



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

October 25, 2020
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson

One: Children of God, come to the waters.

Many: **We gather to be restored and renewed.**

One: Come, with your faith and your doubt.

Many: **We respond to the one who claims and calls us.**

One: Christ summons us to draw near.

Many: **Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.**

Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Confession and Pardon

The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out. But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news with nods of agreement. Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service, that we might be the laborers you call us to be. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 602

Holy Lamb of God

Ya Hamallalah

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

One: Therefore, since we are justified by faith,

Many: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

One: through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;

Many: and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Response: Hymn 538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Pelo Tsa Rona

Moment for Mission

Stewardship

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Alexandra Mead

Jake Dicob, Audrey Kitchell, Christian Vitolo

Sacrament of Baptism

Blair Graydon Golding, daughter of Christopher and Pamela Golding

Logan George Schimpf, son of Paul and Marissa Huston Schimpf

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Patrick Allred

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your will and called to action, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 13-16

Camryn MacGregor

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Brother James's Air

arr. Evelyn R. Larter

Marnie Kaller, cello & Matthew Webb, piano

Second Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

So Close; Yet So Far Away

Rev. Dr. Halldorson

Prayers of the People 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 846

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

Benediction

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Camryn MacGregor, Kevin Graf, and Marnie Kaller. Thank you to Bruce Frazier, Richard Parke, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

Upcoming Meetings

If you have any questions or concerns about accessing weekly programs, please contact the leader listed.

Today at 11 a.m. – Zoom Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. – Ringers on the Green in the Narthex

1:15 p.m. – High School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group via Zoom

Wednesday, October 28 at 4:15 p.m. – Midweek and Middle School Youth Group at the Parish House Parking Lot

Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Chancel Ringers in the Narthex

Friday, October 30 at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group via Zoom

The Reverend Dr. Ed Halldorson is our Bridge Interim Pastor. You can contact him at ehalldorson@pcmorristoryn.org.

Sunday Morning Worship is available online.

The service will be posted on the website on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.



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