

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 25, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Katie Mulligan

For Prayer & Contemplation

“But you know, grandson, this world is fragile.”

The word he chose to express “fragile” was filled with the intricacies of a continuing process, and with a strength inherent in spider webs woven across paths through sand hills where early in the morning the sun becomes entangled in each filament of web. It took a long time to explain the fragility and intricacy because no one word exists alone, and the reason for choosing each word had to be explained with a story about why it must be said this certain way. That was the responsibility that went with being human, old Ku’oosh said, the story behind each word must be told so there could be no mistake in the meaning of what had been said; and this demanded great patience and love.’

--Leslie Marmon Silko, *Ceremony*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “At the Name of Jesus” – arr. Schaffner

Call to Worship

126:1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

One: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

All: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

One: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*Hymn No. 269 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Prayer of Confession (by Rev. Nathan Williams)

O God, our protector, we take refuge in you;
you alone are the source of all our good.

We seek to be counted among the godly and upright,
but we confess that we have run after other powers,
and we have brought trouble upon ourselves and others.

O Lord, our portion and our cup,
you sustain us and lead us in good and pleasant ways.
We confess that we have trusted in false wisdom
and set our hearts on short-sighted desires.

Forgive us, God our life.
Help us set you always before us,
and sustain us in your righteousness.
Let our hearts be glad, our spirits rejoice,
and our bodies rest in hope,
for you do not abandon us to our sin
or let your chosen ones dwell in the pit.
In Christ you show us the path of life;
you welcome us into the joy of your presence;
you feed us with pleasures forevermore. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness (by Jerie Lukefahr)

One: Surely, God is here, reconciling us through the gift of grace.

All: Surely, Christ is here, bringing the Good News of our salvation.

One: Surely, the Spirit is here, leading us to share this gift with others.

All: Thanks be to God, God is always with us.

*Hymn No. 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love
has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen, world
without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without
end, Amen, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be. Amen.”

*Passing of Peace

Anthem “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” – arr. Eithun
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

- Joel 2:21-27 OT 847-8 LP 1038-9
- Matthew 6:25-33 NT 6 LP 7-8

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Swarming Locusts” — Rev. Katie Mulligan

*Affirmation of Faith (from the *Confession of Belhar*)
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.
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the
community of saints called from the entire human family.

Time of Gratitude

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Lead On, O King Eternal” – arr. Arnatt

*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

Holy God, we give thanks for this offering of time and
talent and treasure. Multiply it like loaves and fishes so
that no one around us goes hungry. Amen.

The Prayers of the People



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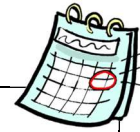


Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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

Music Notes

Today's prelude is an organ motet for Christ the King Sunday composed by John Hebden Schaffner (1945-1995), who used thematic material from the tune "King's Weston" by Ralph Vaughan-Williams. The postlude is Robert Powell's 1994 setting of the same tune. The offertory is Ronald Arnatt's arrangement of the tune "Lancashire." We thank the Tyler Bell Choir and Ed Mitchell for sharing special music with us this morning.



This Week's Calendar November 25 to December 2

<i>Sunday</i> November 25	10 AM Worship No Sunshine Singers Practice Today 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen 5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall
<i>Monday</i> November 26	6 PM Liturgical Music Meeting – Upstairs Kitchen 7:15 PM Worship Committee – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> November 27	8 AM Trustees – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Wednesday</i> November 28	
<i>Thursday</i> November 29	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> November 30	
<i>Saturday</i> December 1	9:30 AM PW Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Sunday</i> December 2	1st Sunday of Advent Family Promise Hosting Week Begins 8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens – Sanctuary 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Levite Sunday Clean Up/Nativity Set Up 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class

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. 273 "He Is King of Kings"

*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 "At the Name of Jesus" – arr. Powell

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****

-  Please note that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. While the focus is primarily on the chancel, there are some wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.
-  Join us in the Social Hall immediately following worship service for coffee & fellowship. All are welcome!



Thank you to our Worship Servers

Acolyte	Freddy Ferraro
Liturgist	Patty Januszewski
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Pat Meudt, Denny Meudt, Cathy Russo, Darlene Powell
Tellers	Charles Capanna, Liz DeGori, Darlene Powell



Happy Birthday to...

November 27	Judy Reed
November 27	Bruce Lovelace
December 1	Sandy Lovelace