



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

November 17, 2019

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Allegro from Trio Sonata in E-flat major, BWV 525
Kevin Graf, organ

J. S Bach (1685-1750)

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

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: The day of the Lord is coming!

Many: **God will complete creation: a new heaven and new earth.**

One: The Spirit of the Lord is coming!

Many: **God will draw us into communion, and all our prayers will be thanksgiving.**

*** Hymn 37**

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Your spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful. We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, selfishness over service, diatribe over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us of our sins, and move us to lives as people transformed. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 575

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Kyrie Eleison

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: We have confessed our sins; now it is time to forget the past and to live new lives in the present.

Many: **Our hope is that we can start anew, following a new life of loving, forgiving, and caring.**

One: In the newness of this moment we acknowledge that our sins are forgiven.

Many: **We look forward to the future God has given us.**

* **Response: Hymn 587**

Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

* **Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 98

(Old Testament, page 521)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Laudate Dominum, K. 339

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

The Chancel Choir & Emily Gaffney, soprano

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord. (Psalm 117)

Second Scripture Reading:

Luke 21:5-19

(New Testament, page 80)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn 493**

Now There Is No Male or Female

*Omni Die***Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

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

Offertory

Lord, make me an instrument

Jonathan Willcocks (b. 1953)

The Chancel Choir; Amanda Agnew, mezzo-soprano; Steve Kass, bass

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, may there be union, where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, let there be hope, where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, may there be joy. May we all be in peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

*** Doxology: Hymn 607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*** 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 662**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*Ratisbon**** Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in A minor, BWV 543

Kevin Graf, organ

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

The Reverend Sarah Green

Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music

Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar

The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Diana Gulick, Karen Crooks, and Linda & Nial McCabe

USHERS

Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Shirley & Dave Mutchler,
Mary & Norm Dykstra, and Abby and Bridget Ewing

ACOLYTES

Colleen Ewing and Avery Craig

FLOWERS

In celebration of our marriage

Given by Bob & Marilyn Harris

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by the Wednesday Morning Small Group

*Join us next Sunday, November 24 for our Thanksgiving Festival
as we are led in worship by all our choirs.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Info Session – Today at 11:15 a.m. in the Howard House

Come to find out about our 4th Foundation for Peace trip to El Batey which will be May 27 to June 4, 2020. Questions? Contact Betty Darcy at bettydarcy55@gmail.com.

Young Professionals Small Group – Wednesday, November 20 at 7 a.m. in the Conference Room

Our new weekly breakfast small group is for young professionals looking to network and grow their faith in Christ. Please RSVP to dsmazik@pcmorristown.org

All Church Dinner – Wednesday, November 20 at 6 p.m. in Sheffield Hall.

Stay after our Midweek programming or come at 6 p.m. and join us for a time of fellowship. Please RSVP to bettydarcy55@gmail.com.

Interfaith Food Pantry Collection – Ongoing through Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24

Bring joy to our neighbors in need this autumn through donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Non-perishable food and monetary donations may be brought to the Church on the Green or to the Parish House any Sunday in November. Please check the pantry's website, mcifp.org for the most current needs. Please contact Laurie Bullock (lomeliabull@hotmail.com) from the Outreach Committee with any questions.

Serving at Table of Hope on Thanksgiving

Table of Hope, a ministry of Bethel AME, needs volunteers on Thanksgiving (November 28). They specifically need help with food preparation and cooking through the day and serving food in the late afternoon. Table of Hope also appreciates any desserts you can donate. Please contact Donna Tomlinson to volunteer.

Operation Love – Beginning Sunday, November 24

It is time to join our friends at the Church of God in Christ in providing Christmas gifts and food to families and seniors in Morris County. If you would like to sign up to wrap gifts the week of Monday, December 9 or if you would like to deliver gifts on Saturday, December 14 at 8:45 a.m., please sign up at the What's Up Table. Questions? Email Gayle Pearson at g.pearson@rutgers.edu or Karen Griffith at kgriffith32@aol.com.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Finding Our Way – In God’s Kingdom Among Us



In worship services during Advent, we will turn up the volume on the book of the prophet Isaiah and shine light on how these words become reality, become flesh. The Advent daily devotional is based on the book of Matthew, specifically chapter 25, which records the markers that Jesus shared for the path.

Sundays in Advent

December 1 – Isaiah 2:15 – The Future House of God

December 8 – Isaiah 11:1-10 – Kingdom Design

December 15 – Isaiah 35:1-10 – Kingdom Residents

Sounds of the Season: A Carol Sing at 5 p.m.

December 22 – Isaiah 7:10-16 – Kingdom Power

Advent Small Groups – Dates for Advent Small Groups will be announced next week. Small groups will meet to study the topic of Prophecies Fulfilled.

Advent Daily Devotional – Straw for the Manger – Creating a Matthew 25 Advent Season
Pick up your copy in the Parish House or Church on the Green in late November.

Upcoming Church on the Green Concerts

Friday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. – Handel’s *Messiah* Concert

Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. – Music Made Here Concert

Saturday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. – Imperial Brass Concert

Homemade Apple and Pumpkin Pies

Back by popular demand, Circle 5 will again be baking and selling pies, with proceeds going to PW. We are making both Pumpkin and Apple Pies. Orders must be received by **today**. Please complete the order form below and return the What's Up table after today's service. Pies may also be ordered by emailing Circle5PW@gmail.com. Pies will be available for pick up on Sunday 11/24. Pies not picked up on 11/24 will be put in the freezer. Any pies left after Tuesday will be donated. If you have special requests or need to make other arrangements, please notate them on the order form. Questions? Email Molly Rauter (mhr41k@gmail.com)

\$ 15 per pie, or any donation

Circle 5 PCM Pie Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Pumpkin Pies: _____ x \$ 15.00 = _____

Number of Apple Pies: _____ x \$15.00 = _____

No thanks, I'll just make a donation _____

Total _____

Please make checks payable to PCM PW Circle 5.

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 in the vestibule by Howard House.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left front door.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers in the Narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Adult Education Seminar at 65 South Street
 - 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School at 65 South Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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