



To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Matthew 25:15

Creating Pathways to Discover New Connections in Christ



November 16, 2014
The Thirty-third 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 conversation in the Narthex area
at the back of the sanctuary after the service.**

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

- **Worship Schedule:**
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:45 a.m. Sunday School – Adults and children at the Parish House.
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary with Baptism
- **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

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10:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.*

VOLUNTARY

*Par tous moyens
Tiens nos deux coeurs
The Recorder Consort*

*Thomas Crecquillon
(1505-1557)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)*

The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik

Leader: Keep silence in God's presence;
the day of the Lord is at hand!

**People: Let us not fall asleep,
but live as children of light.**

Leader: The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast.

**People: We watch and wait
in faith, hope, and love.**

**HYMN 694*

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Reverend Dawn Bryan

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

KYRIE - Hymn 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take Me as I Am

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Thus says the Lord, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

Friends: Believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS*

Hymn 586

Alleluia

Alleluia7

A TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Alexandra Mead

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

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 truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 123

(Old Testament, page 540)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

Chancel Choir

(b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 25:14-30*

(New Testament, page 27)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“A New Opening”

Dr. Smazik

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

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In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
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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

*Teach Me, O Lord
Chancel Choir*

*Philip W. J. Stopford
(b. 1977)*

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto
thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes lest they behold thy vanity; and
quicken me in thy way. O stablish thy word, thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Amen.*

*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 767*

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

**Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

**BENEDICTION*

VOLUNTARY

*Dance #2
The Recorder Consort*

*Anon.
(early 17th century)*

Participating in the service today are The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik and the Reverend Dawn Bryan; Mickey McDonnell; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Ryan Kennedy, Organ Scholar.
The acolytes are John Alessio and Juliann Stiles.

GREETING today are Janie and Howard Hopkins, Marilyn Hummer, and Barbara King.

FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted today by Larry and Nancy Behrendt.

FLOWERS: The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Joevert Parks by Lois and David Jones.

Congregational Meeting today at 11:15 a.m.

The Session of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown has called a Special Congregational Meeting for today, after the 10:00 a.m. service of worship in the Sanctuary on the Green to elect officers for 2015. Please join us for this short but important event in the life of the Church. No other business can come before this meeting.

Thanksgiving FESTIVAL SUNDAY



You and your family are invited to a
Thanksgiving Festival Celebration
on Sunday, November 23

WORSHIP SERVICE at the Church on the Green 10 AM

COMPLIMENTARY BRUNCH at the Hyatt Morristown
at Headquarters Plaza immediately following the service

Please RSVP to the brunch by November 16 at 973-538-1776
or e-mail your reply to opendoor@pcmorristown.org.
Include number of adults and number of children.

Christmastide – Mary's Song of Joy

Sunday, December 7 • 10am

The Chancel Choir
with Chamber Orchestra
Matthew Webb, conductor



The Chancel Choir and a chamber orchestra will perform *Magnificat in D Major (BWV 243)* by Baroque composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, as part of the service of worship for the second Sunday of Advent.

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

Sunday, November 16 *Office closed*

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Children & Adult)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers
- 11:15 a.m. Men's Chorus

Monday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. N. S. Small Group (A. Mead)

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

- 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. Ekklesia Middle School Youth Group
- 4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia (COG)
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Study (McDonnell)
- 5:05 p.m. Bel Canto (COG)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Singers and Ringers (COG)
- 7:00 p.m. Koinonia High School Youth Group

Thursday, November 20

No opening meetings today

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22 *Office closed*

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Yoga

Sunday, November 23 *Office closed*

Thanksgiving Festival Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Books, Bible & Beyond
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism
- 11:15 a.m. Celebration Brunch at the Hyatt Hotel



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