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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 24, 2013

PRELUDE

“Missionary”

arr. Mansfield

PRAYER HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen.*

WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**People: We are the inheritors of the promises
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**People: From across the street, from halfway around the world,
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**People: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,
we are those redeemed by God.**

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In these moments, Remembering God,
we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:
we stand by watching
while those in need struggle to survive;
we cast our lots with those**

**who worship power and success;
we offer insults rather than words of grace
to those who care for us;
we scoff at your words
which call us to a different lifestyle.**

**Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves.
Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with
your tender mercy and gracious hope. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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| *GIVE GLORY TO GOD | “Glory Be to the Father” | 577 |
| <i>Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;</i> | | |
| <i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,</i> | | |
| <i>World without end. Amen.</i> | | |
| <i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,</i> | | |
| <i>World without end. Amen.</i> | | |
| <i>Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.</i> | | |
| <i>Amen, Amen, Amen.</i> | | |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Pg. 671 | Jeremiah 23:5-6 |
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5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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| A TIME WITH CHILDREN | “What Does God Look Like?” | Rev. Jean Pinto |
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| ANTHEM | “Beautiful Savior” | arr. R. Nagy |
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| NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | Pg. 1026 | Colossians 1:11-20 |
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11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

SERMON

“Mappa Mundi Christiana”

Rev. Jean Pinto

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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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

“Praise God”

arr. Blake

*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

O God, we dedicate these gifts to you in hope – a hope which begins here and now, yet stretches farther than human eye can see. Show us, we pray, how our own behavior day by day may give your caring love more scope. May our divided minds be more and more absorbed in your single purpose, so that we may cease to live for ourselves and live for him who for our sake died and was raised to life -- Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

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*WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Rigoudon”

arr. Smith

*Those who are able may stand.

The flowers today are given by Pat Anthony in memory of loved ones.

Greeters and Ushers: Rosemary Bateham and Virginia Benck

Liturgist: Curly Rentner

UPCOMING EVENTS November 24th – December 1st

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| Sunday—November 24th: | 9:30 am E3 Worship |
| | 9:45 am Adult Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am Traditional Worship |
| | 6:00 pm Youth Group |
| Monday—November 25th: | 7:00 pm Deacons |
| Tuesday—November 26th: | 7:00 pm Women’s Book Club |
| Wednesday—November 27th: | 7:00 pm HEF Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| | @ Grace-St. Paul |
| Thursday—November 28th: | HAPPY THANKSGIVING! |
| Saturday—November 30th: | 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens |
| Sunday—December 1st: | 9:30 am E3 Communion Worship |
| | 9:45 am Adult Sunday School |

10:15 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Traditional Communion Worship
1:00 pm UPW Christmas Tea

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

There will be a coffee hour next Sunday, December 1st at 10:15 am, hosted by the Member Care Committee. Please come after the E-3 service or before the traditional service to 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 |
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| Gospel According to John | Nov 10 – Dec 22 | Peggy Ayres |

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!**

The Christmas 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. Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

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. **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!

The Survivors Senior Group will meet at Centro Grille, on the corner of Rt. 33 & Robbinsville-Edinburg Rd, Robbinsville in the Town Center, on Wed., December 11, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. for our Annual Christmas lunch. The cost is \$21.00 per person (tax & gratuity included) and you will have a choice of four (4) entrees. If you plan to attend please make your reservation with Rita Peterson 259-7256 or email ritapete@optonline.net. If you are in need of a ride to the restaurant please feel free to give me a call. All seniors of the church and their friends are encouraged to join the Survivors for a great lunch and wonderful holiday fellowship.

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 Bob Efaw (surgery); Sue Lanning; Carol and Al D'Amico; Dan Rose; Audrey (recovering at home from a stroke); Vince DiPierro (lung cancer); Ron (healing from infection); Benita Rommel (continued healing); Cyndy (breast cancer); Angela (breast cancer); Melissa (liver and colon cancer); and Bryan.

Comfort for the bereaved family of Bob D'Angelo; and for the family and friends of John Mulhern.

Concern about Ron Brown.

Thanksgiving for Lew Thorn's 95th birthday on Nov. 20th! Also, praise God for continued strength for Briana!

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