

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN

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March 8, 2020

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

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Celebration of Worship

**Prelude**

Chorale Prelude “Wachet auf”, BWV 645  
Nick Tonini, organ

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: In days of old God called Abraham and Sarah:

**Many: Come—I am with you; step out in faith.**

One: God speaks still, claiming people of every land and race.

**Many: Come—I will bless you, that you may bless others.**

One: Heirs of the covenant, let us continue the journey:

**Many: Come—let us worship the Lord!**

**\* Hymn 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

**Confession and Pardon**

Elder Lisa Fraebel

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy God, you call us to worship and to serve only you. Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus trod. We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you. Free us from the clutches

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

of sin and death and draw us close, that we might respond to the grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 471**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

*Hear My Prayer*

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

John 3:17

One: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

Many: **but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

**\* 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*)

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 121

(Old Testament, page 539)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

God So Loved the World

John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Chancel Choir

*God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.*

**Second Scripture Reading:**

John 3:1-16

(New Testament, page 88)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn 443**

There Is a Redeemer

*Green***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**

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The Chancel Choir

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious redeemer, my savior art thou, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

**\* 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****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 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*Wondrous Love*

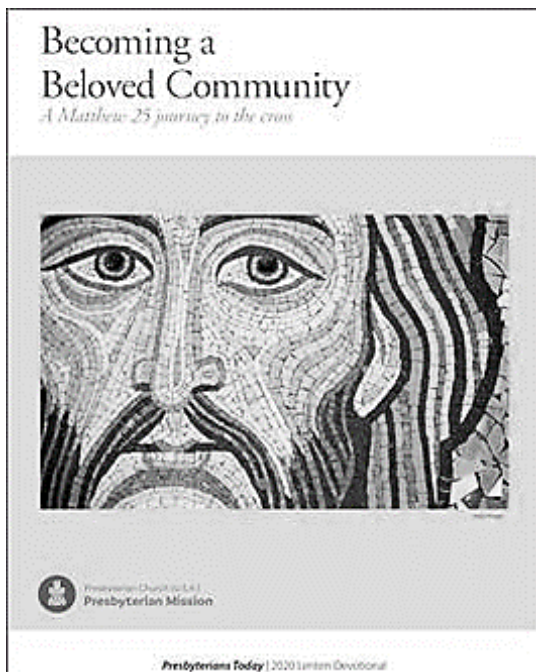
\* Benediction

**Postlude**

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558

J. S. Bach

Nick Tonini, organ



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

**Sundays in Lent – Community Stories:**

March 15 – Woman of Samaria

March 22 – Man Born Blind

March 29 – Lazarus

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

## GREETERS

Beverly & Tom Tignor and Cathie & John Eyre

## USHERS

Rich Schwartz, Head Usher; Cheryl Smith, Nancy Niemann,  
Craig Dodd, Griffin Thomas, and Vern Verhoef

## ACOLYTES

Lily Crean and Zachary Hoover

## FLOWERS

In memory of our mothers, Lee Hilles Wertheim and Mary Breen Fraebel  
Given by Lisa & Jack Fraebel

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Circle 5

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Newton Presbytery Youth Gathering – Today 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. For our service project, we will pack breakfast bags for Nourish.NJ.

## **Young Professionals Small Group Bible Study – Tuesday, March 10 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 11 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).

## **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](mailto: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-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@pcmorristown.org](mailto:amead@pcmorristown.org) or register through your Breeze profile.

## **Sunday Morning Seminar: The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, Dr. Stephen Moore – Sunday March 15 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 is the final session of a three part series.

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.

## **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**

***Call in option available via phone or computer!***

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 on how to connect virtually at [sgreen@pcmorristown.org](mailto:sgreen@pcmorristown.org).

**Jazz Vespers – Sunday, March 22 at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Our very own Director of Youth & Young Adults Patrick Allred will be one of the special guests participating in this service! Experience a new expression of worship with a musical style that transcends generations. Jazz is a uniquely American musical expression, which mirrors many of the dimensions in our lives: authenticity, movement, dissonance and improvisation.

**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.

# 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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