

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
4th Sunday in Lent • The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Sunday, March 31, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation (Peggy McIntosh)

“...it is an open question whether we will choose to use unearned advantage to weaken hidden systems of advantage, and whether we will use any of our arbitrarily awarded power to try to reconstruct power systems on a broader base.”

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Jesus Loves Me” - Ryleigh Wichart, piano

Call to Worship (Isaiah 55:1-3)

One: Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

All: **And you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.**

One: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

All: **Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.**

Blessing Over the Water

***Hymn No. 623** “I’ve Got Peace Like A River”

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: Behold, there is water in the font.

All: **We have been baptized in water and welcomed by the
Spirit.**

One: A voice calls from the heavens!

All: **“You are my child. You are beloved. I am well pleased.”**

One: Let us proclaim the hope of our baptism together:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and made whole.
Thanks be to God!**

***Passing of Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem “There Is A Longing” - Quigley - *Tenor/Bass Ensemble*

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.**

Baptism Ava Kate Wlodarczyk

Daughter of Kenneth & Sarah Wlodarczyk

***Hymn No. 491** “You Have Put On Christ”

Scripture

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| 1. Isaiah 55:1-9 | OT 685-6 | LP 838-9 |
| 2. Philippians 3:4-14 | NT 198 | LP 242 |

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Clothed” — Rev. Drew Harrison

***Affirmation of Faith** (From the Heidelberg Catechism)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious
blood,**

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for
my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Blessed Assurance” - arr. Carlson

***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**

**Lord, we humbly offer our gifts as signs of thanksgiving for
your gifts to us. Use them and use us to proclaim your good
news for the world. 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.

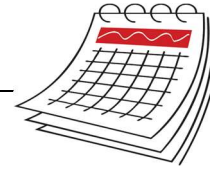
***Hymn No. 839** "Blessed Assurance"

***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 "When Peace Like A River" - arr. Ashdown

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



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> March 31 to April 7	
<i>Sunday</i> March 31	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers – Music Room 2 PM Congregational Life Sunday – Hammonton Presbyterian
<i>Monday</i> April 1	7 PM Session – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> April 2	
<i>Wednesday</i> April 3	7 PM "Messiah" – Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> April 4	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> April 5	
<i>Saturday</i> April 6	
<i>Sunday</i> April 7	8:30 AM Deacons – Social Hall 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers – Music Room 4:30 PM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge

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Liturgist	Patty Januszewski
Greeter	Joan Wagner
Ushers	Karen Daly, Ed Mitchell, Bobbi Wilkins, Kelle Franzen
Tellers	Jean Brod, Mike Ballard, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hour Hosts	The Wlodarczyk Family

This Week's Birthdays

March 31	Meri Reed
March 31	John Gallo
April 1	Harry Salotti
April 1	Maggie Carson
April 3	Dot Blyth





Music Notes

Today's offertory is J. Bert Carlson's contemporary, slightly jazzy setting of the tune "Assurance," originally written in 1873 by Phoebe Palmer Knapp. The postlude is Franklin Ashdown's 2013 arrangement of the hymn tune "Ville du Havre," composed by Philip Bliss in 1876 and named for a ship that tragically sank in 1873. We thank Ryleigh Wichart and the Tenor/Bass Ensemble for sharing special music with us this morning.



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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