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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

## September 9, 2018

PRELUDE “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. H. Hopson

PRAYER HYMN “His Name is Wonderful” Audrey Mieir 79 (The Singing Church)

***His Name is wonderful,***

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***His Name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.***

***He is the Mighty King,***

***Master of Everything,***

***His Name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.***

## WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,

**People: To all who call upon Him in truth.**

Leader: He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

**People: He will also hear their cry and save them.**

Leader: The Lord preserves all who love Him.

**People: Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord.**

**Together: All flesh shall bless His holy name – Forever and ever.**

\*HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” 487

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear Father, We know we are most fulfilled when we are doing what you want us to do. Yet, we confess that so much gets in the way – our laziness, our stubbornness, our resentments, so much more. Lord, please soften our hearts. Forgive us. Give us the desire to please you. Give us the courage to do what you lead us to do. Make us more like Jesus. In His holy name we pray.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GIVE GLORY TO GOD **“**Glory Be to the Father”577

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,***

***World without end. Amen.***

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***World without end. Amen.***

***Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.***

***Amen, Amen, Amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON` Pg. 543-544 Psalm 143:8-11 (NKJV)

8 Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning,

For in You do I trust;

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,

For I lift up my soul to You.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;

In You I take shelter.

10Teach me to do Your will,

For You are my God;

Your Spirit is good.

Lead me in the land of uprightness.

11Revive me, O LORD, for Your name’s sake!

For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble.

ANTHEM “Healer of Our Every Ill” M. Haugen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Pg. 986-987 Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

SERMON “God’s Will for Me? For Us?” Rev. Don LaCrosse

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

\*HYMN “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” 382

(The Singing Church)

***(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 “Amazing Grace” D. Shelat

\*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

**Father, all that we have is yours alone. Take these gifts and offerings and use them to spread your Gospel in word and in deeds of love. This week, may these gifts be but the beginning of what we give back to serve You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*HYMN “To God Be the Glory” 485

\*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Andante” F. Mendelssohn

\*Those who are able may stand.

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**The flowers today are given by Vern & Verna Holmes In Memory of Loved Ones**

Greeters & Ushers: Nancy McHugh & Rose Wales

***UPCOMING EVENTS September 9th – September 16th***

**Sunday, September 9th: 9:30 am E3 Worship Service**

**9:30 am Adult Sunday School**

**11:00 am Traditional Worship Service**

**Monday, September 10th: 12:00 pm A/A**

**7:00 pm N/A**

**7:00 pm Boy Scouts**

**Tuesday, September 11th: 12:00 pm A/A**

**Wednesday, September 12th: 12:00 pm Survivors Senior Group**

**6:15 pm Webelo 2 (Den #1)**

**7:00 pm A/A**

**Thursday, September 13th: 6:15 pm Bears (Den #7)**

**8:00 pm A/A**

**Friday, September 14th: 5:30-8:30 pm Boy Scouts (Recruitment)**

**8:00 pm A/A**

**Saturday, September 15th 9:00 am UP Men**

**Sunday, September 16th: 9:30 am E3 Worship Service**

**9:30 am Adult Sunday School**

**11:00 am Traditional Worship Service**

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

**We Welcome** the Rev. Don LaCrosse to our pulpit today.

**Mission Spotlight** - Princeton Theological Seminary prepares women and men to serve Jesus Christ in ministries marked by faith, integrity, scholarship, competence, compassion, and joy, equipping them for leadership worldwide in congregations and the larger church, in classrooms and the academy, and in the public arena. All of the money donated to Mission during the month of August will support Princeton Seminary. Please be generous and thereby help train the next generation of future church leaders.

**The Survivors Senior Group** will meet on Wed., Sept. 12th, 12:00 noon, at the church for our annual picnic.  Please bring salads or desserts.  Cold meats, rolls and beverages will be provided.  All seniors of the church and their friends are welcome to join us.  We will be planning events for the coming year so please bring any ideas you may have for future programs.  Please call Rita Peterson (259-7256) or email [ritapete@optonline.net](file:///C:\\Users\\Betty\\Documents\\2012%20Worship%20Bulletins\\%22http:\\mailto:ritapete@optonline.net%22" \t "_blank) to let her know if you plan to attend.

**The United Presbyterian Men** will be meeting Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at the Golden Dawn Diner at 9:00 am. The diner is located on Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton Twp., NJ. Any questions, please contact Jim Dixon @ (609) 298-3398 or email [jdixonsr@comcast.net](mailto:jdixonsr@comcast.net). Enjoy some Christian fellowship with the men of UPC!

**Women’s Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in Bertolett Lounge. The novel we will be discussing is *Sixteen Brides*, by Stephanie Grace Whitson. It is a story of 16 Civil War widows who were lured west with false promises of land. The women showed extraordinary pluck and strength in circumstances beyond their control. We invite all women who enjoy books, good company, and yummy treats to join us. Our October selection will be *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

**Prayer Requests: Please pray for the following:**

**Ali – Assessment for brain cancer**

**Eichman Family - Comfort for Dave Eichman**

**Furchak Family - Comfort and Loss of their father, Joe Walter.**

**Stultz, Bob – Healing in Water’s Edge Rehab**

**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**](http://www.upcnj.org/opendoors.htm)

[**Diverse Worship**](http://www.upcnj.org/worship.htm)

[**Innovative Education**](http://www.upcnj.org/education-nurture.htm)

[**Creative Mission**](http://www.upcnj.org/mission.htm)

[**Dynamic Service**](http://www.upcnj.org/dynamicservice.htm)

### 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
* Womanspace
* Homefront
* Trenton Area Campus Ministries

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**You are invited to make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as Lord of Life, or to renew your commitment as a Christian Disciple. Please speak to the pastor who will talk and pray with you. If you are looking for a church home we invite you to join this family of faith and service. This is a caring congregation, open to all. Please let us know we can serve you.**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers: All the members of the Congregation

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