sharing special music with us this morning.



*Happy Birthday to...*

July 29	Andy Polhamus
July 30	Mel Powell
July 30	Rachel Ledden-Albaine
July 31	Scott Weinhardt
August 2	Clarence Kane
August 2	Cicley Enright
August 3	Hayes Hulitt



This Week's Calendar   July 29-August 5	
Sunday July 29	10 AM Worship
Monday July 30	
Tuesday July 31	
Wednesday August 1	4:30 PM Summer Lunch Program - ML
Thursday August 2	
Friday August 3	
Saturday August 4	
Sunday August 5	8:30 AM Deacons - Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship with Communion

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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