

# The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

## Consecration Sunday

### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, November 17, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

#### For Prayer and Contemplation

“The question of bread for myself is a material question, but the question of bread for my neighbor is a spiritual question.” -*Nikolai Berdyaev*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” - traditional spiritual  
*Jordan Riggs*, piano

#### Call to Worship (from *Psalms 145*)

One: The Lord is good to all,  
and God’s compassion is over all creation.

All: **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

All: **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: The Lord is near to all who call,  
God hears their cry and saves them.

All: **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

\*Hymn No. 694 “Great God of Every Blessing”

#### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not served you with our whole selves.  
We have hoarded our blessings.  
We have let fear guide us.  
We have forgotten how to hope, trust, and believe.

Forgive us, Lord.  
Empty us of fear, pain, and anxiety.  
Fill us with courage and commitment.  
Strengthen us to hope, trust,  
and walk the path of faithfulness you revealed  
in your Son Jesus Christ.

#### Moment of Silence

#### Words of Assurance

One: Who is a God like ours? God forgives sinners. God delights in mercy.

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 “Thank You, God” - arr. Helgen – *Sunshine Singers*

#### Blessing Over the Water

Baptism *Anna & Evelyn Downing*

#### 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:* Deuteronomy 26:1-11 OT 180-1

LP 226

*Second Reading:* 1 Peter 4:8-16

NT 235

LP 285

#### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Pattern” - *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.

Moment for Mission *When You Give*

#### Invitation to Offering

Offertory “As Those of Old” - arr. Honore

\*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

#### Dedication of Pledges

#### 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. 712 “As Those of Old”

#### \*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 “Great God of Every Blessing” - arr. Sims



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*"God's Open House"*

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*Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM*

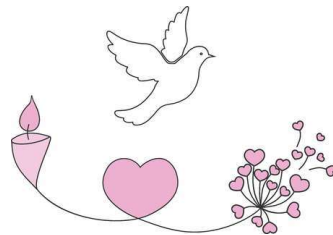
-  Communion on the first Sunday of the month
-  Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> November 17-24	
<i>Sunday</i> November 17	<b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Christian Ed. Meeting – Up Kitchen <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice
<i>Monday</i> November 18	
<i>Tuesday</i> November 19	<b>5:30 PM</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meal (Community Dinner) – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> November 20	<b>10 AM</b> Joy Circle – Up Kitchen <b>1 PM</b> Faith Circle – Up Kitchen <b>7 PM</b> Circle of Life – Up Kitchen <b>7 PM</b> Trans Day of Remembrance – Rowan Student Center Back Patio (Outdoor Event) <b>7:30 PM</b> Handel's Messiah Bible Study – Music Rm.
<i>Thursday</i> November 21	<b>7 PM</b> Bell Choir Practice – Music Room <b>8 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Practice – Music Room <b>8 PM</b> Men's Bible Study – New Church Library
<i>Friday</i> November 22	<b>4 PM</b> Mission Market – Social Hall
<i>Saturday</i> November 23	<b>10 AM</b> Mission Market – Social Hall <b>10 AM</b> Deacons Mtg./Angel Making – Library
<i>Sunday</i> November 24	<b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11 AM</b> Mission Market – Social Hall <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice <b>11:30 AM</b> Stephen Ministry – Up Kitchen <b>5 PM</b> Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall (Mission Market during reception in SH)

<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
<b>November 17</b>	Rev. Bob Walters
<b>November 17</b>	Liz DeGori
<b>November 18</b>	Terri Lovelace
<b>November 18</b>	Shari Hulitt
<b>November 18</b>	Rachael Lodholz
<b>November 19</b>	Ashley Lewis
<b>November 19</b>	Steve Lewis
<b>November 19</b>	Peggy Price
<b>November 20</b>	Caden Luby
<b>November 23</b>	Keith Conley



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darlene Jacobson
<b>Greeter</b>	Elaine Scheetz
<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Ginter, Sue LaPierre, Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing
<b>Tellers</b>	Jeff Downing, Jim Smathers, Vicki Downing
<b>Coffee Hr. Hosts</b>	The Nicastros



## *Sanctuary Flowers*

This week's beautiful flowers decorating the front of our Sanctuary are in honor of *Anna & Evelyn Downing*, given by the Downings.



## *Music Notes*

Today's prelude is an African American spiritual with roots going back to the early 1800's. The offertory is Jeffrey Honore's embellished treatment of the hymn tune "Aurelia," originally written by Samuel S. Wesley. The postlude is David Sims' 2017 setting of the English folk tune, "Forest Green." We thank Jordan Riggs and the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.