

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Sunday, September 1, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

‘Every Christian community must realize that not only do the weak need the strong, but also the strong cannot exist without the weak. The elimination of the weak is the death of fellowship.’ -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

**Prelude** “Canon in D” – Pachelbel - *Maggie Carson*, piano

**Call to Worship** (by Rev. Leslie Penrose)

One: At God’s table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

**All: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.**

One: At God’s table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

**All: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.**

One: At God’s table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

**All: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed.**

\***Hymn** “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” (paperless music)

**Prayer of Confession**

Good Shepherd,  
you have called us as your own,  
but we refuse to hear your voice.  
You have shown us your way,  
but we insist on our own.  
You have welcomed us,  
but we refuse to welcome each other.  
You have set a feast before us,  
and we have let our neighbors go hungry.

Forgive us, Lord.  
In your mercy,  
take away our sins,  
and restore us to you.  
Remind us again with bread and wine,  
that you gave yourself for us,  
and sent us to share this good news with the world.

**Moment of Silence**

**Words of Assurance**

One: Hear the good news!  
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins on the cross  
that we might be dead to sin,  
and alive to all that is good.

**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** “Ave Verum Corpus” (Hail, True body) K. 618 - W. A. Mozart  
*Maggie Carson & Matthew Hwang*, flutes  
*Sarah Carson*, clarinet  
*Jacob Hwang*, viola

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 81:10-16 OT 493 LP 666

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 14:1-14 NT 77 LP 94

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** “The Table” - 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** “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” - arr. Blersch

\***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 give you thanks for all your gifts. Accept these gifts and teach us to be as generous as you are with what we have.

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

**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.

**Words of Institution** Rev. Drew Harrison

**Communion Hymn No. 498** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" (Communion Servers, please come forward.) *Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

**The Sharing of the Supper**

**Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, thank you for your presence, which you have shared with us in bread and wine. Send us forth from this place filled with your spirit, proclaiming your good news, and welcoming all to the table.

\***Hymn No. 770** "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 539** "We Will Go Out With Joy" v. 1

**Postlude** "Allegro Marziale: Old Hundredth" - Titcomb

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

**Music Notes**

Today's prelude is one of the most famous pieces of music from the Baroque era, originally composed for string orchestra by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706). The special music is an instrumental arrangement of a beautiful choral motet by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). The offertory is Jeffrey Blerch's 2014 setting of a communion hymn by Johann Lohner (1645-1705). The postlude opens with a fanfare, later to reveal the melody of our Doxology, the tune "Old Hundredth." We thank Maggie and Sarah Carson and Matthew and Jacob Hwang for sharing special music with us this morning.





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*"God's Open House"*


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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

**This Week's Calendar**  
**September 1-8**

<i>Sunday</i> September 1	<b>8:30 AM</b> Deacons - Social Hall <b>10 AM</b> Worship	
<i>Monday</i> September 2	<b>Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	
<i>Tuesday</i> September 3		
<i>Wednesday</i> September 4	<b>6:30 PM</b> Vital Congregations Meeting - Hammonton Presbyterian Church	
<i>Thursday</i> September 5	<b>7 PM</b> Bell Choir Practice - Music Room <b>8 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Room	
<i>Friday</i> September 6		
<i>Saturday</i> September 7	<b>9 AM</b> Set up for Deacons Event - Social Hall	
<i>Sunday</i> September 8	<b>10 AM</b> Worship/Fall Sunday School Begins <b>11:15 AM</b> Homecoming Luncheon - Social Hall	

**This Week's Birthdays**

<b>September 3</b>	Dave Gerace
<b>September 4</b>	Scott Campbell
<b>September 4</b>	Ron Griffith
<b>September 5</b>	Gavin Tappin
<b>September 6</b>	David Eastman
<b>September 7</b>	Keri Leach

**Thank you to our Worship Servers**

<b>Communion Servers</b>	Stephen Hwang, Dave Nicastro, Elaine Scheetz, Karen Daly
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jen Hwang
<b>Greeter</b>	Mary Pat Maier
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Nicastro, Cathy Russo, Elaine Scheetz, Darlene Powell
<b>Tellers</b>	Bev Donofrio, Liz Degori, Darlene Powell
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Suzanne Carson, Pat Meudt