

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

March 1, 2020
The First Sunday in Lent

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Coeurs Désolez

Josquin des Prez (1450-1521)

The Recorder Consort

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

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: We do not live by bread alone,

Many: so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

One: We come at the Spirit's leading

Many: to offer ourselves in service to Christ.

One: Come, find strength for the journey.

Many: Let us worship the one, true God.

*** Hymn 225**

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Fortunatus New

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to reach Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are heavy, and our burdens hold us down. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Our transgressions are ever before us. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love that no tomb can hold. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Hear My Prayer

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 698**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take Me As I Am

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 32

(Old Testament, page 479)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Prayer of St. Patrick

William M. Schoenfeld

The Bel Melodia and Bel Canto Choirs

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament, page 3)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Beloved Community – Jesus Rev. Dr. Smazik

* **Hymn 211** Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice *Charlestown*

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

Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

The Chancel Choir

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death!

* **Doxology: Hymn 708, v.1** We Give Thee but Thine Own *Schumann*
**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

Sung Response – Hymn 552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The leader continues...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response – Hymn 553

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The leader continues...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Sung Response – Hymn 554

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*(To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread until everyone has been served.
You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship
with Christ. The cups contain grape juice.)*

Communion Prayer and 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 165**

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Wondrous Love

arr. Eric Haas

The Recorder Consort

The Recorder Consort plays today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julie Ramseyer

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

The Reverend Sarah Green

Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music

Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education

Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, Director of Children's Music

Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar

The Recorder Consort

The Bel Melodia and Bel Canto Choirs

The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Maureen & Dave Rogers and Pat & Bill Cunningham

USHERS

Jack Fraebel, Head Usher; Daria & Rich Lisco, Bob Davies,

Jan Dougherty, Rich Schwartz, and Vicky Willson

COMMUNION SERVERS

Wendy and Ray Doidge, Janeen Dougherty, Karl Fenske, Walt Fleischer, Joyce Hayward,

Carol Johnson, Christine Lindquist, Ray Stark, and Jim Wood

ACOLYTES

Michael Hoppes and Katherine Williams

FLOWERS

In loving memory of George & Joy Phillips

Given by Jan Dougherty

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Kristen Daily Williams, Michael Karl, Lauren Shohen, and Mathew Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inquirers' Class – Today at 11:15 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.

Young Professionals Small Group Bible Study – Tuesday, March 3 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.

All Church Dinner – Wednesday, March 4 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

Sunday Morning Seminar: The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, Dr. Stephen Moore – Sunday March 8 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.

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.

Fellowship Luncheon – Thursday, March 12 at 12 p.m. in the Erdman Room

Join us for fellowship and conversation at our monthly luncheon. Please RSVP to Cathie Eyre at cdeyre@aol.com. A \$5 donation is suggested.

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

Parents, drop off your children in grades K-5th 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@pcmorristory.org or register through your Breeze profile.

Faith on Film: The Other Story – Sunday, March 15 at 4 p.m. in the Erdman Room

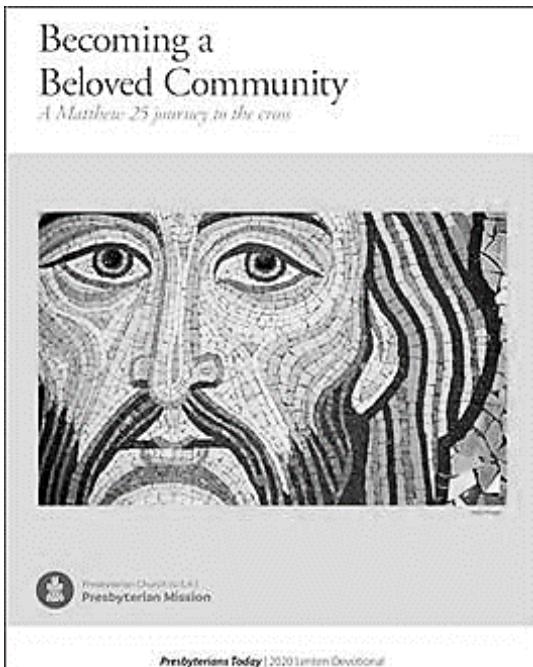
When two rebellious women cross paths in Jerusalem, it soon changes both of their lives in startling and unexpected ways. Vern Verhoef will lead a post-film discussion with pizza and salad. This film is not rated.

Caregiver Group – Wednesday, March 18 at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room

Are you caring for a loved one facing significant health challenges? Would you like the support and care of others in your congregation as you walk this challenging journey? At this organizational meeting, we will talk about the possible shape of a new caregivers' support group. Please contact Rev. Sarah Green with any questions at sgreen@pcmorristory.org

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 in the Sanctuary and Parish House. Get yours today!

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

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.

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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