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Creating Pathways to Discover New Connections in Christ



July 13, 2014

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Our Church

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.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the narthex at the back of the church.

Visitor's information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

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

Please come again

- We invite you to join us in worship at *The Presbyterian Church in Morristown*. We have moved to our summer worship schedule of **one service at 10:00 a.m.** Next Sunday, July 20, we will congregate on the Green for family friendly worship outdoors. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. (In case of rain, we will worship in the sanctuary of The Presbyterian Church in Morristown.
- **The Wednesday Chapel service is being held in the Parlor of the Parish House, 65 South Street, at noon.** Parking is available in the Parish House lot.

More information on our Church, our programs and schedules is available on our website www.pcmorristown.org

Celebration of Worship

July 13, 2014

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.*

VOLUNTARY

The Battle of Trenton

James Hewitt

Introduction – Army in Motion – General Orders – Acclamation of the Americans (1770-1827)

Drums Beat to Arms – Washington’s March – Crossing the Delaware

Ardor of the Americans at Landing – Trumpets Sound the Charge – The Attack

Joel Ramseyer, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*) +

The Reverend Dr. David Lawrence

Leader: When we are convinced we are only barren soil,

People: God plants seeds of grace deep within us.

Leader: When our souls are as parched as arid deserts,

People: God refreshes us with the waters of goodness and mercy.

Leader: God’s Spirit enters our hearts to remove the bricks and mortar we have built over the years.

People: God helps us to let go of ourselves, so we may reach out to share with others.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Liebster Jesu

CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Reverend Dr. Brandon Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) ++

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe.

Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

KYRIE - Hymn 437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

Wayfaring Stranger

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Romans 8:1) ++

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The spirit of God dwells in you.

People: If we hear nothing else today, may we hear these words: there is no condemnation.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

People: Let us stand and sing our praise to God.

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS*

Hymn 619

Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda Anima

(verse 3 only)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) ++

God of life, by the power of your Spirit, come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 55:10-13

NRSV

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Battle of Trenton
Defeat and Flight of the Hessians – The Hessians Begging Quarter
Joel Ramseyer, organ

Hewitt

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 13:1-9

The Message

At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach.

In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed.

As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it.

Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly.

Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds.

Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.

Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“The Good Design”

Dr. Lawrence

*HYMN 171

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

Seachrist

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

The Battle of Trenton
The Flight Renewed – General Confusion – The Hessians Surrender Themselves Prisoners of War
Articles of Capitulation Signed – Grief of the Americans for the Loss of their
Comrades Killed in the Engagement
Joel Ramseyer, organ

Hewitt

*RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING (Hymn 607)

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 (unison) ++*

Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your seeding of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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 308*

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

**BENEDICTION*

VOLUNTARY

The Battle of Trenton

James Hewitt

Yankee Doodle – Quick Step for the Band – Trumpets of Victory – General Rejoicing

Joel Ramseyer, organ

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*Participating in the service today are
the Reverend Drs. David C. Lawrence, and Brandon Cho.
Organist Joel Ramseyer is leading today's music.*

GREETING today are Charlotte and Bob Franks, and Sherry and Tom Guthrie.

USHERING today are Craig Dodd, head usher, Lisa and Jack Fraebel, Frank Gaden and Carol Gilbert

FELLOWSHIP HOUR is hosted today by Lena Fermani.

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given by Ann and David Smazik in celebration of their daughter's wedding on July 12.

There are opportunities available on September 21 and 28 to donate flowers for the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones or special occasions. Please contact Jo Potter if you are interested at jpotter@pcmorristown.org or (973) 538-1776

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.

Sunday, July 13, *Office closed*

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 14

...No open meetings today.

Tuesday, July 15

8:30 a.m. Small Group (P. Clark)

Wednesday, July 16

7:00 a.m. Small Group (M. Kaller)

12:00 p.m. Worship in the Parlor

Thursday, July 17

...No open meetings today.

Friday, July 18

9:30 a.m. Volunteers

Office closes at noon

Saturday, July 19 *Office closed*

10:00 a.m. Christian Yoga

Sunday, July 20 *Office closed*

10:00 a.m. Worship on the Green

SUMMER CALENDAR NOTES:

Summer office hours are in effect through August. The office will be open Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 5:00
Fridays 9:00 – 12:00

Wednesday Chapel service is being held in the Parlor of the Parish House. The Wednesday Bible Study will be suspended for the summer and resume September 10.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Ministers:

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Dr. David Lawrence, Parish Associate

Linda Gaden, Pastoral Assistant

Director of Music: *Matthew Webb*

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