

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 16, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

But the Cross remained. It made its mark, and men could not forget. It is of course God's real throne, the throne of love that lifts Him up, and draws all men to Him at last. The power of the Cross is the power of God. It is not past, but ever present. God has no other, and needs no other, glory but the glory of the Cross: the glory of suffering, striving, and unconquerable love. — *Jürgen Moltmann*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude Pastorale on – 'Holy Manna' – arr. Young

Call to Worship (*Psalm 71:1-3*)

One: In you, O LORD, I seek shelter;

All: **Let me never be put to shame.**

One: In your righteousness, deliver and rescue me;

All: **Incline your ear to me, and save me.**

One: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,

All: **For you are my rock and my fortress.**

***Hymn No. 718** "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Moment of Silence

***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 *Sunshine Singers*

"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" - African American spiritual, arr. Gallina

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

1. James 3:1-12 NT 230 LP 279

2. Mark 8:27-38 NT 43-4 LP 53

Sermon "He Said All This Quite Openly" — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***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.**

**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 live everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "How Firm a Foundation" - Dahl

***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. 741** "Guide My Feet"

***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 "In Peace & Joy I Now Depart" – J.C. Bach

***** **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.*



Coffee Fellowship

Please join us in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour and fellowship.
All are welcome.



Happy Birthday to...	
September 16	Joe Gallo
September 17	Gary Bogardus
September 20	Rosemary Salotti
September 23	Chelsea Johnson

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Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	
Liturgist	Vicki Downing
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing

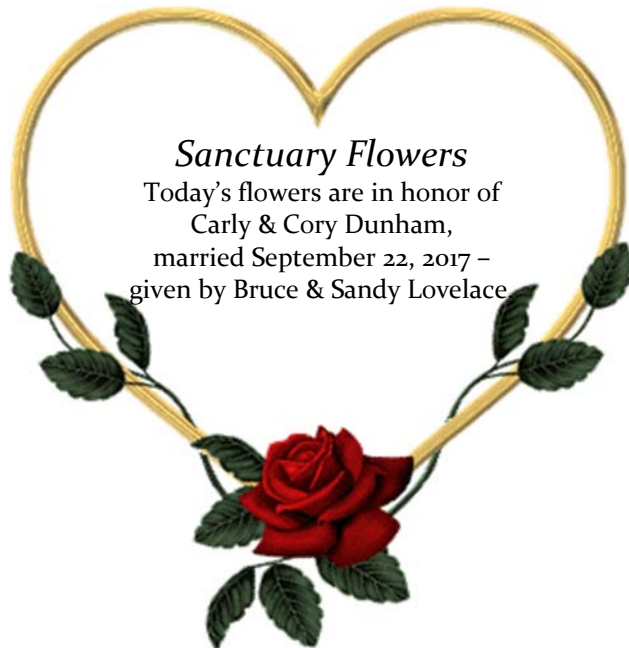


This Week's Calendar September 16-23	
<i>Sunday</i> September 16	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Up Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> September 17	
<i>Tuesday</i> September 18	
<i>Wednesday</i> September 19	10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> September 20	8 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> September 21	
<i>Saturday</i> September 22	
<i>Sunday</i> September 23	10 AM Worship *No Sunshine Singers* 5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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



Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are in honor of
Carly & Cory Dunham,
married September 22, 2017 –
given by Bruce & Sandy Lovelace