

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“HE IS LORD OF ALL.”

ACTS 10:36, NRSV

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WELCOME

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2014

PRELUDE "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Smith

PRAYER HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 376
*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's love for us is strong and warm,

People: opening our eyes to the wonders all around us.

Leader: God's love for us is wild and freeing,

People: opening us to new ways, new paths, new relationships.

Leader: God's love for us is compassionate and gentle,

People: comforting us in our pain, weeping with us in our distress.

Leader: God's love for us is holy and challenging,

People: calling us to risk ourselves for the sake of God and others.

Leader: God's love for us is sure and certain.

It cannot fail and will never end.

People: Let us worship God, giving thanks for the gift of love made known to us in Jesus Christ!

*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" 366

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, Patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time.

We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, Glory and Grace. Bathe us in the life giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GIVE GLORY TO GOD

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” 220
*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pgs. 521-522

Psalm 103:1-13

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 9 He will not always accuse,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
 12 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far he removes our transgressions from us.
 13 As a father has compassion for his children,
 so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN “What’s Your Favorite?” Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM “Come to the Water” P. Choplin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Pgs. 957-958 Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SERMON “Partial Love” Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN “Though I May Speak” 335

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles' 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of Serving God but it is the same Lord who is served

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Where He Leads Me"

arr. Paxton

*WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

(tune # 455)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR GIFTS

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Help us give with hearts and minds open to the possibilities of what we can do to heal the brokenness

of our world. Let our love travel where we do not, making pathways of peace where there are none, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN “Help Us Accept Each Other” (sing to tune 388) 358

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Recessional” Nordman

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Donna and Chuck Crusier in memory of Edna and Luther Bertolet.

Greeters and Ushers: Nancy Giordano and Gloria Hanewald

Liturgist: Benita Rommel

UPCOMING EVENTS January 12th – January 19th

Sunday—January 12th:	9:30 am E3 Worship 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Traditional Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday—January 13th:	7:00 pm Outreach Ministry Team
Thursday—January 16th:	7:30 pm Choir
Saturday—January 18th:	9:00 am UPMen’s Breakfast @ Town & Country
Sunday—January 19th:	9:30 am E3 Worship 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Traditional Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group

There are large print bulletins available. Please see an usher if you need this service.

In our worship services this morning, we will ordain Karen Ashe and Tom Kelley to the office of elder, and Mike Tucker to the office of deacon, and install them to active service. We will also install to active service those who have been previously ordained: deacons Ginny Demeter, Gloria Hanewald, Rhea Mucha, and Noah Pinto, and elders Megan Gadsby, Curly Rentner, and Terry Wagner. We ask you to pray for your church officers and support their leadership.

Looking for a change in the new year? The **Adult Sunday School** offers the opportunity for learning about some Old Testament and New Testament subjects and church history over the past 1000 years as well as having some fellowship and coffee. We hope to see you on Sunday mornings at 9:30. SS Teachers

Topic	Dates	Teacher
Amos and Hosea, the Prophets	Jan 5, 12, 19 & 26	Jean Malloy
The Reformers, Martin Luther, Waldo, Calvin, Menno Simons, etc.	Feb 2, 9, 16 & 23	Jean Pinto
First Corinthians, One In Christ	Mar 2 - May 18	
	Mar 2, 9, 16, 23	Curly Rentner
	Mar 30, Apr 6, 13, 20	Peggy Ayres
	Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18	Tony Nami

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

All treasurers and chairs of committees, please turn in your reports on disk or e-mail them to betty.upcnj@verizon.net by January 12th, so that we might have these reports available a week before the annual meeting.

There will be a congregational meeting following the 11:00 am worship service on January 26, 2014 for the purpose of receiving annual reports and conducting any other business of the corporation. The meeting will take place in Fellowship Hall.

The United Presbyterian Men’s Group will have a breakfast meeting at the Town & Country Diner, Route 130, Bordentown on January 18th at 9:00 am. This is a Dutch Treat event. Come join us for the fellowship and spiritual uplifting as we continue to share ways of socializing and serving our church. A sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall and must be completed by Sunday, January 12th. If you have questions, contact Jim Dixon at 609-298-3398 or email jdixonsr@comcast.net.

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 28th (the last Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 pm in the Bertolet Lounge. We will be discussing JUNE BUG by Chris Fabry. The story is about a ten year old girl who doesn't mind life on the road with her dad until she spots a missing child poster at Walmart that looks like her. All women of the church and their friends who enjoy books and good fellowship are invited to join us. Our classic book for February is: POLLYANNA by Eleanor Hodgman Porter.

Camp Johnsonburg is our Mission focus for the month of January. All mission donations received during this month will go to support Camp Johnsonburg.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Angela (breast cancer); Cyndy (breast cancer); Bryan; Tony (spinal neck surgery); Kim Corelli (stroke); Margaret Bohn (congestive heart failure); Beverly McCoy (broken neck from a fall); Bill Carpenter; and Bob Efaw (cancer).

Comfort for the family of Ben Accardi; and for Greg upon the passing of his grandfather.

Prayers for John whose Parkinson's disease is progressing.

Concern for Ron and Ann Castor's 10 year old niece Mia Castor (seizure); and for Amy's mother (heart problems).

Traveling mercies for Peggy Ayres' niece Melina Belviso going to Germany for a week for work.

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](#)
[Dynamic Service](#)

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Jean B. Pinto (737-8011) jeanbpinto@comcast.net

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Terry E. Fouse and Rev. John H. Milne

Organist: Michael Mraz

Choir Director: Marilyn Machmer

Church Secretary: Betty Reinert

Prayer Chain: Daytime: Carol Heberling (298-2594); Betty Reinert (585-5770)
Evening: Gail Fouse (585-3248); Joyce Vaughn (888-1187)

OUR CONGREGATION IN MISSION

Because of your stewardship commitment, the United Presbyterian Church is supporting the ministries of:

- ❖ The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through Monmouth Presbytery; the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly.
- ❖ Mobile Meals of Hamilton Township
- ❖ Princeton Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund

- ❖ Trenton Area Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ Trenton Area Rescue Mission
- ❖ Presbyterian Camp at Johnsonburg
- ❖ Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Pierson Memorial Food Bank
- ❖ Womanspace
- ❖ Homefront
- ❖ Trenton Area Campus Ministries