



Which of the two [sons] did the will
of his father?

Matthew 21:31

Creating Pathways to Discover New Connections in Christ



September 28, 2014
The Twenty-sixth 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 worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** for children up to 8 years of age 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

- **Our New Worship Schedule:**
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:45 a.m. Sunday School – Adults and children
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship – World Communion Sunday, October 5
- **The Wednesday Worship Service will be held in the Chapel** (next door to the Sanctuary) **at noon.**
- **The Wednesday Bible Study will meet in the choir room at 10:30 a.m.** Parking is available behind the church.

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

Celebration of Worship

September 28, 2014

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.*

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik

VOLUNTARY

*Pastorale, Op.59
Ryan Kennedy, organ*

*Max Reger
(1873-1916)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)+*

The Reverend Dr. David C. Lawrence

Leader: Becoming a baby,

People: Jesus transformed all of us into his brothers and sisters.

Leader: Telling us stories which we had forgotten,

People: God supports us as we seek to walk the paths of discipleship.

Leader: Becoming foolish in the eyes of the world,

**People: the Spirit teaches us everything we need to find our way
into the kingdom.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**HYMN 264*

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

**At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) +

We would like to be fountains of hope for others, O God, but people discover our hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants of the broken and the lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus into that kingdom of grace and hope.

KYRIE - Hymn 437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

Wayfaring Stranger

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON +

Leader: This is the good news in Christ. God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven, you are made new.

People: **May we now complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, and hope, with everyone we meet.**
Thanks be to God!

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS*

HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) ++

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the words of life, that we may understand your way and follow your truth, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 78:1-4

NRSV

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu (from Requiem)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

The Chancel Choir

(b. 1948)

Elizabeth Bruen and Anna Hess, sopranos

Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Everlasting rest.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:28-32

NRSV

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same;

and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go.

Which of the two did the will of his father?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him;

and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Truth about You and Me”

Dr. Lawrence

**HYMN 293*

Living Spirit

Omni Die

**Loving spirit, loving spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world on high.**

**Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and loved and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.**

**Loving spirit, loving spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**

COMMISSIONING OF A STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER: Ginny Pontious

THE PRESENTATION

THE VOWS

THE PRAYER

THE BLESSING

MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Stephen Ministry

Ginny Pontious

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

At the Name of Jesus

René Clausen

The Chancel Choir

(b. 1953)

Christ Jesus, being in the form of God, emptied himself, being in the form of a servant,
in human likeness. Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death, even death
on a cross. Alleluia! At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and earth,
and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

In thee is gladness amid the sadness, Jesus sunshine of my life.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art. Amen.
(Adapted from Phil. 2:5-11)

**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*

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 719*

Come, Labor On

Ora Labora

**Come, labor on! Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."**

**Come, labor on! Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.**

**Come, labor on! Cast off all gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.**

**Come, labor on! No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"**

**BENEDICTION*

VOLUNTARY

Alleluia
arr. Ryan Kennedy

Franz Liszt
(1811-1886)

- + From *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven: Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year A* by Thom Shuman.
(Copyright © 2013 by Thom Shuman)
- ++ Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2014.

*Participating in the service today are
the Reverends Dr. David C. Lawrence, Dr. David J. Smazik,
Elder John May, and acolytes Daniel Alessio and Anna Hess.
Alexandra Mead is the Director of Christian Education.
Matthew Webb is the Director of Music.
Ryan Kennedy is our Organ Scholar.*

GREETING today are Mikey Duffill, Helen and Jim Quinn, Evan Quinn, Shane Quinn, and Nancy Rossman.

USHERING today are Carol Gilbert, head usher, Marilynn Hummer, Stan Mack, and Cheryl and Bruce Smith.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Peter and Sarah Barber will host our fellowship time today.

The FLOWERS today are given in memory of Robert Megargel by the Megargel family.

FLOWERS: There are opportunities available on October 12 and November 2 and 9 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. (973) 538-1776 or jpotter@pcmorristown.org.

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

Sunday, September 28 *Office closed*

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children in the Parish House
- 8:45 a.m. *Sunday Morning Seminar*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Commissioning of a new Stephen Ministry Leader
- 11:30 a.m. Ringers-on-the-Green rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Morristown Fall Festival on the Green

Monday, September 29

- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Small Group

Tuesday, September 30

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 6:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday, October 1

- 7:00 a.m. Small Group (M. Kaller)
- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship
- 4:15 p.m. **W!**, Bel Melodia, Bel Canto
- 4:15 p.m. *Ekklesia* Middle School Youth Group
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Singers and Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. *Koinonia* High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 2

- 1:00 p.m. JAM (Joy and Music)

Friday, October 3

- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)

Saturday, October 4 *Office closed*

- 7:30 a.m. Sandy Relief Trip
- 9:00 a.m. Fall Clean-Up
- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Yoga
- 11:00 a.m. Tower Car Wash

Sunday, October 5 *Office closed*

- 7:45 a.m. Worship,
World Communion Sunday
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children in the Parish House
- 8:45 a.m. *Sunday Morning Seminar*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship,
World Communion Sunday
- 11:15 a.m. Inquirers' Class
- 11:15 a.m. Recorder Consort
- 11:30 a.m. Ringers-on-the-Green rehearsal

Please note: The Nursery School **Book Fair** begins Monday, October 6, and runs through October 12. It will be open during MidWeek activities and on Sunday during Sunday School.



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

Sanctuary and Chapel: 57 East Park Place,
Parish House and Offices: 65 South Street,
Morristown, NJ 07960

(973) 538-1776 www.pcmorristown.org

