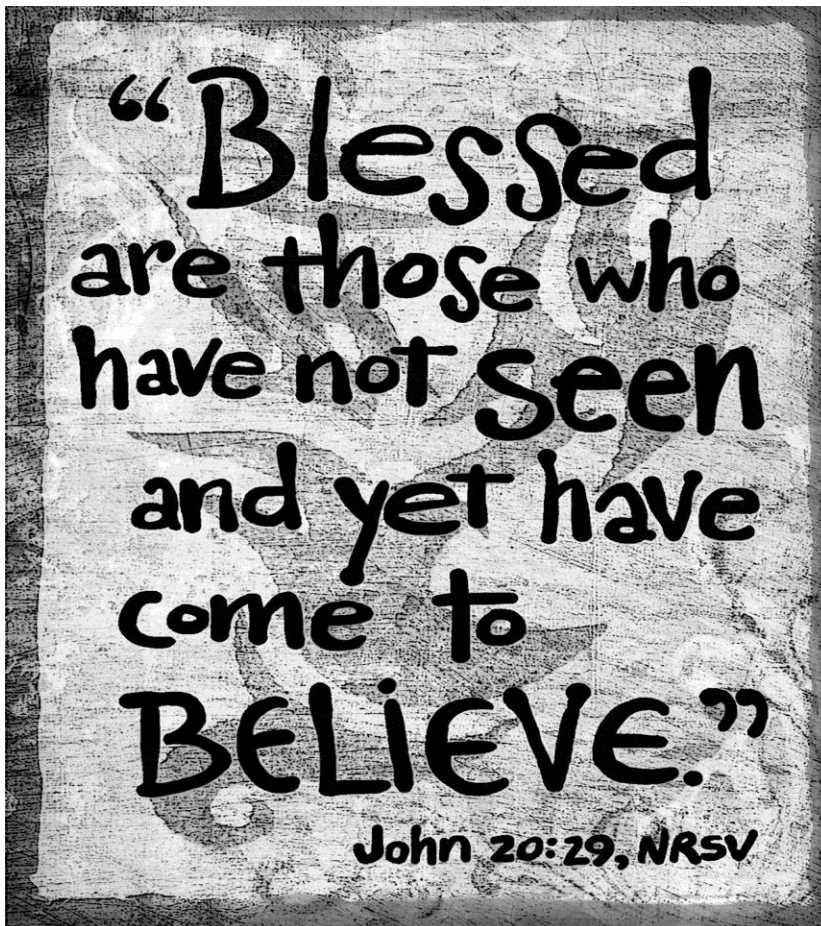


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WELCOME

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 27, 2014

PRELUDE

“The Light of the World is Jesus”

Bliss/Miles

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We are still basking in the glory and joy of Christ's Easter victory, O God. The stone was rolled away! The "stones" which have trapped us - our worries, fears, anxieties, troubles of various sorts - need not threaten us. We pray that your power that raised Christ from the dead will also raise us out of darkness and sorrow. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16 – A Song of Trust and Security in God)

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

Leader: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows.

People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me;

People: Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body also rests secure.

Leader: You show me the path of life.

People: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*HYMN

“Christ Is Alive!”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised

Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. 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

EPISTLE LESSON

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1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

D. Fishel

GOSPEL LESSON

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John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

“Doubts of Faith”

The Rev. Joanne Petto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

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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 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

Tuesday—April 29th: 7:00 pm Women’s Book Club
Thursday—May 1st: 10:00 am TASK
7:30 pm Choir
Sunday—May 4th: 9:30 am E3 Communion Worship
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Traditional Communion 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.

We are pleased to welcome back to our pulpit this morning The Reverend Joanne Petto. Rev. Petto serves as Chaplain of the Plainsboro Township Police Department and Chaplain of the New Jersey State Police.

Next Sunday there will be a Coffee Hour @ 10:15 am, between the services, hosted by the Stewardship Ministry Team-Finances. Be sure to stop in after the 9:30 am service or before the 11:00 am service for fellowship and refreshments.

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 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 United Presbyterian Women will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at 10:00 am in the Bertolet Lounge. We will begin our meeting with coffee and fellowship followed by our Bible study. This month we will be studying about Rachel and Leah from the book, "Women of the Bible". After the Bible study, we will have our business meeting. At the end of our meeting, those who want to will be having lunch together at a local restaurant. All women are welcome to join us for our meeting and lunch.

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.

Margaret Archibald's poem book, "Reflections" will be on sale today following both services. They will be on sale in the back hall near the restrooms.

Dear UPC Members and Friends,

Thanks so very much for your prayers, cards, support, and other acts of kindness while my mother was a resident at Rose View Center and following her recent death. Your caring has been a source of comfort to me and my family; your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks,
Marilyn Machmer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing of Doris Thorn (rehab); Glenn Steel (heart bypass surgery this week); Eva (rehab); Greg Adams (in a coma after a car crash); Tim (renal failure after car crash); and Terry Fouse (hospitalized with vertigo, high temperature and red spots).

Prayers for Lew Thorn continuing radiation treatment.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Megan Gadsby and all she does for the Youth Group.

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) jeanbpinto@comcast.net

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