

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 8, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

“The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out.”

–James Baldwin

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Though I May Speak” - arr. Beckstrand

Call to Worship (Galatians 3:27-28)

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: **There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

One: And if you belong to Christ,
then you are Abraham’s offspring,
heirs according to the promise.

***Hymn No. 756** “O God of Every Nation”

Prayer of Confession

Lord of all,
in Jesus Christ you brought us together,
and took away everything that divides us.

But still we separate ourselves,
from each other,
from ourselves,
from you.

Forgive us, Lord.
Restore us into community with each other.
Heal the rifts we have created,
so that we might all live together as one family
in your holy name.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone,
a new life has begun.

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

***Hymn No. 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

“**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.**”

***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem “O Lord, Our Lord, How Excellent is Thy Name” - Martin
Sanctuary Choir

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 Philemon 1-25 (NT 215-16 • LP 263-4)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “A Beloved Brother” - 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 “O God of Every Nation” - arr. Callahan

***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 offer you our treasures and ourselves in
thanksgiving for all you’ve given us. Bless us and make use
of us to serve your son Jesus Christ. 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. 693** “Though I May Speak”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 543** “O Christ, Surround Me” verse 5

Postlude “Though I May Speak” - arr. Groom te Velde

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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Acolyte	Ryleigh Wichart
Liturgist	Carol Owens
Greeter	Joan Wagner
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, John Fitzpatrick



All are welcome and invited by the Deacons to join us in the Social Hall following the service to enjoy food, fun and fellowship at today's Homecoming Luncheon.

Music Notes

Today's prelude is William Beckstrand's 2001 setting of an English folk tune, "O Waly Waly," which was adapted by Hal Hopson and became known as the hymn "The Gift of Love." The postlude is Rebecca Groom te Velde's 2016 arrangement of the same tune, with a little bit of "Veni, Creator Spiritus" (Come, Holy Spirit) thrown in at the end. We welcome the Sanctuary Choir back for a new season and thank them for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> September 8-15	
<i>Sunday</i> September 8	10 AM Worship/Fall Sunday School Begins 11:15 AM Homecoming Luncheon – Social Hall
<i>Monday</i> September 9	6 PM Property Committee – New Church Library 7 PM Session – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> September 10	7 PM Invitation & Outreach – Memorial Lounge
<i>Wednesday</i> September 11	
<i>Thursday</i> September 12	7 PM Bell Choir Practice – Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice – Music Room
<i>Friday</i> September 13	7 PM Theology on Tap – Sanctuary/Bonesaw Brewery, Glassboro
<i>Saturday</i> September 14	9:30 AM PW Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Sunday</i> September 15	10 AM Worship/Welcoming New Members 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Up Kitchen 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Kick-Off Pizza Party – Music Room

This Week's Birthdays

September 9	Elaine Scheetz
September 11	Jeff Downing
September 12	Nicole Wichart
September 12	Jessica Golden





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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