

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 27, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

‘Every time I move to a new community, I find a church close by and join it.... I've never been anything other than disappointed. Everyone turns out to be biblical, through and through: murmurers, complainers, the faithless, the inconstant, those plagued with doubt and riddled with sin, boring moralizers, glamorous secularizers. Every once in a while a shaft of blazing beauty seems to break out of nowhere and illuminate these companies, and then I see what my sin-dulled eyes had missed: Word of God-shaped, Holy Spirit-created lives of sacrificial humility, incredible courage, heroic virtue, holy praise, joyful suffering, constant prayer, persevering obedience.’ -Eugene Peterson

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “What Is This Place” - arr. Maxwell

Call to Worship (Stephen M. Fearing)

One: From east and west, north and south, we gather in God's name,

All: to pray, to worship, to sing, to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

One: We give thanks that we are part of a large, diverse faith family.

All: We are old. We are young. We come from tribes of all kinds.

One: We give thanks that God's family is one of many colors.

All: From black to white to every shade in between, we are children of God.

One: We give thanks that the narrative we proclaim belongs to everyone.

All: We stand with our friends and family around the world, reclaiming the name of Jesus.

One: We give thanks for Jesus' resurrection, a truth that tells us that God's love wins.

All: We give thanks and praise to the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

One: Come, let us worship God and gather at God's wide and wonderful table.

*Hymn No. 404 “What Is This Place”

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear...

and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment...

Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the Good News. If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.
Everything old has passed away, and we are new again!

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 “When the Saints Go Marching In” - arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Tyler Bell 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

First Reading: 2 Samuel 9:1-13 OT 283
LP 351

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:13 NT 181-2
LP 221

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Ecclesial Health” - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life involves the church in the common life of all.

His service commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to the sufferings of all so that it sees the face of Christ in every kind of need...

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on humanity's cruelty 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 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.

When You Give 3rd Meal

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “A Mighty Fortress” - arr. Biery

*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

Generous God, you fill us with good things. In thanks, we offer you our hands, our hearts, and our treasures. Use all our gifts so that this world might be transformed by your love. 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 (insert) “We All Are One in Mission”
(sung to the tune “Lancashire” #733)

*Benediction

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

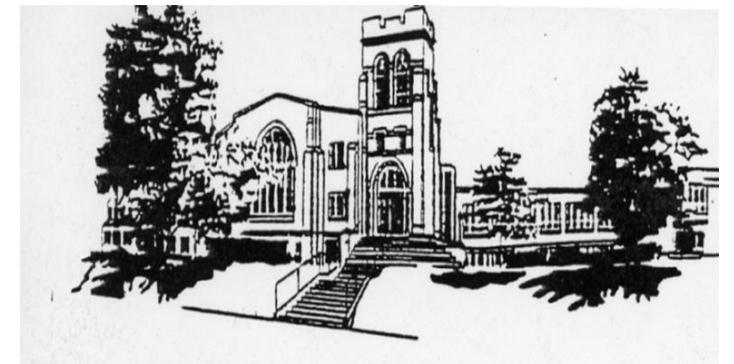
Postlude “Fugue on ‘Lancashire’” - Helman

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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> October 27-November 3	
<i>Sunday</i> October 27	10 AM Worship *No Sunshine Singers Practice Today 11:15 AM Library Committee Meeting 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> October 28	6 PM Liturgical Music Meeting - Upstairs Kitchen 7:15 PM Worship Committee - Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> October 29	
<i>Wednesday</i> October 30	
<i>Thursday</i> October 31	7 PM Bell Choir Practice - Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Room
<i>Friday</i> November 1	
<i>Saturday</i> November 2	6 PM Girl Scouts Event - Social Hall
<i>Sunday</i> November 3	<i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 8:30 AM Deacons - Social Hall 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
October 31	Beverly Currier
November 3	Jillian Lai



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Betsy Wriggins
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt, Mike Ballard, Darlene Powell
Tellers	Jean Brod, Mike Ballard, Darlene Powell
Coffee Hour Hosts	The Hwang Family



Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Maxwell's 2013 setting of a 17th century Dutch tune, "Komt nu met zang." The postlude was written in 2001 by composer Michael Helman. The offertory is James Biery's 2016 arrangement of Martin Luther's hymn, "Ein feste burg," in honor of Reformation Sunday. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.