

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

2nd Sunday of Christmas

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

"For it is better for them to find You and leave the question unanswered than to find the answer without finding You."

-St. Augustine, *Confessions*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Dawn Is Breaking" - Rollin

Jillian Lai, piano

Call to Worship (Joan Stott)

One: O God, you call us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.

All: **In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.**

One: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather to worship.

All: **In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**

One: Our God has given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God.

All: **In joyful trust, we come to worship our God.**

*Hymn No. 131 "In the Heavens Shone a Star"

Prayer of Confession

O God, our guide,

who once used a star to lead people to Christ,

we confess our poor sense of direction.

We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way.

We fail to follow the signs you provide.

Forgive our waywardness, O God.

Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you.

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 "Come Let Us Worship God" - arr. Houts
Family Pick-Up 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: Isaiah 60:1-6 OT 690 LP 844

Second Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 NT 2 LP 2

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Wanderers" - 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 *Nominating Committee*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "What Star Is This?" - arr. Sedio

*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

Holy God, accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and devotion. Help us to lead lives worthy of your love. Amen.

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. 145 "What Child Is This"

(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

Holy God, thank you for your gifts that surprise and delight. Send us out filled with your spirit to proclaim your good news. Amen.

*Hymn No. 152 "What Star is This, With Beams So Bright"

***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 "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" - arr. Te Velde

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

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<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Communion Servers	Darlene Jacobson, Bev Ballard, Dave Nicastro, Karen Daly
Greeter	Elaine Scheetz
Liturgist	Darlene Jacobson
Ushers	Dave Nicastro, Cathy Russo, Mike Ballard, Bobbi Wilkins
Tellers	Jean Brod, Mike Ballard, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hr. Hosts	I&O Committee

<i>This Week's Calendar • January 5-12</i>	
<i>Sunday</i> January 5	8:45 AM Deacons – Church Library (Downstairs) 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice – Music Room
<i>Monday</i> January 6	6 PM Liturgical Music Meeting – Upstairs Kitchen 7 PM Session – Memorial Lounge
<i>Tuesday</i> January 7	
<i>Wednesday</i> January 8	
<i>Thursday</i> January 9	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Music Room 8 PM Men's Bible Study – Church Library (Upstairs)
<i>Friday</i> January 10	7 PM Theology on Tap – Human Village Brewing Co.
<i>Saturday</i> January 11	
<i>Sunday</i> January 12	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice – Music Room

Music Notes

Today's anthem is Katie Houts' 2019 arrangement of a worship song by Ray Makeever. The offertory is based on a 15th century melody "Puer nobis" arranged "with an eye to the Middle Ages" by contemporary composer Mark Sedio. The postlude is Rebecca Groom Te Velde's 2014 setting of a 16th century melody, "Personent Hodie." We thank Jillian Lai and the Family Pick-Up Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
January 5	Karen Conroy-Grobman
January 5	Vince Gerace
January 6	Greg Golden
January 7	Renee Sheridan
January 8	Debby Leach
January 9	Bobbi Crenco
January 11	Beverly Benson

happy birthday

Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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