UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**APRIL 7th, 2019**

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**WELCOME**

You have come to hear the Word of God, and you shall hear it read and preached. We hope that by hearing it, you will also meet the Living Word, Jesus, Our Savior. And we pray that you will leave our church equipped to serve him more faithfully and effectively.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

April 7th, 2019

PRELUDE “Healer of Our Every Ill” J. Honore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #404

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;**

**Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;**

**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46:1-5

 Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

 **People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**

 Leader: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

 **People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

 Leader: God is in the midst of this city; she shall not be moved.

 **ALL: God will help her, even as the morning dawns. Amen.**

\*HYMN “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” #210

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the midst of all our unrest and worry, forgive us for our lack of faith. . . May we stop and appreciate the closing words of Psalm 46, “Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.” Be comforted then. God is with us. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GIVE GLORY TO GOD “Give Glory to the Father” #577

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**World without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**World without end. Amen.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTIMENT LESSON: PSALM 43:3-5**

3O send out your light and your truth;

 Let them lead me;

Let them bring me to your holy hill

 and to your dwelling.

4Then I will go to the altar of God,

 to God my exceeding joy;

and I will praise you with the harp,

 O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,

 and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,

 my help and my God.

ANTHEM “Medley of the Cross” arr. Page and Shafferman

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 15:14-24**

14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.  15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with\* the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”\* 22But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

**SERMON**

“Get up, Go Home – Second Chance Abound” Rev. Rob Morrison

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

\*HYMN “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” #80

*(Joys and concerns may be written on the pew cards and given to the ushers during this hymn. They will be shared during the prayers of the people, unless you mark them confidential.)*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostle’s Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the* *dead.* *I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERING**

OFFERTORY “My Song Is Love Unknown” J. Edwards

\*PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR GIFTS

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 Leader: The Lord be with you.

 **People: And also with you.**

 Leader: We lift up your hearts.

 **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy Peace.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

WORDS OF INSITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN “There Is a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #298

**WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Go In Peace”

Go in Peace, go in love, finding joy in each other.

Go in peace, go in love, In Christ we’re sister and brother.

Led by the Spirit there’s strength each day. Light the way together.

Go in peace, go in love. May Christ be with you forever.

POSTLUDE: “Fughetta” A. Boely

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

**TODAYS FLOWERS** Lydia Patterson - *In Memory of Loved Ones*

**GREETERS & USHERS** Karen Ashe & Nancy Giordano

**UPCOMING EVENTS** April 7th – April 14th

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| **Sun 4/7** | **Mon 4/8** | **Tue 4/9** | **Wed 4/10** | **Thurs 4/11** | **Fri 4/12** | **Sat 4/13** | **Sun 4/14** |
| **9:30am**-Adult Sunday School **9:30am**-E3 Worship**10:15**- Coffee Hour**11am-**Worship Service**6pm** – Youth Group | **12pm-** A/A**7pm-** Boy Sct Pack 91**8pm-** N/A | **12pm-** Prison Team Meeting |  | **6pm** – Boy Sct Den#7**7:30**- Cantata Choir Rehearsal**8pm**- A/A | **4pm-** Girl Sct Trp#71854**6pm-** Boy Sct Den #5**8pm-** A/A | **7pm**- A/A | **11am-**Worship Service**2:30 –** Girl Sct Trp#71854**6pm**- Youth Group |

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer for prisoners at the Garden State Prison Retreat

Debbie Walker

John Borek – Cancer

John

Dr, John Bock – Cancer

Chris

Judy D’Amico – healing

Jim

Tom & Sue

Jody Endebrock – Back surgery

Pam & Dan

Patty - relief from back pain

Carol & Al

Fred - healing from dental surgery

Cindy

Virginia Parrey – That she will walk again

The Josephson Family – peace that only God can give them

Dr. Jeff Cook – Cancer

Jim Dixon’s Sister, Judy – Healing & High risk surgery

Jenna Giambelluca – Cancer

Steven – healing for heart valve issues

Families in distress due to conflicts

**THE EASTER CANTATA** The Easter cantata ‘Christ Above All’ will be presented during worship next week (Palm Sunday, April 14th) at the 11 a.m. worship service.  This cantata integrates well known praise and worship songs with a scriptural retelling of Christ’s last days on earth.  The choir has been hard at work rehearsing this presentation, please plan to attend and bring a friend.

**THE SURVIVORS SENIOR GROUP** will meet in the church parking lot on Wed., April 10th at 10:15 .am to carpool to the National Weather Service (NWS Forecast Office Philadelphia/Mount Holly), 732 Woodland Rod., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060. I would like to emphasize that no bags, packages, or purses are allowed to be carried into the building. Following our tour we will enjoy lunch at Robin's Nest, Mt. Holly. If you plan to attend please make your reservation with Rita Peterson 609-259-7256 or email ritapete@optonline.net. All seniors of the church and their friends are welcome to join the Survivors for a very educational and interesting tour plus a wonderful lunch.

**THE WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, April 30th, at 7:00 PM in the Bertolet Lounge. Our book that we will be discussing is THE ART FORGER by B. A. Shapiro. The novel is based on an actual art heist. The main character, Claire, is an art world pariah due to past mistakes. She needs to find her way into the art world one way or another. We invite all women of the church and their friends to join us for our discussion, fellowship, and yummy desserts! May selection: FRIENDSHIP BREAD by Darien Gee

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We are called by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to celebrate

And share the love of God with grace and joy. Gracefully and joyfully we seek to share our gifts in the community through: Open Doors, Diverse Worship, Innovative Education, Creative Mission, and Dynamic Service.

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

You are invited to make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as Lord of Life, or to renew your commitment as a Christian Disciple. Please speak to the pastor who will talk and pray with you. If you are looking for a church home we invite you to join this family of faith and service. This is a caring congregation, open to all. Please let us know how we can serve you.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Minister: Rev. Dr. Rob Morrison

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Terry E. Fouse, Rev. John H. Milne, Rev. Jean B. Pinto

Organist/Choir Director: Marilyn Machmer

Church Secretary: Katlin Briggs

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer Requests Daytime: Church office Tel. (609) 585-5770

Evening: Joyce Vaughn Tel. (609) 915-3733

If you would like to make a written contribution to our worship bulletin, please forward same to the church office no later than Monday @ 12 noon. Thank you.