

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To the **King**
of the **Ages,**

**immortal, invisible,
the only God,
be honor and glory
forever and ever.**

Amen

1 Timothy 1:17

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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 15, 2013

PRELUDE "Jesus Spreads His Banner O'er Us" arr. Warriner

PRAYER HYMN "God Is Here!" 461

*God is Here! As we Your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

People: We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.

Leader: The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

People: We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.

Leader: The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

People: We come, in this time, to this place, because Jesus has found us and brought us home.

All: Let us worship the God who gives our lives wisdom, grace, and purpose.

*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 263

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of

people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us. Amen.

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.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Pg. 908 Luke 15:1-7

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 So he told them this parable: **4** “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN “We All Can Be on Christ’s Team” Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” arr. J. Carter

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

“Appointed to Serve”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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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

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Birchwood

*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

As we bring our gifts to you today, we ask you to give us pure hearts. Rid us of pride, greed and thanklessness. We know that all we have is yours, so we give it back to you with joy. We give generously because you have given so generously to us. Use these gifts to make your name known throughout the world. May our gifts be a sweet, sweet fragrance to you. Amen.

*HYMN

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

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*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Jubilee”

Harris

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Pat Anthony in honor of Thelma Sturgis’ 95th birthday.

Greeters and Ushers: Curly Rentner and Ginny Demeter

Liturgist: Nancy McHugh

UPCOMING EVENTS September 15th – September 22nd

Sunday—September 15th:

9:30 am E3 Worship

9:45 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday—September 17th:

7:00 pm Session

Thursday—September 19th:

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday—September 21st:

9:00 am UPMen’s Breakfast @ Broad Street Diner

Sunday—September 22nd:

9:30 am E3 Worship

9:45 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm Youth Group

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

The United Presbyterian Men's Group will meet at the Broad Street Diner for breakfast on Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 AM. Sign up in the Narthex by September 15th.

The **Adult Sunday School** fall schedule has an exciting array of topics for you to choose from. If you are looking for Bible based study and reflection, please come at 9:30 for coffee and donuts. The lesson runs from 9:45 to 10:45.

Topic	Dates	Teacher
Book of Hebrews	Sept 8, 15, & 22	Tony Nami
Keeping the Sabbath, Sabbath as Resistance	Sept 29 – Oct 13	Curly Rentner & Tony Nami
Sabbath Practices	Oct 20	Jean Pinto
Books of Numbers and Leviticus	Oct 27 & Nov 3	Jean Malloy
Gospel According to John	Nov 10 – Dec 22	Peggy Ayres

See you in September. SS Teachers

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tues., Sept 24th in the Bertolet Lounge at 7:00 pm. Our first book for the fall is PROOF OF HEAVEN by Mary Curran Hackett. This story tells of a mother's unshakable belief, a child's bravery, and a doctor's dedication to healing. This contemporary fiction explores the meaning of family, faith, and love. All women of the church and their friends who enjoy books and good fellowship to join us. Oct. selection: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini. (We will be meeting the last Tues. of each month this year.)



Our Mission Spotlight for the month of September is the Princeton Theological Seminary. All mission moneys received during the month will go to support PTS.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Bill Darnell (RWJ Hospital); Sue Lanning; Dan Rose; Carol and Al D'Amico; Gail R; Dick Van Camp; Bill Carpenter; Terry and Gail Fouse's sister-in-law, Deb Fouse (in a coma from a brain aneurysm); Lori Galvin (rare blood disease, facing chemo); Virginia Benck's daughter Kristina (having seizures); Tara (stage 4 colon cancer); Ron (healing from treatments for cancer of the esophagus); Cyndy (breast cancer); and Angela (breast cancer)..

Comfort for the bereaved family of Mike Long; and for Jake and Lindsay upon the loss of their baby daughter.

Prayers for Terry Fouse's brother Bob and family.

Thanksgiving for safe travel during Blythe and Daniel's honeymoon.

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](#)

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 how we can serve you.

CHURCH STAFF

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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

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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
- ❖ Pierson Memorial Food Bank
- ❖ Womanspace
- ❖ Homefront
- ❖ Trenton Area Campus Ministries