

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Lord is Risen!

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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

April 20, 2014

PRELUDE "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" arr. Landon

PRAYER HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" 123

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

Leader: Humanity's sin could not condemn him.

People: He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is risen!

Leader: Death could not contain him.

People: He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is risen!

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

All: Let us worship our risen Lord!

*HYMN "Christ Is Alive!" 108

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family life and play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the

blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GIVE GLORY TO GOD

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“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” v. 4
*Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pgs. 531-532

Psalm 118:1, 14, 17, 20-24

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

“No Running?”

Rev. Jean Pinto

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” **8** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

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 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.

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 “Low in the Grave He Lay” R. Lowry
soloist Bob Conner

*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

**Resurrect in us, O God, the power to really give so that we may be fully open and empty,
like the tomb, ready to receive new life at any moment. Amen.**

*HYMN “Thine Is the Glory” 122

WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Festival March” arr. Hughes

*Those who are able may stand.

See the insert for the Easter Flowers.

Greeters and Ushers: Ann Castor and Joyce Vaughn

Liturgist: Noah Pinto

UPCOMING EVENTS April 20th – April 27th

Sunday—April 20th: 9:30 am E3 Worship
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Monday—April 21st: 7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team-Facilities
Thursday—April 24th: 10:00 am UPW Coordinator’s Meeting
7:30 pm Choir
Sunday—April 27th: 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

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	
	Apr 20	Peggy Ayres
	Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18	Tony Nami

On Sunday, April 27 and May 4th, the Outreach Ministry Team will be collecting donations to obtain ShopRite gift cards for Womanspace as a special gift for Mother's Day. We want to honor the Moms who are living in a difficult situation on their special day. We will be purchasing gift cards from our Gift Card Fundraiser to also benefit our Church. Thank you for your support.

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 29th (the last Tues. of the month) in the Bertolet Lounge at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing **THE PROMISE OF STARDUST** by Priscillie Sibley. This novel tells of the love story between Matt and Elle who are expecting their first child. Elle is in a fatal accident and the family faces a moral dilemma. All women of the church and their friends who enjoy books and fellowship are invited to join us. Our May selection is: **MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER** by Robin Oliveira.

The Survivors Senior Group will meet in the church parking lot on Wed., May 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church, Shrewsbury, NJ. The original church burned in 1800 and the corner stone for the present building was laid in 1812. The corporate seal of the church's charter, proclaiming "Religious Liberty" is the oldest of any American Presbyterian Church. We will be given a tour of this historical church and following our tour we will enjoy lunch at Moose's Tavern in Tinton Falls, NJ. If you plan to attend please make your reservation with Rita Peterson 259-7256 or email ritapete@optonline.net. All seniors of the church and their friends are welcome to join the Survivors for a great tour, lunch and wonderful fellowship.

Our mission focus for the month of April is Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing affordable housing to those in need. All of the contributions received for mission this month will go to support the wonderful work being done by Habitat for Humanity. Please give generously.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing of Doris Thorn (hip replacement surgery); Tom Lanning; Pam Rose; Ken DePew; and Bob DeAngelo and Lois.

Prayers for Lew Thorn undergoing radiation treatment; and for Rose Wales' stepbrother, Ron Miko who has cancer throughout his body.

Traveling mercies for Sis and Lee.

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