

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 28, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

'You need not cry very loud: He is nearer to us than we think.' -Brother Lawrence, 17th c. monk and author of *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Processional in C" – Keller – *Tyler Bell Choir*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 34:1-3*)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times.

All: **God's praise shall always be in my mouth.**

One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

All: **Let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: **Let us exalt God's name together!**

***Hymn No. 450** "Be Thou My Vision"

Prayer of Confession (*BCW*)

O Lord our God,
you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength
to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: When you were dead in trespasses
God made you alive together with Christ,
when he forgave us all our trespasses,
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

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 "Dance of Joy" – Anthony – *Tyler Bell 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: Genesis 1-2:3

Second Reading: Revelations 21:1-7

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Take Heart" — *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 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" - arr. Held

***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 of loaves and fishes, accept our gifts, however small
they may be. Magnify them and use them so that your
kingdom may come. 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. 796** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

***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 "Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Sims

***** **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.

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Liturgist	Bev Ballard
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Ron Griffith, Bobbie Griffith, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing



Music Notes

Today's offertory is based on an Appalachian tune called "Land of Rest." The composer of this arrangement, Wilbur Held, lived to be 100 and had a celebrated career as an organist, composer and teacher. The postlude is David Sims' 2017 setting of the beloved hymn tune "Slane," which was named for a hill near Tara, Ireland. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



This Week's Calendar October 28-November 4	
Sunday October 28	Reformation Sunday 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
Monday October 29	6 PM Liturgical Music Meeting - Upstairs Kitchen 7:15 PM Worship Committee - Upstairs Kitchen
Tuesday October 30	
Wednesday October 31	Halloween 9 AM Preschool Halloween Party - Social Hall 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training - Pitman Methodist
Thursday November 1	8 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday November 2	
Saturday November 3	
Sunday November 4	Daylight Savings Sunday 8:30 AM Deacons - Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 

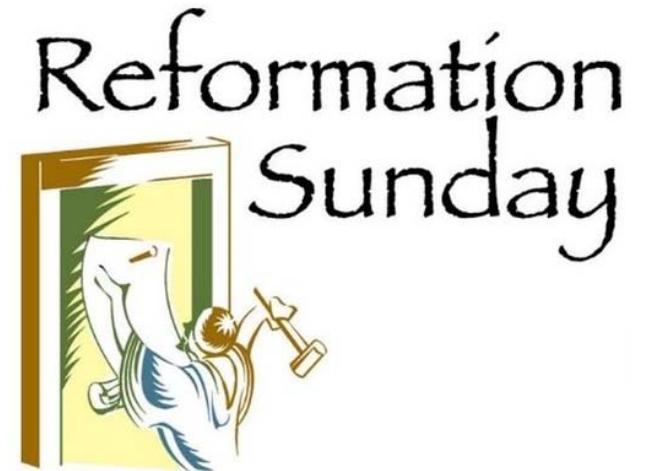
Happy Birthday to...

October 29	Ashton Traaen
October 31	Beverly Currier
November 3	Jillian Lai
November 4	Arianna Luby

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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