

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**By your endurance
you will gain
your souls.**

Luke 21:19



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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

November 17, 2013

PRELUDE "O Spread the Tidings Round" arr. Scriveyner

PRAYER HYMN "Song of Hope" 432

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us wait patiently upon the Lord.

People: God leans in towards us and hears our prayers.

Leader: God draws us up from the pit of isolation and despair.

People: The Lord sets our feet securely on the right path.

Leader: God puts a new song in our hearts.

People: We will sing praise to the Lord our God!

Leader: Blessed are we because we put our hope and trust in God.

People: We gladly proclaim God's faithfulness and love!

Leader: God's great works are too numerous to count.

All: We lift up our voices in thanks and praise to the Lord our God!

*HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" 379

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that our lives weaken us, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our

faith as we should, and so fatigue easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by 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

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Psalm 40:1-11

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He drew me up from the desolate pit,
 out of the miry bog,
 and set my feet upon a rock,
 making my steps secure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.
 Many will see and fear,
 and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are those who make
 the LORD their trust,
 who do not turn to the proud,
 to those who go astray after false gods.
- 5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God,

- your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
 none can compare with you.
 Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
 they would be more than can be counted.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
 but you have given me an open ear.
 Burnt offering and sin offering
 you have not required.
- 7 Then I said, "Here I am;
 in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- 8 I delight to do your will, O my God;
 your law is within my heart."
- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance
 in the great congregation;
 see, I have not restrained my lips,
 as you know, O LORD.
- 10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
 I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
 from the great congregation.
- 11 Do not, O LORD, withhold
 your mercy from me;
 let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
 keep me safe forever.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

"The Strength of a Stone"

Rev. Jean Pinto

ANTHEM

"The First Song of Isaiah"

J. N. White

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

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Luke 21:5-19

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to

them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

SERMON

“How to Live When the World’s on Fire”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”
(Sing to Lancashire, 118)

Sing the Faith 2191

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 “On Hope”

We believe in God, our source of hope.

**Though our hopes are sometimes fragile and often battered,
we cling to God, who points us to the eternal and everlasting.**

**We believe that hope is woven with faith and love
to form a tapestry of beauty and possibility.**

**We believe that out of suffering,
hope and new life can emerge through the grace of God.**

**We believe Jesus showed us how to live with hope,
keeping our eyes on the Creator and letting songs and prayers unite us.**

**We believe the Spirit fills us with power to be witnesses to hope,
examples of caring and tellers of good news.**

We believe the church is a community of hope. 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 “Almost Persuaded” 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

In gratitude for all that we have been given, we give our gifts to thee, O God. May what we give bring comfort to one who is sorrowful, food to one who is hungry, kindness to one who is world-weary, warmth to one who lives without shelter, and hope to those who long for the touch of your mercy. We know our gifts make this possible for in our giving, we give ourselves – through Christ our Lord, who makes all things possible. Amen.

*HYMN “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” 210

*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE “March” Handel

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Lydia Patterson in memory of loved ones.

Greeters and Ushers: Tony and Camille Nami

Liturgist: Rhea Mucha

UPCOMING EVENTS November 17th – November 24th

**Sunday—November 17th: 9:30 am E3 Worship
9:45 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
6:00 pm Youth Group**

Tuesday—November 19th: 7:00 pm Session

Thursday—November 21st: 7:30 pm Choir - Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday—November 23rd: 9:00 am UPMen’s Breakfast @ Wisdom Diner

Sunday—November 24th: 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
Gospel According to John	Nov 10 – Dec 22	Peggy Ayres

NOTE: THE DATE FOR THE MEN’S BREAKFAST IS CHANGED. The UPMen’s Group breakfast meeting at the Wisdom Diner, Route 206, Bordentown is Saturday, November 23rd at 9:00 am. This will be a Dutch Treat Event. Come join us for the fellowship and spiritual uplifting 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 today. If you have questions, contact Jim Dixon at 609-298-3398 or e-mail: jdixonsr@comcast.net.

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tues., Nov.26th (the last Tues. of the month) at 7:00 pm in the Bertolet Lounge. We will be discussing SAVING CEE CEE HONEYCUTT by Beth Hoffman. The story tells about Cee Cee's life after the death of her mental ill mother in Ohio. Cee Cee is rescued by her southern born great aunt and starts a new life in Savannah, GA. The 12 yr. old finds a new kind of family filled with love. All women of the church and their friends who enjoy reading and good fellowship are encouraged to join us. No meeting in Dec. Jan. selection: JUNE BUG by Chris Fabry.

Hamilton Ecumenical Fellowship Thanksgiving

Hamilton Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at Grace-St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3715 E. State St. Extension, Hamilton, NJ 08619. **Come join us for a joyful service of thanks and praise!**

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.

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. Complete your order form and turn it into the office with your check. See Betty Reinert with any questions or call her at 609-585-5770. DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ORDER: NOVEMBER 17TH. FINAL ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8TH.

The Survivors are collecting new hats, gloves, scarves and sweatshirts (with hoods) for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). A box will be provided for these items in the narthex. The deadline will be Sun., Dec. 1st. so that we can deliver them to TASK early in December. We thank the congregation for their generosity in the past and are grateful for all you do to help so many in need at TASK.

The United Presbyterian Women are having a Christmas Tea at the Melbri Tea House, 3697 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square on Sunday, December 1st at 1PM. We will be the only group in the tea house that day. We will be ordering from the menu. They feature sandwiches, either regular or tea sandwiches; quiche; soup and salads. They also have an assortment of scones and sweets and a large selection of teas plus other hot or cold beverages. By law they are only allowed to have 39 guests in the Tea House. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex so if you would like to come, please make sure you sign up before we reach our quota. There is plenty of parking behind the Tea House and a ramp if climbing steps is a problem. All women are welcome!! Please join us for a festive luncheon to start off the Christmas season!

Our Mission Spotlight for November is the Pearson United Methodist Church Food Pantry. All mission donations received during this month will go to support the Food Pantry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing for Harry Chhedi (laparoscopic surgery); Bob Efaw (hospitalized); John Mulhern; Benita Rommel (recovering from surgery in New Mexico); Cyndy (breast cancer); Angela (breast cancer); Bryan; Melissa (liver and colon cancer); Ron (continued healing from cancer of the esophagus); and Amy Stenger's mother.

Prayers for resolution of David's job issue; and for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines.

Traveling mercies for Marietta going to Maryland to be with her sister.

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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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