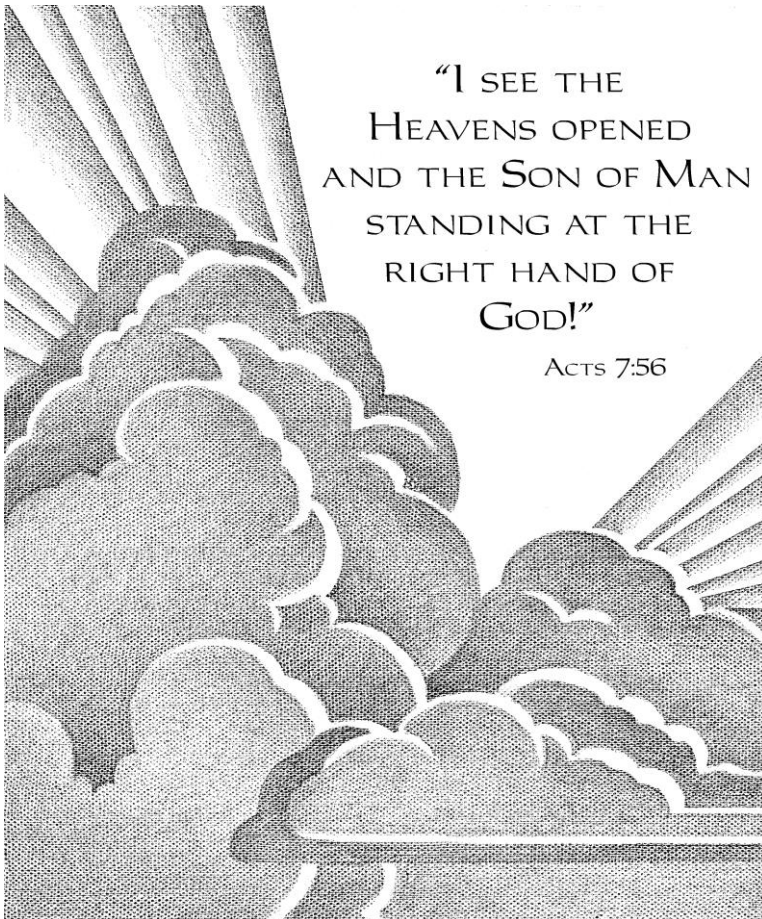


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“I SEE THE
HEAVENS OPENED
AND THE SON OF MAN
STANDING AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF
GOD!”

ACTS 7:56

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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

May 18, 2014

PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" arr. Smith

PRAYER HYMN "Hope of the World" 360

(Sing to tune 533 "Perfect Love")

*Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In turbulent times, when the knot of fear tightens,

People: Take heart, trust God and step out.

Leader: When doubt needles us and despair encircles us,

People: Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and walk on.

Leader: As depression threatens to sink us and grief tries to bury us,

People: Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and sing your song.

All: Now we sing of our faith and rejoice together in this celebration.

*HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" 145

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the

garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life. 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. 479-480

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- 4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

- 15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- 16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

“Keep Your Eye on the Ball”

Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM

“Holy Ground”

G. Davis

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

SERMON

"Hot Faith, Cool Faith"

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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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

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Sewell

*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
The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want. As we live in such a faith, may we be empowered to share our resources in a most generous way. May we learn the joys of giving as well as receiving. Amen.

*HYMN "O for a World" 386

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE "We Believe in One True God" arr. Glyncannon

*Those who are able may stand.

The silk flower arrangement is a gift from the Pack Family.

Greeters and Ushers: Bob and Carol Connor

Liturgist: Jim Dixon

UPCOMING EVENTS May 18th – May 25th

Sunday—May 18th:	9:30 am E3 Worship
	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am Traditional Worship
	5:00 pm Confirmation Class
Monday—May 19th:	7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team-Facilities
Tuesday—May 20th:	7:00 pm Session
Sunday—May 25th:	9:30 am E3 Worship
	9:30 am Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am Traditional Worship
	Youth Group Movie Night

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

The **Adult Sunday School** hopes to see you on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

First Corinthians, One In Christ	May 18	Tony Nami
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THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Tues., May 27th (last Tues. of the month) at 7:00 pm in the Bertolet Lounge. We will be discussing MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER by Robin Oliveira. It is an enthralling historical novel about a young woman's struggle to become a doctor during the Civil War. All women of the church and their friends who enjoy good books and fellowship are encouraged to join us! Our June selection is: THE LONGEST RIDE by Nicholas Sparks.



A Mouth-Watering Meal for a Worthy Cause

Come enjoy a delicious pulled pork dinner on **Saturday, May 31 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall and support the work of the church at the same time! In a festive Hawaiian setting serenaded by singers accompanied by ukuleles, you will get your fill of pulled pork and lots of sides and beverages, complete with pineapple upside down cake for dessert. Tickets for the Hawaiian Luau are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12; and free for children 3 and under. All proceeds will go to support the work of the church.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game: Our church has scheduled an outing to see the Trenton Thunder play on Friday, **July 11th**, game time is **7:05 p.m.** The Thunder will be playing the Akron Rubber Ducks (a Cleveland Indians farm team). We will be attending on an evening where there will be a giveaway; the first 2,000 age 14 and over to arrive at the ball park that evening will receive a Hidecki Matsui bobble-head doll. Cost of a ticket will be \$8.00, to sign up please see Tony Nami. We are forming a choir to sing "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch. If interested in singing "God Bless America", please see Marilyn Machmer; brief rehearsals will be held after worship on June 22nd, June 29th, and July 6th.

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. On Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. children 3 and up are invited to become "Agents of Truth." We will be sleuths searching the Bible for truth as we uncover God's plans for our lives and the world hidden all around us! We will find the truth of God in music, arts and crafts, games, and science experiments. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration forms are available in the church office, or if you prefer, call 585-5770 and we will be happy to e-mail the form to you.

Our mission focus for the month of May is the Trenton Area Campus Ministry. All of the contributions received for mission this month will go to support the work being done by the Trenton Area Campus Ministry. Please give generously.

The United Presbyterian Women have a few copies left for sale of Margaret Archibald's poem book, "Reflections." They are \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the church office at: 609-585-5770.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing of Bill Porter; Jean Shapiro; Rita; Pam; Dan; Dylan; Louise; Carol Mathieson (heart attack); Shirley Errickson (pancreatic cancer); Frances Barbieri; Melissa; Glenn; and Maria (negative report on cancer scan).
Prayers for Marilyn VanKirk (surgery last Tuesday).
Traveling mercies for Peggy Ayres' niece who is going to London, Paris and San Francisco for her job.

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](#)

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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