

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
5th Sunday of Easter & Weekday Preschool Celebration
Sunday, May 19, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation (*William Sloane Coffin*)

Life being what it is, if we don't make a difference by trying, we'll make a difference by not trying.

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "For the Fruit of All Creation" - arr. Dahl
Linda Richardson, handbell

Call to Worship

One: Who are you?

All: **I am a child of God.**

One: Who are we?

All: **We are children of God, the family of faith.**

One: What does it mean to be a child of God?

All: **We belong to God, who loves us and calls us God's own.
In life and death we belong to God.**

One: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn No. 36** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit away from us.

Restore us to the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

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 well pleased. And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased."

Passing of Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" - Farrant, arr. K. Lee Scott

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

- 1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18 NT 130 LP 158
- 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 NT 193-4 LP 236-7

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Calling" — Rev. Drew Harrison

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: Eternal God,
whom the highest heaven cannot contain,
much less a building by human hands,
hear us, as we pray:

All: **we praise you, O God.**

One: For the teachers who have poured out
knowledge,
kindness,
and their hearts,

All: **we praise you, O God.**

One: For the children who have filled this place
with laughter,
who have grown in faith and knowledge,
who have been sent to the next stages in their journey,
and who have grown, and will grow to be faithful servants of you.

All: **we praise you, O God.**

One: For the works of art created here,
for every paper-plate tambourine,
handprint turkey,
and macaroni necklace...

...that sit proudly on refrigerators,
reminding us of the gifts you have given us,
we praise you, O God.

All:

One: For your presence,
which has filled this place,
and guided us for 52 years,

All: **we praise you, O God.**

One: For faithful stewards,
in board and committee meetings,
with plans and donations,
who have seen this mission through until today.

All: **we praise you, O God.**

One: For the knowledge that your work
and ministry continue among us today,
and will take new forms for a new age,

All: **we praise you, O God.**

One: All thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

***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.

***Hymn** (Insert) "We Thank You, God, For Teachers"

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me" - arr. Hobby

***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. 188** "Jesus Loves Me"

***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. Alleluia! 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 "For the Fruit of All Creation" - arr. Stoldt

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



Thank you to our Worship Servers

Acolyte	Jillian Lai
Liturgist	Elaine Scheetz
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Margaret Ginter, Cathy Russo, Greg Patterson
Tellers	Mike Ballard, Liz DeGori, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hr. Hosts	Liz & Kevin Gianfortune

Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Dahl's 2013 setting of a traditional Welsh tune, "Ar Hyd Y Nos" (All Through the Night). It has served as the musical scaffolding to several texts, including that of our first hymn. The postlude by Church of St. Luke, Chicago cantor Frank Stoldt is also based on the same tune. The offertory is Robert Hobby's 2008 arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me." We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



This Week's Calendar • May 19-26	
<i>Sunday</i> May 19	10 AM Worship/Weekday Preschool Celebration 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Ice Cream Party – Music Room 5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall
<i>Monday</i> May 20	7:30 PM American Guild of Organists – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> May 21	3 PM Third Meal (Community Dinner) – Social Hall [Prep begins @ 3 PM, Meal @ 5:30 PM]
<i>Wednesday</i> May 22	8 AM Trustees – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> May 23	<i>Mission Trip to Puerto Rico Begins</i> 9 AM Preschool Graduation – Sanctuary/Social Hall 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> May 24	
<i>Saturday</i> May 25	
<i>Sunday</i> May 26	10 AM Worship - Sanctuary 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers – Music Room 12:30 AM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen

This Week's Birthdays	
May 19	Montana Lovelace-LaPierre
May 21	Steve Langlois
May 21	Brandon Shannon
May 22	Vicki Downing
May 23	Amanda Owens
May 23	Kendall Wichart
May 24	Maura Downing
May 25	Louis Nicastro
May 25	Aaron Russell
May 26	Dawn Jurkiewicz

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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