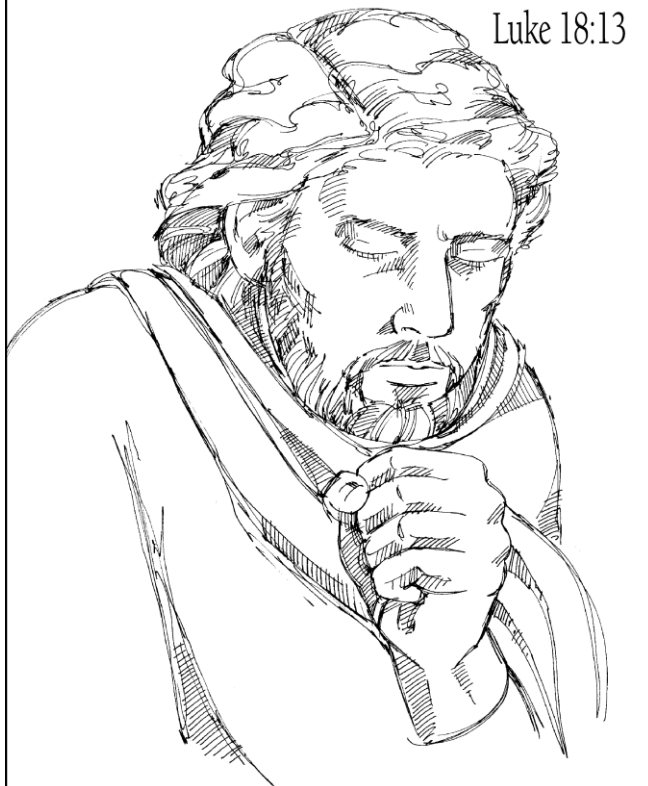


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOD, be merciful to me, a sinner!

Luke 18:13



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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 27, 2013

PRELUDE "The Lord is My Shepherd" arr. Denton

PRAYER HYMN "Sanctuary" *Sing the Faith* 2164
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

**People: a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

**People: a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" 223

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the

tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Pgs. 498-499 Psalm 65:1-4

- 1 Praise is due to you,
 O God, in Zion;
 and to you shall vows be performed,
- 2 O you who answer prayer!
 To you all flesh shall come.
- 3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
 you forgive our transgressions.
- 4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
 to live in your courts.
 We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
 your holy temple.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN “Mirror or Magnifying Glass?” Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM “Freely, Freely” C. Owens

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Pg. 911 Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up to the temple

to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON

“My Bad”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“How Blest Are Those”

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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—What We Believe

We believe

**in the grace freely offered in Jesus Christ,
in the atoning work of Christ's death on the cross,
in the power of forgiveness to change lives.
in the redemption that turns sinners into saints,
in the wholeness that mercy brings,
in the freedom that liberates us from sin's hold,
in the new life that is ours, now and for eternity. 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

“Contemplation”

C. Owens

*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

Great and eternal God, we have been striving to run the race and striving to keep the faith. We bring our love to you and our loyalty to the church. We pray that your blessing upon these gifts may enable us and our church and your great Spirit to be a beacon of light and love to all the world; in our Lord Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" 347

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Singing Trumpet" Broughton

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by the Machin Family in memory of Michael Festa.

Greeters and Ushers: Dot Schroeder and Diane Kilby

Liturgist: Rick Pinto

UPCOMING EVENTS October 27th – November 3rd

Sunday—October 27th:
9:30 am E3 Worship
9:45 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
6:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday—October 29th:
7:00 pm Women's Book Club

Thursday—October 31st:
10:00 am UPW Coordinator's Meeting
7:30 pm Choir - Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday—November 2nd:
9:00 am Fall Clean Up

Sunday—November 3rd:
9:30 am E3 Communion Worship
9:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Traditional Communion Worship
6:00 pm Youth Group

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

There will be a coffee hour next Sunday, November 3rd at 10:15 am, hosted by the Youth Group. Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

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
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 coordinating team of the UPW will meet on Thursday, October 31st, at 10:00 AM in the Bertolet Lounge.

The United Presbyterian Women will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 10:00 AM in the new Fellowship Hall. This month our Bible study will be about Priscilla from our book, Women of the Bible. All women are welcome!

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, 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, will trace the history of telecommunications from the invention of the first radio to the early days of the information age. After the tour we will lunch at Rosa’s in Yardville on So. Broad St. 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 585-5770 to let Betty know that you will help. This ministry 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.

Thank you again for your phone calls, and prayers. I use the prayer shawl sitting in the chair. That was a nice and thoughtful gift. Also the luncheon. It was comforting to know Bill was at peace around friends, church members and family he loved. Denise Darnell

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Joan Rizzuto (breast cancer); Jennie Efaw (catherization); Bob Efaw (chemo); a friend of Carolyn LaCrosse from addiction; Ken Benton; Beth Cass (Capitol Health); John (breathing issues); Cyndy (breast cancer); Angela (breast cancer); and Bryan.

Comfort for the bereaved family of Al.

Concern and prayers for Peachy Kozlowski's twin brother Bob (return of cancer); for Suzanne's marriage; and for Henry Wagner (surgery on 10/23).

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.

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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