

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN

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February 23, 2020  
*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Revelation

Cathy Moglebust

The Chancel Ringers

\* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: Do you see it? In fire and cloud our God appears:

**Many: the glory of the Lord settles over us.**

One: Do you hear it? A voice thunders from heaven:

**Many: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."**

One: Open your eyes; unstop your ears. We are gathered on holy ground.

**Many: Let us magnify the Lord!**

\* Hymn 189

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

*Deo Gracias*

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

command of love—to tread the path that Jesus tread. Transforms us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 578**

O Lord, Have Mercy

*Oré Poriájú Verekó*

### Silent Prayer

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*) John 8:12

One: Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.

Many: **Whoever follows Jesus will never walk in darkness,**

One: but will have the light of life.”

**\* Response: Hymn 435, v.2**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

*In Babilone*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**A Time for Young Christians**

Alexandra Mead

**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:**

Exodus 24:12-18

(Old Testament, page 68)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Let Thy Holy Presence

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

The Chancel Choir

*Let thy holy presence come upon us, we pray. Alleluia.*

**Second Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 17:1-9

(New Testament, page 17)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn 190**

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

*Geneva***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**

Praise Ye the Lord

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Chancel Choir &amp; Steve Kass, baritone

*Praise ye the Lord, praise God in his holiness, praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet, praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the cymbals and dances, praise him upon the strings and pipe, praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.*

**\* 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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

\* Benediction

**Postlude**

Canticle for a New Day

The Chancel Ringers

Derek K. Hakes

## **Lent 2020 – Becoming a Beloved Community**

**Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, February 26:**

7:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm – in the Chapel

**Lenten Small Groups – Beginning March 2**

Mondays at 1:30 p.m. with Alexandra Mead

Thursdays at 11 a.m. with Alexandra Mead

**Sundays in Lent – Community Stories:**

March 1 – The Temptation of Jesus

March 9 – Nicodemus

March 15 – Woman of Samaria

March 22 – Man Born Blind

March 29 – Lazarus

### WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik  
The Reverend Sarah Green  
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music  
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education  
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar  
The Chancel Choir

### GREETERS

Lois Honigfeld & Rob Heinink and Patty & Phil Scaduto

### USHERS

Craig Dodd, Head Usher; Marnie & Dick Kaller, Nancy Niemann,  
Cheryl Smith, Griffin Thomas, and Cheryl Maginley

### ACOLYTES

Camryn MacGregor and Avery Craig

### FLOWERS

In memory of her parents, James & Esther Summers  
Given by Carol Johnson

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Betty & David Darcy

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Young Professionals Small Group Bible Study – Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Howard House**

Our small group for young professionals looking to network and grow their faith in Christ meets in the Howard House located next to the Sanctuary. Please RSVP to Rev. Dr. Smazik at [dsmazik@pcmorristown.org](mailto:dsmazik@pcmorristown.org).

## **All Church Dinner – Wednesday, February 26 at 6 p.m. in Sheffield Hall**

All Church Dinner is back for the Lenten season. Stay after our Midweek programming or come at 6 p.m. and join us for a time of fellowship. Please RSVP to Betty Darcy at [bettydarcy55@gmail.com](mailto:bettydarcy55@gmail.com)

## **Harmonium Choral Society Concert – Saturday, February 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Harmonium concert will focus on mental health with the major new cantata *Open Minds* by Rob Redei based on poetry by Deborah Kennedy and works by Allegri, Parente, Barnwell, Trumbore, James Taylor, and more. Advance tickets are \$25 (\$20 students and seniors) and available on [harmonium.yapsody.com](http://harmonium.yapsody.com). Tickets at the door are \$30.

## **Sunday Morning Seminar: The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, Dr. Stephen Moore – Sunday March 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the Erdman Room**

Drew Theological School professor Stephen Moore will lead us through a comparative study of the passages related to Easter in the gospels of Matthew and Mark. This careful look will reveal some surprising differences and often misunderstood messages. This series will continue through Sunday, March 15.

A native of Ireland, Stephen Moore received his Ph.D in New Testament Studies from the University of Dublin (Trinity College). He is the author or editor of more than fifteen books; we are excited to welcome him back to Sunday Morning Seminar.

## **Inquirers' Class – Sunday, March 1 at 11 a.m. in the Howard House**

Interested in joining the PCM community and want to learn more? Light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available if needed. RSVP to Sarah Galo in the main office at [sgalo@pcmorristown.org](mailto:sgalo@pcmorristown.org).

## **Newton Presbytery Youth Gathering – Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m. in the Parish House**

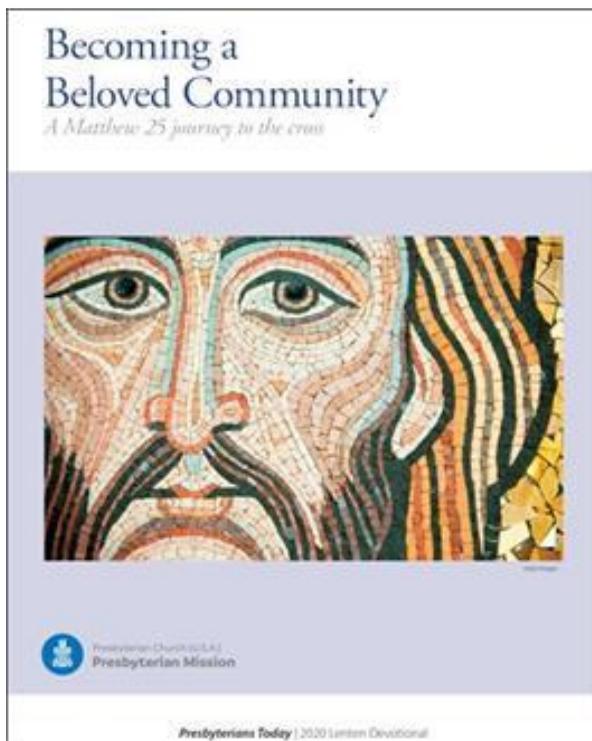
Youth groups within our presbytery will gather for a time of fellowship and service from 1- 3 p.m. We need volunteers to welcome visiting youth groups and to help serve lunch. For our service project, we will pack breakfast bags for Nourish.NJ. Please contact Patrick Allred with any questions at [pallred@pcmorristown.org](mailto:pallred@pcmorristown.org).

## **PCM Kids Get Together – Saturday, March 14 at 5 p.m. in Sheffield Hall**

Parents, drop off your children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> for a night of fun and activities led by Creative Movement instructor Miss Carol. Pizza will be served. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per child. Please RSVP to Alexandra Mead at [amead@pcmorrystown.org](mailto:amead@pcmorrystown.org) or register through your Breeze profile.

## **Clothing Bank Donations Needed**

Jan's Closet is in need of seasonally appropriate men and women's clothes and shoes. Please drop off any new or gently used donations during office hours at the Parish House.



**Our Lenten Daily Devotional,** *Becoming a Beloved Community*, is now available in the Sanctuary and Parish House. Get yours today!

# WELCOME

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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.

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## We welcome young children in our worship services

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are located in the vestibule by Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service. Live-streaming of the service is also available in the Howard House.
- **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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