

# *UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



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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 23, 2014

PRELUDE

“Walk in the Light”

arr. Hughes

PRAYER HYMN

“I Surrender All”

*The Singing Church* 393

*All to Jesus I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.*

## WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to turn the other cheek,

**People: so we will seek to be vulnerable  
in our lives of faith and service.**

Leader: We are called to go the extra mile,

**People: so we will walk with those around us  
in the journeys of hope as well as fear.**

Leader: We are called to love those who make that so hard,

**People: so we will rely on the One who loves us  
to fill us with that special grace.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We tell lies about others, and profane your name. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious**

of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, the One who has blessed us.

No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart. 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. 101

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

**19** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

13 You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. 14 You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not

go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN “Surprise!” Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM “Sanctuary” J. Thompson and R. Scruggs

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Pg. 839 Matthew 5:38-48

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42 Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

SERMON “First, Do No Harm” Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

\*HYMN “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” 286

## 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 “Nettleton” arr. Smith

\*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

**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 “God of Grace and God of Glory” 420

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE Fanfare on “Lauda Anima” arr. Hughes

\*Those who are able may stand.

**The flowers today are given in honor of Rick Pinto’s birthday by Jean Pinto.**

Greeters and Ushers: Lois and Jim Dixon

Liturgist: Peggy Ayres

*UPCOMING EVENTS February 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**Sunday—February 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9:30 am E3 Worship  
9:45 am Adult Bible Study**

**11:00 am Traditional Worship**  
**6:00 pm Youth Group**  
**Tuesday—February 25<sup>th</sup>:** **7:00 pm Women’s Book Club**  
**10:00 am UPW Coordinator’s Meeting**  
**Thursday—February 27<sup>th</sup>:** **7:30 pm Choir-Cantata Rehearsal**  
**Sunday—March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **9:30 am E3 Communion Worship**  
**9:45 am Adult Bible Study**  
**11:00 am Traditional Communion Worship**  
**6:00 pm Youth Group**

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 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 began Thurs. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.** The choir began 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 Outreach Ministry is collecting gloves and scarves for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. During the last visit to TASK the team found a special need for gloves and scarves due to the very cold weather this area has experienced this winter. There is a very short span of time to collect these items so we are requesting that they be dropped off no later than Mar. 2nd in a box that will be provided in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions please feel free to call Tom Zeyack at 838-1256 or Benita Rommel at 585-1583. The Outreach Ministry Team thanks you in advance for your generosity in helping those in need.

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.

The Survivors Senior Group will meet at the North Star Vets (Veterinary Emergency Trauma & Specialty Center), in Robbinsville, NJ on March 12th at 11:00 a.m. for a tour of their facility. It is located at 315 Robbinsville-Allentown Road, Robbinsville. Following our tour we will enjoy lunch at Iccara's in Yardville. Please contact Rita Peterson at 259-7256 or email [ritapete@optonline.net](mailto:ritapete@optonline.net) if you plan to attend or should need a ride. All seniors of the church and their friends are welcome to join the Survivors for a wonderful tour of this state of the art animal hospital and a delicious lunch and fellowship.

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 Catherine Carpenter (recovering at home after a stroke); Lew Thorn (home after surgery); Ralph Giordano (in St. Lawrence Rehab); Tom Kelley (recovering at home after gall bladder surgery); and Gene LaMonica.

Comfort for Marietta Burnett upon the death of her sister, Dorothy. Prayers for Marilyn, and her mother. Prayers for Michelle's cat, Serenity who is not feeling well.

Traveling mercies for Soam and Harry Chhedhi.

## 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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## **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