

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

October 20, 2013

PRELUDE "Day by Day" arr. Smith

PRAYER HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" 321
*Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**People: This is the place where God
will transform us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**People: This is the place where God
will write compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**People: This is the place where God
will breathe the Word into our lives.**

*HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" 361

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into

new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.*

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Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Pg. 534

Psalms 119:97-104

- 97 Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.
- 98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.
- 101 I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
- 102 I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- 104 Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

“The Best Seller”

Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

K. Medema

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pg. 1038

II Timothy 3:14-16

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

SERMON

“The Good Book”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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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

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. Broughton

*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

God of revelation, in Christ your Word has been made fully known. As we continue to unwrap the mysterious gift of his presence, use our gifts to proclaim him. Use us for your continued work, as we grow to spiritual maturity. In his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“Sing Them Over Again to Me”

The Singing Church 234

*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

March from “Rinaldo”

Handel

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Tony and Camille Nami in memory of Ann Rostowski.

Greeters and Ushers: Ron and Ann Castor

Liturgist: Curly Rentner

UPCOMING EVENTS October 20th – October 27th

Sunday—October 20th:

9:30 am E3 Worship

9:45 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday—October 24th:

7:30 pm Choir - Cantata Rehearsal

Sunday—October 27th:

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 **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
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 Women’s Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 29th (the last Tuesday of the month) in the Bertolet Lounge at 7:00 pm to discuss MRS. LINCOLN’S DRESSMAKER by Jennifer Chiaverini. The novel is an historical fiction based on the extraordinary friendship between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth Keckley, who won her freedom by the skill of her needle. We invite all women of the church and their friends who enjoy reading and fellowship to join us. Our November selection is: SAVING CEE CEE HONEYCUTT by Beth Hoffman.



The Survivors Senior Group will be meeting in the church parking lot on Wed., Nov. 13th at 10:15 a.m. to carpool to TCNJ in Ewing, NJ (The College of New Jersey) for a tour of the Sarnoff Collection. This collection, an exhibit of more than 80 artifacts, letters, photographs, advertisements and other items named after David Sarnoff, Chairman of RCA and founder of NBC.

Innovations That Changed The World, it will trace the history of telecommunications from the invention of the first radio to the early days of the information age. Following the tour we will enjoy lunch at Rosa’s in Yardville on South Broad Street. 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.

Member Care is requesting volunteers to pick up a very delightful young man who is visiting our church. His name is David Geijer and he lives at 417 Yardville-Allentown Road just minutes from the church. If you are able to do this please call the church office to let Betty know that you will help. The office number is 609-585-5770; call Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9am-3pm. This is an important ministry and is a good way to show compassion and Christ like behavior to those who need us. Thank You. Kathy Thewes

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." Rehearsals for the cantata are underway, 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. 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.

It's not too soon to start thinking about gifts for Christmas. Again this year, the Stewardship Ministry Team-Finance is offering gift cards for the holidays. You will find a list of available gift cards on the table in the Narthex. How it works: You purchase a gift card and the church receives a portion of the purchase price as indicated on the form! So as you start thinking about the holidays, let UPC help do your shopping. Complete your order form and turn it into the office with your check. If you are looking for a specific card and don't see it on the list - ask us, we may be able to get it. See Betty Reinert with any questions or call her at 609-585-5770. DEADLINE FOR THE FIRST ORDER: OCTOBER 28TH. NEXT ORDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17TH. FINAL ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8TH.



Our mission spotlight for the month of October is the Trenton Rescue Mission. All mission monies received this month will go to support the Rescue Mission.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Carol Mathieson (pinched nerve in spine); Sue Lanning; and Carol and Al D'Amico.

Prayers for Judy Danco on the loss of husband, Paul.

Comfort for the bereaved family of Wayne Miller.

Concern about Bob Efaw (chemo treatment).

Thanksgiving for the wedding of Katie Ashe and Jay Bloodgood; and for Ed Housel and Nancy Hall.

Prayers for Michelle's safety as she bicycles to meetings; and for a safe pregnancy and birth for Jennifer Martino.

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

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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