

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation** (Kelly Chripczuk)

I cannot help but sit back and smile 'til the tears come as I watch God working with sure hands, drawing together what was put asunder, like some crazy quilt of beauty and glory and redemption, creating anew from these tattered old rags.

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** "For All the Faithful Women" - arr. Wood

**Call to Worship**

One: Lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.

All: **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.**

One: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

All: **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.**

One: Rain in abundance, God showered abroad, your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy,

All: **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

\***Hymn No. 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have disobeyed your will. Forgive us our selfishness and our disobedience. Return us to your path, and guide us to the still waters of your healing grace. Renew in us a desire to be faithful to you, that we may follow you all the days of our life.

**Moment of Silence**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, believe the Good News, for as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\***Hymn No. 584** "Glory, Glory, Glory"

"Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! And on earth peace to all people in whom God is pleased. And on earth peace to all people in whom God is pleased."

\***Passing of Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

**Anthem** "Mothering God, Who Gave Me Birth" – *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. John 10:22-30 | New Testament | 104 | Large Print | 127 |
| 2. Acts 9:36-43  | New Testament | 128 | Large Print | 156 |

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** "Knitting" — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

\***Affirmation of Faith** (From the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

\***Hymn No. 324** "For All the Faithful Women"

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" - arr. Maxwell

\***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 thank you for blessing us in ways large and small. Accept our gifts, large and small, and use them for 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. 529** "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 539** "We Will Go Out With Joy"  
"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God."

**Postlude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" - arr. Pelz

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

| <i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i> |  |
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| <b>Acolyte</b>                          |  |
| <b>Liturgist</b>                        | Elaine Scheetz   |
| <b>Greeter</b>                          | Judy Reed  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                           | Sue LaPierre, Margaret Ginter, Cathy Russo, Greg Patterson |
| <b>Tellers</b>                          | Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly                  |
| <b>Coffee Hr. Hosts</b>                 | Liz & Kevin Gianfortune                                    |



### Music Notes

Today's prelude comes from "Seven Folk Tune Sketches" for organ by Dale Wood. In this case, the folk melody is the hymn tune "Nyland," named for a province in Finland identified as its source. The postlude is Walter Pelz' 2018 arrangement of the tune "Coronation," written by Massachusetts-born carpenter and composer Oliver Holden in 1793. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



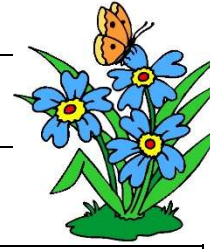
### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are dedicated in memory of Patricia Horton, given by the Downings.



Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
*Proverbs 31:30*

### This Week's Calendar May 12-19



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| <b>Sunday</b><br>May 12    | <b>Mother's Day</b><br>10 AM Worship<br>No Sunshine Singers Today  |
| <b>Monday</b><br>May 13    | 7 PM Property Committee – Church Library   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>May 14   | 7 PM Invitation & Outreach Committee – Memorial Lng.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>May 15 | 10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen<br>1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen<br>7 PM Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen                              |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>May 16  | 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>May 17    |  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>May 18  | 9:30 AM Grace Circle   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>May 19    | 10 AM Worship/Weekday Preschool Celebration<br>11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Ice Cream Party – Music Room<br>5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall |



### This Week's Birthdays

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| <b>May 12</b> | Dan Enright               |
| <b>May 12</b> | Thomas Enever             |
| <b>May 13</b> | Sarah Wlodarczyk          |
| <b>May 14</b> | Drew Staman               |
| <b>May 15</b> | Ed Carson                 |
| <b>May 16</b> | Denny Meudt               |
| <b>May 17</b> | Rose Conroy               |
| <b>May 18</b> | George Gruber             |
| <b>May 18</b> | JoAnna Contarino          |
| <b>May 19</b> | Montana Lovelace-LaPierre |

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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