

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 12, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘God does not become a religion, so that man participates in him by corresponding religious thoughts and feelings. God does not become a law, so that man participates in him through obedience to a law. God does not become an ideal, so that man achieves community with him through constant striving. He humbles himself and takes upon himself the eternal death of the godless and godforsaken, so that all the godless and godforsaken can experience communion with him.’

-Jurgen Moltmann

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - arr. Porter

Call to Worship (*Tenth Century African Hymn*)

One: The cross is the way of the lost.

All: The cross is the staff of the lame.

One: The cross is the guide of the blind.

All: The cross is the strength of the weak.

One: The cross is the hope of the hopeless.

All: The cross is the freedom of the slaves.

One: The cross is the water of the seeds.

All: The cross is the consolation of the bonded laborers.

One: The cross is the source of those who seek water.

All: The cross is the cloth of the naked.

One: The cross is the healing of the broken.

All: The cross is the peace of the church.

***Hymn No. 826** “Lift High the Cross”

Prayer of Confession

One: Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.

**All: In your abundant love and mercy,
forgive us, O God.**

One: For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.

**All: In your abundant love and mercy,
forgive us, O God.** (Continues...)

One: Against you, you alone, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.

**All: In your abundant love and mercy,
forgive us, O God.**

One: Create in us a clean heart, O God!
Place a new and right spirit within us!
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - arr. McDonald
Ed Mitchell, piano solo

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

I.	Matthew 27:45-56	NT 33	LP 40
II.	2 Samuel 18:19-33	NT 293	LP 364

Sermon “O Absalom” — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Affirmation of Faith (*From the Confession of 1967*)
God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery, which the
Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called
the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd’s life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest;
again it is ransom of a slave,
payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil. (Continues...)

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the
reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for man.
They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of
God’s reconciling work.

Welcoming New Members

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Wondrous Love” - arr. Cherwien

***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.

Blessing & Sending

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. 224** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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 "Lift High the Cross" - arr. Cherwien

***** **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 following the service for Coffee Hour fellowship. All are welcome.



Vacation Bible School: Renew is tonight and tomorrow beginning at 5:30 PM!



Happy Birthday to...

August 13	Lori Staman
August 14	Larry Enright
August 14	Former Pastor John Baxter's 91st birthday
August 15	George Rabbai
August 16	Tracy Gerace
August 17	Kevin Burke
August 17	Kali Staman
August 18	Darlene Johnson

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<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Dave Nicaastro
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Peggy Price, Carol Schoepske, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Dan Enright, Liz DeGori, Darlene Powell



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Rachel Trelstad Porter's contemporary setting of the hymn tune "Rockingham Old," which first appeared in a 1790 publication called "The Psalms of David." The offertory and the postlude are both arrangements by David Cherwien. We thank Ed Mitchell for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Calendar | August 12-19

<i>Sunday</i> August 12	10 AM Worship/Welcoming New Members 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School: Renew
<i>Monday</i> August 13	5:30 PM Vacation Bible School: Renew 7 PM Property Committee - Church Library
<i>Tuesday</i> August 14	7:30 PM CROP Walk Meeting - Memorial Lng.
<i>Wednesday</i> August 15	4:30 PM Summer Lunch Program - Memorial L.
<i>Thursday</i> August 16	
<i>Friday</i> August 17	
<i>Saturday</i> August 18	
<i>Sunday</i> August 19	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee - Up Kitchen

Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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