

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 18, 2021 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Dear Lord, I will remain restless, tense and dissatisfied until I can be totally at peace in your house. There is no certainty that my life will be any easier in the years ahead, or that my heart will be any calmer. But there is the certainty that you are waiting for me and will welcome me home when I have persevered in my long journey to your house.”

--Henri Nouwen

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Baroque Dance” – Speer - *Jillian Lai*, piano

Call to Worship

One: Bring your tired feet and rest them here.

All: **This is the house of God, who gives us rest from our labors.**

One: Bring your burdens and lay them down here.

All: **This is the house of God, who hears our prayers, restores, and renews us.**

One: Bring your dreams and hopes of what life can be and speak them here.

All: **This is the house of God, who leads us to new life.**

One: Let us worship God, who restores and renews us.

All: **Let us worship God!**

***Hymn No. 409** “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession

Everpresent God,
we confess that we look for you in all the wrong places.

We expect you to be
new,
dazzling,
perfect packaged,
and on-demand.

We forget that you often come

humbly,
imperfectly,
and always on your schedule...

Don't give up on us. Satisfy our hungry hearts with your abiding presence, and strengthen us with your redeeming love.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

One: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy,
your sins are forgiven.

Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life
with God and all people
in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Hymn No. 643** (v.3) “Now Thank We All Our God”

“All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, who
is, and shall be evermore.”

***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

Scripture 2 Samuel 7:1-13 (OT 281 • LP 349)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Where God Dwells?” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***Affirmation of Faith**

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.

Membership Moment *Bobbi Wilkins*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***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** (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are
one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's
ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. 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. 836** “Abide with Me”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 742** “We Will Walk with God”
“We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, sisters; we will walk with God. We
will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go
rejoicing till the kingdom has come.”

Postlude "Canon in C, op. 56 no. 1" - Schumann

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

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| <i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i> |
| Liturgist Betsy Wriggins |
| Ushers John Fitzpatrick Renee Sheridan |



Music Notes

Today's prelude was written by German composer Georg Daniel Speer (1636-1707). The postlude is a canon (like a round, with echoing overlapping melodies) by another German composer, Robert Schumann (1810-1856). We thank Jillian Lai for sharing special music with us this morning.



| <i>This Week's Calendar</i> July 18-25 | |
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| <i>Sunday</i> July 18 | 10 AM Worship Service |
| <i>Monday</i> July 19 | 10 AM Bushels of Blessings Gleaning Trip |
| <i>Tuesday</i> July 20 | 5:30 PM 3 rd Meal Community Dinner - Social Hall |
| <i>Wednesday</i> July 21 | 10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 4:30 PM Summer Lunch Program Distribution 7 PM Circle of Life |
| <i>Thursday</i> July 22 | 8 AM Trustees Meeting |
| <i>Friday</i> July 23 | |
| <i>Saturday</i> July 24 | |
| <i>Sunday</i> July 25 | 10 AM Worship Service |

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