

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday

Sunday, October 21, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘All human sin seems so much worse in its consequences than in its intentions.’ --Reinhold Niebuhr

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” - arr. Petersen

Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 30*)

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones,

All: And give thanks to God’s holy name!

One: For God’s anger is but for a moment;

All: God’s favor is for a lifetime.

One: Weeping may linger for the night,

All: But Joy comes with the morning.

One: Let us give thanks to the One who turns our mourning into dancing,

who has clothed us with joy.

All: Let us praise and worship God.

***Hymn No. 209** “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have done things we should not do, and not done things we should have done.

O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Remember the promise declared in your son Christ Jesus, and restore our penitent hearts to you. Enable us live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of your name.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news!

Hope does not disappoint us,

For God’s love has been poured into our hearts...

Through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe the good news and give thanks!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***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 “The Children of God” - arr. Smith – *Sunshine Singers*

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: Judges 10:6-16 OT 229 LP 283-4

Second Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12 OT 683-4 LP 836-7

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Pattern” — *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 life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “My Song Is Love Unknown” - arr. MacMillan

***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**

God whose giving knows no ending, we offer to you our possessions, our skills, and our gifts, in thanksgiving for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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. 852** “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 838** “Standing on the Promises” v. 4
“Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit’s call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior, standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.”

Postlude "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" - arr. Biery

***** **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.



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

Ushers & Greeters



Thank you to our Worship Servers

Liturgist	Connie Bradley
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Nancy Stewart, Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Tom Fisher, Liz DeGori, Darlene Powell

Music Notes

Today's prelude comes from the "Starry Crown Suite" for organ by Montana composer Lynn Petersen. It is based on the tune "Maitland," which was adapted by gospel singer Thomas A. Dorsey when he wrote "Take My Hand, Precious Lord." The offertory is Alan MacMillan's 2017 arrangement of the tune "Love Unknown" by British composer John Ireland. The anthem is Nathan Smith's 2017 setting of the Beatitudes. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



This Week's Calendar

October 21-28

<i>Sunday</i> October 21	<i>CROP Hunger Walk</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice
<i>Monday</i> October 22	
<i>Tuesday</i> October 23	5:30 PM UrbanPromise - Scottish Rite Auditorium
<i>Wednesday</i> October 24	6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training - Pitman Methodist
<i>Thursday</i> October 25	7 PM Upstairs Kitchen Reserved for American Music Abroad Meeting 8 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> October 26	7 PM Immigration & the Christian Response - Social Hall
<i>Saturday</i> October 27	
<i>Sunday</i> October 28	<i>Reformation Sunday</i> 10 AM Worship (No Sunshine Singers Practice Today) 11:15 AM I&O Soup Cook Off - Social Hall 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry - Upstairs Kitchen



Happy Birthday to...

October 21	Shirley Love
October 22	Lisa Conley
October 23	Sara Crispin
October 23	Amy Riggs
October 24	Anthony Corma
October 24	Nancy Kowalik
October 26	Elaine Powell



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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