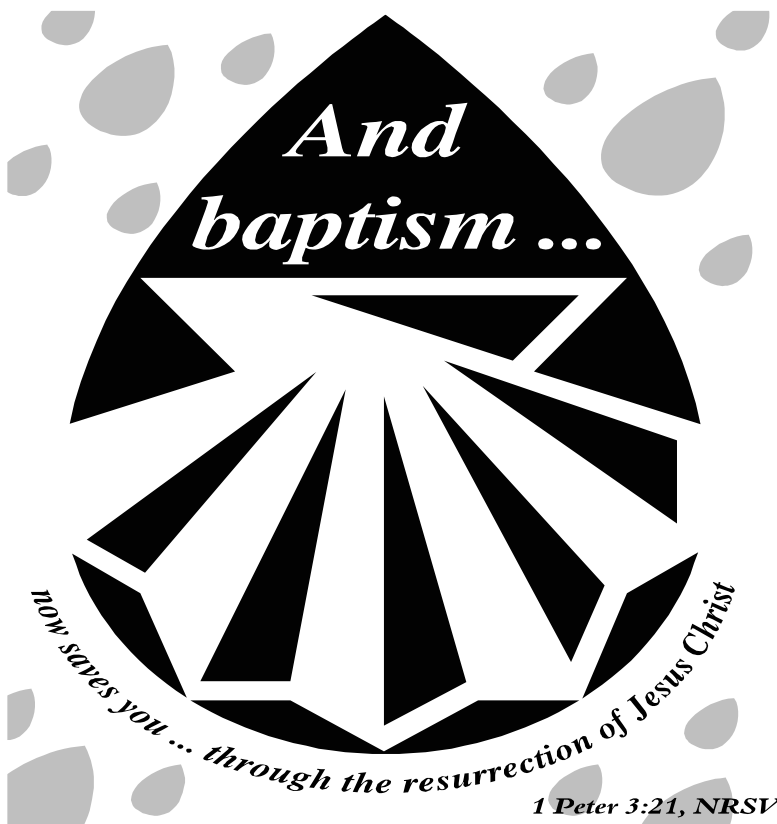


# *UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



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*May 25, 2014*

## 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 25, 2014

PRELUDE

“Lift Thine Eyes”

Mendelssohn

PRAYER HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*The Singing Church 545*

*For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.*

## WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

**People: We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.**

Leader: Come into the presence of the One  
who calls us into this sacred space.

**People: Where the doors to grace are thrown open  
so all may enter.**

Leader: Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**People: We will tell of the joy and of the love,  
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

\*HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*The Singing Church 548*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We admit, Knowing God, that from plastic cards to websites, from handheld devices to stock options, we are surrounded by a variety of gods who demand our worship. We can all too easily believe that work is our life, that wealth is the reason for our being, and that success is the very air we breathe.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in a computer chip, but in the child who**

**holds our hand. You are not a simple tweet, but the Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice, but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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. 499-500

Psalms 66:8-20

- 8 Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
9 who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
10 For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
11 You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
12 you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,  
14 those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.  
16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
17 I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.

- 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
19 But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
20 Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

“Tweet, Tweet”

Rev. Jean Pinto

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”  
soloist, Bob Conner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pg. 1060

I Peter 3:13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

SERMON

“Consider the Ketchup Bottle”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

\*HYMN

“Purer in Heart, O God”

*The Singing Church 399*

***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

### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm that we are created in God's image,  
befriended by Christ and indwelled by the Holy Spirit.  
We celebrate God's goodness that is embedded in all creation  
and God's promise to redeem that creation.  
We trust that God is always at work in us and in this world  
-- at all times, in all places, in all people.  
We serve you by serving others,  
seeking to lift up the fallen, bind up the wounds,  
give comfort to those who mourn  
and to be your presence as a light in the darkness.  
We believe that God continues to speak, continues to call,  
continues to draw us in to God's life.  
We rejoice in the church's invitation to participate  
in the unfolding purposes of God.  
We hope in God's sure and certain reign  
as we begin to live that future reality now. 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 Breath of God" arr. Landis

\*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

O God, because we have been given so much, help us to give more. Because we are loved so much, give us the strength to love more. Because we are accepted as we are, give us the grace to accept others without judgment or prejudice. We give ourselves and our gifts with grateful hearts. Amen.

\*HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land"

*The Singing Church 551*

\*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in Ancient Style”

Blake

\*Those who are able may stand.

**The flowers today are given by Jean and Rick Pinto in thanksgiving for 37 years of marriage!**

Greeters and Ushers: Donna Bade and Dot Schroeder

Liturgist: Joe Kavalek

***UPCOMING EVENTS May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>***

<b>Sunday—May 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>9:30 am E3 Worship</b>
	<b>9:30 am Adult Bible Study</b>
	<b>11:00 am Traditional Worship</b>
	<b>Youth Group Movie Night</b>
<b>Monday—May 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>8:00 am Memorial Day Parade</b>
<b>Tuesday—May 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>7:00 pm Women’s Book Club</b>
<b>Thursday—May 29<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 am UPW Coordinator’s Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday—May 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>4:00 pm Pulled Pork Dinner</b>
<b>Sunday—June 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>9:30 am E3 Worship</b>
	<b>9:30 am Adult Bible Study</b>
	<b>10:15 am Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>11:00 am Traditional Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm Youth Group</b>

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

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.

There will be a coffee hour next Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:15 am hosted by the Education Committee. Plan to stay after the 9:30 worship; or come before for the 11:00 am worship to enjoy fellowship and refreshments.



**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 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch. If interested in singing "God Bless America", please see Marilyn Machmer; brief rehearsals will be held after worship on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

The Outreach Ministry Team is planning to have a hospitality tent in front of the church during the Memorial Day Parade on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will serve coffee, cold drinks, cookies and other goodies to the people of the community, and tell people about United Presbyterian Church.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Healing of Jule Dolci, Jr. (catheterization and stent); Rev. Lester Guilfoyle (cardiac rehab); Linda Ramos (home from hospital); Jean Principato; Carol Mathieson (serious heart attack); Casey Ashe (chemo); Marti Marchetti; Melissa; Maria; Glenn; John; Kathy Thewes' son Frank (shoulder injury from being struck by a car); and Cheryl Graham (heart attack).

Comfort for the family and friends of Benjamin Melendez, Jr. who was tragically killed in an accident. Benji's grandfather was Joe Miller, long time sexton of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church. Also comfort for the family of Frances Barbieri.

Thanksgiving for improvement of Vinny Benefield; and thanksgiving that David Geijer's mother's stress tests went well.



## 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

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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