



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

February 3, 2019

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Marnie Kaller, cello

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

Many: God is a rock of refuge, a fortress against threat and shame.

One: God has held us since our birth.

Many: Therefore we need not be afraid.

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

Many: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

*** Hymn 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Confession and Pardon

Alexandra Mead

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Before we were formed in the womb, O God, you knew us and you loved us. Before we have uttered a prayer, O God, you hear us and you love us. You call us to reflect your love, to be Love for one another. Too often, we are clanging symbols, aiming for volume rather than love. Too often, we are greedy beings, searching for success rather than love. Too often, we

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

are shallow followers, content with comfort rather than love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us into wholeness. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 314, v.5 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness *Christ, Be Our Light*

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

Many: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love.

One: Let us then abide in faith, hope, and love,

Many: as we trust in God's healing power and ability to make all things new.

*** Response: Hymn 447** We Are Forgiven *We Are Forgiven*

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and he will give you another comforter, even the Spirit of Truth.

Second Scripture Reading:

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.” ...When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Crowd Navigation

Rev. Dr. Smazik

* Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located inside the friendship pads for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The Chancel Choir and Marnie Kaller, cello

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, Even though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee. Oh, let the way appear, leading to heaven. All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given. Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God, to Thee. There in my Father’s home, safe and at rest, there in my Savior’s love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee!

* **Doxology: Hymn 608** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Praise God*
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Hymn 275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' Feste Burg*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Pianosong

Matthew Webb, piano

Paul Halley (b. 1952)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
The Chancel Choir
Marnie Kaller, cello

GREETERS

Pam & Jim Wood, Barbara King, and Beth Baldanzi

USHERS

Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Abby, Bridget, and Colleen Ewing,
Daniella Geary, Barbara Parke, and Katherine Williams

FLOWERS

In Memory of Joanne Crosthwaite
Given by Hal Crosthwaite

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Kate Rinaldi

*Please note there will be no Midweek on Wednesday, February 6.
Middle School Youth Group and Tower Ringers will still meet on that day.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Souper Bowl of Caring – Following Today’s Service

Our youth will be collecting money for hunger after the 10 am service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. Money collected will be divided equally among the Community Soup Kitchen, Table of Hope, and Interfaith Food Pantry.

Community Outreach: Immigrant Trust Directive and Bias Crimes – Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Hall

The Morris County Prosecutor’s Office will hold a public meeting of the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General’s 2121 Community Policing Project at PCM. Doors open at 5:30 p.m with welcoming and opening remarks beginning at 6 p.m.

In 2018, New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal issued a directive to all state, county and local law enforcement agencies in New Jersey limiting the types of voluntary assistance that their officers may provide to federal civil immigration authorities, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). According to a statement from the Attorney General’s Office, the new rules were designed to strengthen trust between New Jersey law enforcement officers and the state’s diverse immigrant communities. The Morris County Prosecutor’s Office is presenting jointly with the Sussex County Prosecutor’s Office; New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal will be in attendance.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study: “God’s Promise: I Am With You” – Saturday, February 9 at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room – Now Extended

All are invited to join this Bible study sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. Each week will be an independent study of a book in the Bible in which God shows his steadfast love for us. The study has now been extended through Saturday, March 9.

Sunday Morning Seminar – Hope Initiative with Sheriff James Gannon and Dick Kaller – Sunday, February 10 at 8:45 a.m. in the Erdman Room

In an effort to combat the opioid epidemic, the Morris County Sheriff’s Office launched the Hope Initiative in 2017, which includes both a mobile outreach program and new programs inside the Morris County jail. PCM elder Dick Kaller has been involved in the chaplaincy program at the Morris County jail for many years and is excited about the new leadership under Sheriff James Gannon.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 10 Following the 10 a.m. Worship Service

The Session of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown calls the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 10, 2019 immediately following the 10:00 am worship service in South Street Hall. The annual report is available to review.

Music Made Here: Celebrating Black History Month – Sunday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m. in Sheffield Hall

Join us for our new concert series Music Made Here held in partnership with the Center for Musical Excellence. Soprano Sonya Headlam will be accompanied by our own Dr. Matthew Webb in a celebration of Black History Month, featuring art songs and spirituals by African and American composers. Tickets are \$30 and include a reception with the artists after the concert. To purchase tickets, please visit www.CMEmusic.org.

Faith on Film: Wonderstruck – Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

This critically acclaimed film follows the parallel paths of two deaf children separated by 50 years as they strike out alone in search of answers in New York City. This film is rated PG.

ROGs Fundraiser: All Church Luncheon – Sunday, February 24 at 11 a.m. in Sheffield Hall

Ringers on the Green participate in a concert tour every year, and to make it possible, your donations are appreciated. Join with your church family for a luncheon to raise money for ROGs.

We return to the Church on the Green on Sunday, March 3!

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are located on table on the rear left side of South Street Hall.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Room 5 on the first floor of the Parish House.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. The restrooms are located near the entrance to South Street Hall, in the middle corridor.

Special Needs?

- **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.
- **Sturdier chairs with arms** are located throughout the worship space. We ask all other members to leave these chairs available for those who need them.
- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or other special needs.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel (57 E Park Place)
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Parish House (65 South Street)



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