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of Temptation
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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

March 9, 2014

PRELUDE "Heaven and Peace Within" Whitaker/Sawyer

PRAYER HYMN "Come and Find the Quiet Center" *Sing the Faith* 2128

*Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At every bend in the river, at every fork in the road,

People: Christ waits.

Leader: At every surprising turn and in every corkscrew twist,

People: Christ lingers.

Leader: At every T-junction and in every wrinkle of time,

People: Christ tarries.

Leader: Every day, each path we wander, each road we travel,
we journey not alone.

**People: Here and now, we remember that
Christ has already walked the road of life.**

Leader: He walks it again with us.

**People: Here and now, let us worship God
with songs of praise.**

*HYMN "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" 83
(Sing to Maryton, Tune #357)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-doing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle.

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GIVE GLORY TO GOD

The Singing Church 148

“King of My Life, I Crown Thee Now”

*King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,
Lead me to Calvary.
Lest I forget Gethsemane;
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pgs. 480-481

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
- 7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- 9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
- 10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

"Number One!"

Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM

"You Are My Hiding Place"

M. Ledner/arr. Parks

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pg. 837

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON

“If You’re So Smart...”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son”

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

WE PRESENT TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Bain/Harris

*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**

Create in us a righteous faith, O God, as we give you part of our earnings. We work for our own good; help us to work even harder for your good in the world, for you have blessed us richly. Take these gifts offered to you in love this day. Amen.

***HYMN** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" 80

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Little Postlude in G" C.P.E. Bach/Scott

***Those who are able may stand.**

The flowers today are given by Jean Pinto in honor of Vinny Benefield's 88th birthday.

Greeters and Ushers: Rose Wales and

Liturgist: Jim Dixon

UPCOMING EVENTS March 9th – March 16th

Sunday—March 9th:	9:30 am E3 Worship
	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am Traditional Worship
	5:00 pm Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday—March 10th:	7:00 pm Outreach Ministry Team
Wednesday—March 12th:	11:00 am Survivors
Thursday—March 13th:	7:30 pm Choir-Cantata Rehearsal
Saturday—March 15th:	9:00 am UPMen's Breakfast
Sunday—March 16th:	9:30 am E3 Worship
	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am Traditional Worship
	5:00 pm Confirmation Class
	5:00 pm Youth Group-Scavenger Hunt

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
First Corinthians, One In Christ	Mar 2 - May 18	
	Mar 9, 16, 23	Curly Rentner
	Mar 30, Apr 6, 13, 20	Peggy Ayres
	Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18	Tony Nami

Easter Cantata Choir Rehearsals began Thurs. Feb. 13th. The choir began 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.

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 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.

The United Presbyterian Men’s Group will have a breakfast meeting on March 15th at 9:00 am at the Golden Dawn Diner, Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton. This will be 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 March 9th. For more information, contact Jim Dixon, 609-298-3398 or e-mail jdixonsr@comcast.net.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet March 25th (the last Tues. of the month) at 7:00 pm in the Bertolet Lounge. We will be discussing THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY by Rachel Joyce. Newly retired Harold Fry receives a note saying that an old friend is dying. He decides to walk 500 miles, in yachting shoes, to see this friend and ends up taking a journey questioning the meaning of life, and faith, and love. All women of the

church and their friends who enjoy books and fellowship are invited to join us. April selection: THE PROMISE OF STARDUST by Priscille Sibley.

Our mission focus for the month of March is the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). All of the contributions received for Mission this month will support the work being done by the TASK. Please give generously.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing of Mary Murphy; Chris Argon (car accident); Pam Rose; Jennie Efaw (heart problems); LuAnn Miller (infection); Nancy Hall (surgery); Casey Ashe; Angela (breast cancer); Cyndy (breast cancer); John; Tony; Bryan; Karla; and Michele (bone spur in foot and sprained wrist).
Comfort for the bereaved families of Mary Rittenhouse and Bev McCoy.
Prayers for the people of the Ukraine.
Thanksgiving 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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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