

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 15, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking the way of faith and obedience.” – Eugene Peterson

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “We Are All One in Mission” - arr. Sims

Call to Worship (adapted from prayer by Rev. Gordon Waldie)

One: God, you bring us together in this place,

**All: we come to be fed,
to be renewed,
to seek understanding.**

One: God, you challenge us in this place,

**All: we embrace the challenge,
trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.**

One: God, you are revealed in this place,

**All: sometimes in shining glory,
sometimes in tears and struggle.**

One: God as we worship in this place,

**All: refresh, renew, and challenge us
so that we would see your awesomeness.
We pray in Jesus' name,
as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 733** “We Are All One in Mission”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us on a long journey,
but we struggle to follow.

We allow other things to get in our way,
we become comfortable where we are,
or we lose hope,
and we turn aside from following you.

Forgive us, Lord.

Pour your grace upon us and return us to your path.
Strengthen us to run the race with perseverance.
Fill us with faith, hope, and love,
that we might lead lives of life-long discipleship,
and follow you all the days of our lives.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: In the waters of baptism
we are set free to let go of what is old and broken,
to live a new life in the resurrection,
and to follow Jesus Christ,
who is our redeemer.

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 Sanctuary Choir – “Benedictus” – Lewis

Translation: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.”

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

First Reading: Psalm 37:1-11, 23-28 OT 510-11
LP 628-29

Second Reading: Acts 11:19-26 NT 130
LP 158-59

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Life-Long Discipleship” - 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.

Minute for Mission Vicki Downing, Mission Committee

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Today We All Are Called” - arr. Weber

***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.

New Member Welcome Kevin Gianfortune

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. 757** “Today We All Are Called”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 543** “O Christ, Surround Me” verse 5
“Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear
my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ,
surround me; O Christ surround me.”

Postlude “The Kingsfold Trumpet” - Fedak

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





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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

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> September 15-22	
<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
<i>Monday</i> September 16	
<i>Tuesday</i> September 17	5 PM 3 rd Meal Community Dinner - Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> September 18	10 AM Joy Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle - Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Circle of Life - Upstairs Kitchen 7:30 PM CROP Walk Meeting - Memorial Lounge
<i>Thursday</i> September 19	7 PM Bell Choir Practice - Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Room
<i>Friday</i> September 20	7 PM Peacemaker Visit - Social Hall
<i>Saturday</i> September 21	9:30 AM Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> September 22	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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Acolyte	Bailey Wichart
Liturgist	Dave Nicastro
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Margaret Ginter, Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick
Tellers	Carol Schoepske, Terri Lovelace, Vicki Downing
Coffee Hr. Host	Bev Donofrio



Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Sims' 2017 setting of a German folk tune from the 17th century, which is also the basis of our opening hymn. The offertory is a 2015 arrangement by Jacob Weber, based on an English folk tune-turned hymn, named "Kingsfold" for the town in Sussex, England where it was heard and recorded. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Birthdays

September 16	Joe Gallo
September 20	Rosemary Salotti

