

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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 29, 2013

PRELUDE "The Way, the Truth, the Life" Scott

PRAYER HYMN "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (vs. 1) *Sing the Faith* 2128

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The word has come for us from God:

People: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

Leader: The word has come to us from Jesus:

People: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

Leader: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

People: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

*HYMN "Gather Us In" *Sing the Faith* 2236

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

Thom Schuman

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

People: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GIVE GLORY TO GOD

“Glory Be to the Father”

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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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. **2** At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, **3a** where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

6 Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: **7** Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” **8** Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. **10** I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. **11** Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; **12** and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the

guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

ANTHEM

“On Eagles Wings”

M. Joncas

GOSPEL LESSON

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Luke 16:19-31

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

SERMON

Rev. John Milne

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“Give Thanks”

Sing the Faith 2036

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

“Softly and Tenderly”

arr. Stockton

*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

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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*WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Come, Come Ye Children of God”

Purcell

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Benita Rommel in memory of Earle Rommel.

Greeters and Ushers: Joyce Vaughn and Rita Peterson

Liturgist: Benita Rommel

UPCOMING EVENTS September 29th – October 6th

Sunday—September 29th: **9:30 am E3 Worship**
 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday—October 1st: **10:00 am UPW Circle Meeting**

Thursday—October 3rd: **9:30 am TASK**
 7:30 pm Choir - Cantata Rehearsals Begin

Saturday—October 5th: **10:00 am Make a Difference Day**

Sunday—October 6th: **9:30 am E3 Communion Worship**
 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
 10:15 am Coffee Hour
 11:00 am Traditional Communion Worship

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

We are pleased to welcome The Rev. John Milne back to our pulpit this morning as our guest preacher.

There will be a coffee hour next Sunday, October 6th at 10:15 am, hosted by the Stewardship Ministry Team-Finances. Come before the 11:00 am service or after the 9:30 am service and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

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
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

The United Presbyterian Women will meet for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00 AM in the new Fellowship Hall. We will begin with our coffee and fellowship time followed by our Bible study. This month we will be studying Mary Magdalene. Pastor Jean will be on vacation so one of our members, Jean Malloy will be leading the Bible study. We will have a business meeting after the Bible study and then all who want to will be going out for lunch. All women of the church are invited to join us. We hope to see you there!

Make a Difference Day will be on October 5 this year. If you would like to volunteer to pair up with someone please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We try once a year to visit members who cannot get out as often as they used to. This is a good way to serve God by caring for others. If you have a question please call Kathy Thewes at 609-291-0477.

The Survivors Senior Group will be meeting in the church parking lot on Wed., Oct. 9th at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the Schenck Farmstead in West Windsor, NJ. We will be given a tour of this homestead that dates back to the 1750's. Included in our tour will be a barn, carriage house, school house and farm house. Following the tour we will enjoy lunch at Perkins Restaurant in East Windsor. 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 welcomed to join the Survivors for a great tour, lunch and wonderful fellowship.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MEN
OCTOBER 19, 2013 BREAKFAST MEETING

The UPM Group will have a Breakfast Meeting at the GOLDEN DAWN DINER, WHITEHORSE/MERCERVILLE RD, HAMILTON TWP. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th at 9:00 A.M. This will be a DUTCH TREAT EVENT. Come join us for the fellowship and spiritual up-lifting as we continue to share ways of socializing and serving our church. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and must be completed by Sunday, October 13, 2013. If you have any questions, contact Jim Dixon at 609-298-3398 or e-mail jdixonsr@comcast.net.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals to Begin Thurs., Oct. 3rd

A new Christmas cantata was recently purchased using memorial funds in memory of Jennibelle Marion. The new cantata will be presented during 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 15th and is titled "A Night for Rejoicing." This cantata tells the age-old story of Jesus' coming to earth, which culminates in that glorious "night for rejoicing." The cantata consists of eight choral movements replete with familiar carols as well as newly composed music and there is also a narration. Rehearsals for the cantata will begin Thursday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be one Saturday dress rehearsal, on Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to noon, also in the sanctuary. The cantata is open to all, and listening CD's are also available for each participant. If interested in singing with the choir, please notify choir director Marilyn Machmer so that a cantata book and listening CD will be set aside for you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Ron (cancer of the esophagus); John (back pain following back surgery); Cyndy (breast cancer); Angela (breast cancer); Anne (spot on liver); and Mark Hobson.

Comfort for the bereaved family of Joe Blum (killed in a vehicle accident).

Prayers for Bill Darnell (St. Francis Compassionate Care); for Bryan (awaiting a kidney transplant); and for all the victims of terrorism; and prayers for peace around the world.

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

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