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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

February 9, 2014

PRELUDE "More About Jesus" arr. Smith

PRAYER HYMN

"Baptized in Water" (v. 3)

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Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spirit, We are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wade into the waters of love; **People: Step into the rivers of blessing.**

Leader: Here, find the renewing streams of mercy. **People: Here, taste the wonder of God's goodness.**

Leader: Feel the waters of life; **People: Know the joy of baptism;**Leader: See the springs of eternal life;

People: Sing of the triumph of God's blessing.

*HYMN "Bring Forth the Kingdom" Sing the Faith 2190

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just and merciful God: While we witness the sacrament of baptism, symbol of your cleansing grace and of our reception into the worldwide church of your Son, we are painfully conscious of the distance between your holiness and our humanity. We fail to love even our loved ones consistently and constructively. We disclaim responsibility for the misery of stricken strangers; unwanted children, the homeless, the elderly poor. By our participation in this sacrament of acceptance and welcome, help us to become more accepting and welcoming toward others. We pray in the name of him whose

invitation to the waters of baptism and to renewal of spirit includes all your children, even Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GIVE GLORY TO GOD

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
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

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Psalm 112:1-9

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1 Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- 4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
- 8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- 9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

"Salty Lives"

Rev. Jean Pinto

arr. Stan Pethel

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pg. 838

Matthew 5:13-20

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

SERMON "Salt of the Earth" Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN "Wade in the Water" Sing the Faith 2107

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Jean Pinto

(Please follow along with the Baptism on the back cover of the Hymnal.)

Presentation Shaila Brielle Gomez

*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.

Prayer

The Baptism

Welcome

Clerk of Session: Shaila Brielle Gomez has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Baptismal Prayer: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Lovely Peace" Handel

*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!

*PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR GIFTS

Good and generous God, we pray that your life would so overflow in us that our neighbors both near and far would be fed by your Spirit. Use the offerings of our resources and our lives to proclaim the gospel, spread your love and bring forth your kingdom. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" 435

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Sing Praise to God" arr. Broughton

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Irene Helsel in memory of her husband, Raymond Helsel.

Greeters and Ushers: Tony & Camille Nami

Liturgist: Rhea Mucha

UPCOMING EVENTS February 9th - February 16th

Sunday—February 9th: 9:30 am E3 Worship

9:45 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday—February 10th: 7:00 pm Outreach Ministry Team

Wednesday—February 12th: 12:00 noon Survivors

Thursday—February 13th: 7:30 pm Choir-Cantata Rehearsals Begin 9:00 am UPMen's Breakfast @ Wisdom Diner

Sunday—February 16th: 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated today for Shaila Brielle Gomez, daughter of Richard and Cynthia Gomez and granddaughter of Hardeo and Soam Chhedi.

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
The Reformers, Martin Luther,	Feb 9, 16 & 23	Jean Pinto
Waldo, Calvin, Menno Simons,		
etc.		
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

The Survivors Senior Group will meet at the church, Fellowship Hall, on Wed., Feb. 12th at 12:00 p.m. to play Bunco. We ask that you bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. All seniors and friends are welcome to participate in our annual Bunco afternoon. Please contact Rita Peterson at 259-7256 or email ritapete@optonline.net if you

plan to attend. I would like to thank everyone that has saved tabs for the Ronald McDonald House this past year and also the donation of hats, gloves, scarves and sweatshirts for TASK. Your continued support of both these wonderful organizations is most appreciated.

Easter Cantata Choir Rehearsals to begin Thurs. Feb. 13th. The choir will begin rehearsals on the Easter cantata "In His Hands" on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7:30 in the sanctuary. The cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014. There will be a dress rehearsal on Sat., April 5th at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join the choir for this special presentation. This cantata contains a narration that skillfully weaves the perspective of two narrators: one believing disciple, Jude, and one unbelieving disciple, Judas. Through a first-hand description of Christ's ministry on earth, each narrator explains His miracles, healings, and personal experiences while watching the life of Christ. This cantata also includes a powerpoint presentation that contains works of art from the Bob Jones University art gallery. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend; this cantata speaks powerfully to believer and unbeliever alike.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MEN FEBRUARY 15. 2014 BREAKFAST MEETING

The UPM Group will have a Breakfast Meeting on February 15th at 9:00AM, at the WISDOM DINER ROUTE 206, BORDENTOWN, NJ. This will be a DUTCH TREAT EVENT. Come join us for the fellowship and spiritual up-lifting as we continue to share ways of socializing and serving our church. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and must be completed by Sunday, February 9, 2014. If you have any questions, contact Jim Dixon at 609-298-3398 or e-mail jdixonsr@comcast.net.

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tues. (the last Tues. of the month), Feb. 25th at 7:00 pm in the Bertolet Lounge. Our February classic this year is POLLYANNA by Eleanor H. Porter. When orphaned, Pollyanna Whittier comes to live with her stern maiden aunt. She manages to see the sunny side of any situation and changes other people's spirit as well. All women of the church and their friends who enjoy books and fellowship are invited to join us! Our March selection is: THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY by Rachel Joyce.

Our mission focus for the month of February is HomeFront. All of the contributions received for Mission this month will support the wonderful work being done by HomeFront. Please give generously.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing of Gene LaMonica (stage 4 cancer); Vinny Benefield (broken back); Angela (breast cancer); Cyndy (breast cancer); Karla; John; Bryan; Donna; Ben; Melissa; Bob Efaw; Peggy Ayres great niece, Julia Belviso (RWJUH with pancreatitis) and Julia's grandfather, Jerry Belviso (RWJUH with kidney problems).

Comfort for Pat Anthony upon the loss of her mother, Thelma Sturgis. Prayers for Glenn Cruser looking for a job; and for Jill and Bud Belviso for strength and patience.

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) <u>jeanbpinto@comcast.net</u> 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
- Pearson Memorial Food Bank
- Womanspace
- **❖** Homefront
- Trenton Area Campus Ministries