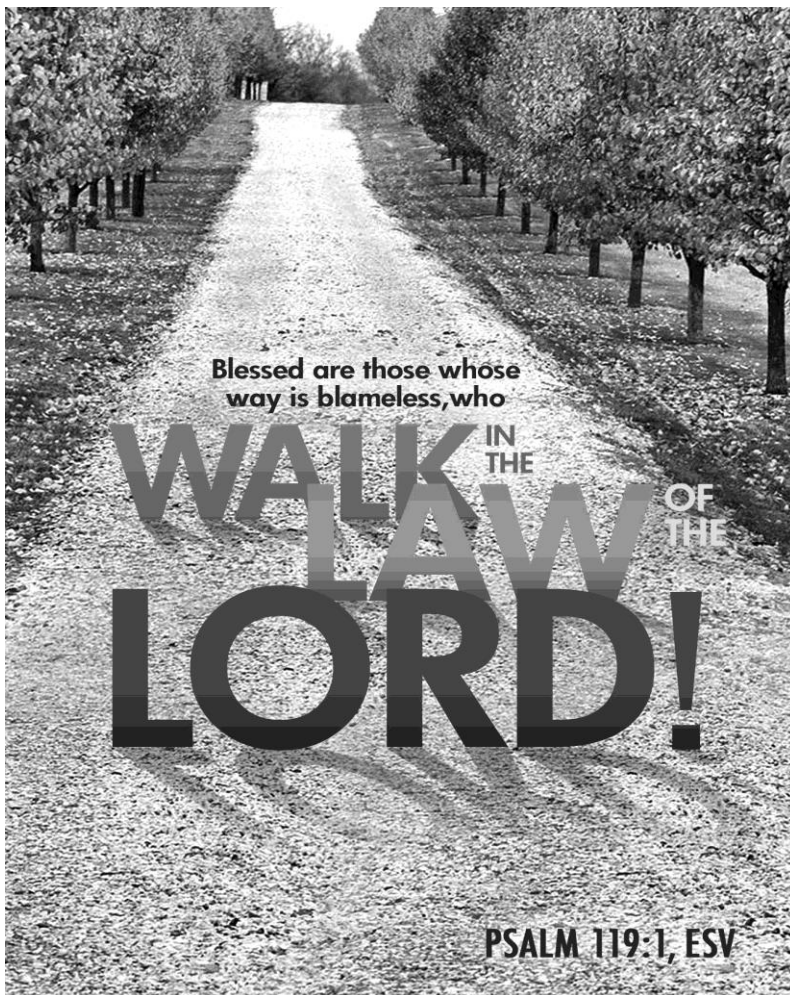


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## WELCOME

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 16, 2014

PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Glyncannon

PRAYER HYMN "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" 370  
*Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

## WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,  
as we are embraced in their kindness,

**People: we choose to be people of life and blessing.**

Leader: As we serve others in God's name,  
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

**People: we choose to walk in God's way.**

Leader: As we forgive those who have hurt us,  
as we reach out to those we have harmed,

**People: we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.**

**All: Let us worship God, who welcomes, blesses, and forgives us.**

\*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 288

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**How often we make the wrong choices, God of our lives! We look at others through the prism of our self-centeredness, distorting who they really are. We let our anger feed us with bitterness and hurt. We toss about harmful words like so many snowballs on a winter's day. We would rather insult those around us, then to lift them up.**

**Have mercy on us, God who is everywhere. May we set aside our quarreling natures to be united in common worship, common service, and a common purpose, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

Pg. 532

Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 who also do no wrong,  
but walk in his ways.
- 4 You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.
- 5 O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- 8 I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

“God’s Valentine to Us”

Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM

“We are One in the Spirit”

P. Scholtes

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.”

SERMON

“Cut It Out!”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

\*HYMN

“Take My Life”

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### 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Just As I Am”

arr. Broughton

\*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 to you, dear Lord, not because we may but because we must. We have learned that it is in giving that we find joy, in giving we discover the good feeling that our lives are making a positive difference. And we receive the inner assurance that we are doing our part to spread the Good News of Christ. Our gifts, O Lord, are an expression of our undying gratitude for your boundless love that supports us even when we are unworthy servants. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“O for a Closer Walk with God”

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**WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“One Fellowship of Love”

Johnson

\*Those who are able may stand.

**The flowers today are given in memory of Carl Anthony and other loved ones.**

Greeters and Ushers: Paul McHugh and Mike McHugh

Liturgist: Nancy McHugh

***UPCOMING EVENTS February 16<sup>th</sup> – February 23<sup>rd</sup>***

<b>Sunday—February 16<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>9:30 am E3 Worship</b>
	<b>9:45 am Adult Bible Study</b>
	<b>11:00 am Traditional Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Youth Group</b>
<b>Tuesday—February 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>7:00 pm Session</b>
<b>Thursday—February 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>7:30 pm Choir-Cantata Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday—February 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	<b>9:30 am E3 Worship</b>
	<b>9:45 am Adult Bible Study</b>
	<b>11:00 am Traditional Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Youth Group</b>

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

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
<b>The Reformers, Martin Luther, Waldo, Calvin, Menno Simons, etc.</b>	<b>Feb 16 &amp; 23</b>	Jean Pinto
<b>First Corinthians, One In Christ</b>	<b>Mar 2 - May 18</b>	
	<b>Mar 2, 9, 16, 23</b>	Curly Rentner
	<b>Mar 30, Apr 6, 13, 20</b>	Peggy Ayres
	<b>Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18</b>	Tony Nami

**Easter Cantata Choir Rehearsals to begin Thurs. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.** The choir will begin rehearsals on the Easter cantata “In His Hands” on Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tues. (the last Tues. of the month), Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Mary Murphy; Bert Milstead; Jerry Belviso (kidney problems); Bob D'Angelo (kidney problems); Eugene LaMonica (starting chemo); Angela (breast cancer); Cyndy (breast cancer); Karla; John; Terri; Bryan; Tony; Ralph; Carol and Al D'Amico; Pam Rose (tests); Ralph Giordano (St. Lawrence Rehab); Michelle (bronchitis); and Gary (flu).

Concern about Lois' eyes and Peg's knees.

Prayers for safety of all athletes at the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Thanksgiving for Jim Dixon, Jr.'s safe return from Germany; for Julia Belviso's return home from the hospital; for Nancy Hall; and for Ed Housel.

## 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**

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

Organist: Michael Mraz

Choir Director: Marilyn Machmer

Church Secretary: Betty Reinert

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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