

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Belief in God is not assent to doctrines or reflection on ethical values. Rather, belief is a response to the call of God which, as in the case of Abram, upsets one’s accustomed way of life and gives new motivation and direction.” - *Bernhard Anderson*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy” - *Kendall Wichart*, piano

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 58:6-8*)

One: Is not this the fast I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice;

All: to share your bread with the hungry;

One: to bring the homeless poor into your house;

All: when you see the naked, to clothe them?

One: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

All: and your healing shall spring up quickly.

***Hymn No. 1** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when
we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only
Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns
in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Passing of Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Anthem “God, You Enfold Me” - Caccini, arr. Hopson
Sunshine Singers

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)
(Children will return during final hymn.)

• *Earth Care Committee on Pitman recycling*

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. Philippians 3:17-4:1 | NT 198 | LP 242 |
| 2. Genesis 15:1-21 | OT 12 | LP 14-15 |

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Covenant” — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***Affirmation of Faith**

Hymn No. 649 “Amazing Grace” (verse 4 only)

Invitation to Offering

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

***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** (*Thom Schuman*)

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment,
may we become imitators of you, Gracious God,
who holds nothing back from us,
but is generous and gracious with all that is yours.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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. 51** “To Abraham and Sarah”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 541**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (verse 2)
“God, be with you till we meet again; unseen wings
protecting hide you, daily mana still provide you: God be
with you till we meet again.”

Postlude “Holy, Holy, Holy” - arr. Lowe

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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Acolyte	
Liturgist	Bev Ballard
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Dave Nicastro, Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing
Coffee Hour Hosts	Chili Cook Off



Music Notes

Today's anthem is an ancient Celtic text set to a melody by Giulio Caccini (1551-1618). The offertory is Wayne Wold's 2018 arrangement of the tune "Love Unknown," originally written by John Ireland (1879-1962). Wayne Wold is currently Professor, College Organist, and Chair of the Music Department at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He is also the newly elected Mid-Atlantic Region Councillor for the American Guild of Organists. We thank Kendall Wichart and the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

Head down to the Social Hall following the service for Invitation & Outreach's Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser. All are welcome for fun, fellowship and taste testing!



This Week's Calendar • March 17 to 24

<i>Sunday</i> March 17	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee - Upstairs Kitchen 11:15 AM Annual Chili Cook Off - Coffee Hour (SH) 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice - Music Room
<i>Monday</i> March 18	
<i>Tuesday</i> March 19	
<i>Wednesday</i> March 20	10 AM Joy Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Handel's "Messiah" Discussion - Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> March 21	9 AM WPS "Someone Special Day" - Social Hall 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> March 22	
<i>Saturday</i> March 23	10 AM PW Spring Gathering - Somerdale Presbyterian
<i>Sunday</i> March 24	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Stephen Ministry - Upstairs Kitchen *No Sunshine Singers Rehearsal Today* 5 PM Jazz Vespers - Sanctuary/Social Hall



March Birthdays

This Week's Birthdays

March 18	Helen Loeb
March 18	Stacy Sharpe
March 19	Karla Langlois
March 20	Madeleine Enever

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Second
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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