

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 17, 2019 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

“The words of the prophet must cut through and speak beyond the woes of the current moment to hope on the other side. And yet the priest must dwell where the people dwell tending to the pain.

Both are necessary.

Both are rare.’

- Traci Blackmon

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me” - arr. Sedio

Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

All: **How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!**

One: The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem:

All: **God gathers the exiles of Israel.**

One: God heals the brokenhearted:

All: **and binds up their wounds.**

One: God counts the number of the stars:

All: **And calls them all by their names.**

One: Great is our Lord, and mighty in power:

All: **There is not limit to God’s wisdom.**

***Hymn No. 792** “There Is A Balm”

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: There is no one like God, who pardons our sins and forgets all of our offenses. God doesn’t hold on to grudges but delights in showing mercy. Your mistakes and failures—they are already forgotten. Know that you are loved, and share that love with your neighbor.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***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 “I’ve Got A Robe” - arr. Miller – *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

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| 1. Psalm 1:1-6 | OT 489 | LP 602 |
| 2. Luke 6:17-26 | NT 64 | LP 78 |

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Blessing” — 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 “There Is a Balm in Gilead” - arr. Powell

***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** (*Worship Sourcebook*)
Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. 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. 762** "When the Poor Ones"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 853** "We Are Marching In the Light of God"
 "We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God."

Postlude "There Is a Balm in Gilead" - arr. Ashdown

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

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	
Liturgist	Darlene Powell
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Nancy Stewart, Dave Nicaastro, Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick
Tellers	Terry Lovelace, Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick
Coffee Hr. Host	Owens Family



Flowers This Week

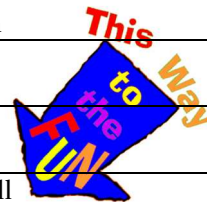
Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Sanctuary Flowers given by Barry, Merri & Meredith Owen are in honor of Jim & Margaret Fortney's anniversary.

Music Notes 

Today's prelude is Mark Sedio's contemporary arrangement of a traditional English folk melody, "Danby," named for a village in North Yorkshire. The offertory is Robert Powell's arrangement of the African American spiritual "Balm In Gilead." The postlude is Franklin Ashdown's 2016 setting of the same tune. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Calendar • February 17 to 24	
Sunday February 17	9 AM Family Promise Families Depart 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Education Committee - Up Kitchen 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room
Monday February 18	Presidents Day - Church Office Closed
Tuesday February 19	
Wednesday February 20	10 AM Joy Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life - Upstairs Kitchen
Thursday February 21	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday February 22	
Saturday February 23	6 PM Family Game Night - Social Hall
Sunday February 24	10 AM Worship/Installation of Church Officers 11:15 AM Stephen Ministry - Up Kitchen *No Sunshine Singers Practice Today* 4:30 PM Confirmation Class - Memorial Lounge



BIRTHDAY
CALENDAR

This Week's Birthdays	
February 21	Mike Lowe
February 22	Karen Daly
February 23	Jennifer Weinhardt
February 24	Owen White-Lindstedt



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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