



The Presbyterian Church  
in Morristown

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**March 12, 2017**

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

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**Celebration of Worship**

*He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God". – John 3:2a*

**Prelude**

Bergamasca

The Recorder Consort

Girolamo Frescobaldi  
(1583-1643)

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

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: We come seeking to receive a blessing from God.

**People: We come seeking to be a blessing to others.**

Leader: We pause on our journeys and consider, from where does our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Holy One who made heaven and earth.**

**\* Hymn 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

**Confession and Pardon**

The Rev. Sarah Green

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

Almighty and gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you. Still, we are burdened by questions: Where are you calling us to go? From whence will our help come? How can your promises be fulfilled? Patient God we confess our fear and lack of faith in you. We admit our confusion and resistance to your teachings. Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts, that we may know you are faithful and trust your gracious care for us. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 183, v.2**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

*Austin*

**\* If you are able, please stand.**

## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

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

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

(John 3:17)

\* **Response: Hymn 772, v.4**                      Live Into Hope

*Truro*

\* **Passing of the Peace**

## A Time for 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 121                      (Old Testament, Page 539)

Leader:    This is the Word of the Lord.

People:    **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

God so loved the world

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

The Chancel Choir

*God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that who so 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 3:1-17                      (New Testament, page 88)

Leader:    This is the Word of the Lord.

People:    **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“Purpose Driven Journey”

Rev. Smazik

\* **Hymn 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

## A Moment for Mission

Sponsor a Ringer

Amy Bozza

## 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.  
Donations may be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)*

## Offertory

Love divine, all loves excelling

Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest; take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never-more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place; till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## \* Doxology (Hymn 608)

*Praise God (Hopson)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

## \* Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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 545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

*Land of Rest*

## \* Benediction

## Postlude

Bist du bei mir

The Recorder Consort

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



#### WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green  
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education  
Matthew Webb, Director of Music  
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar  
The Chancel Choir  
The Recorder Consort  
Grace Godfrey and Sarah Godfrey, Acolytes

#### GREETERS

Shirley and Dave Mutchler  
Nora and Ray Stark

#### USHERS

Craig Dodd, Head Usher; Frank Gaden;  
Cheryl and Bruce Smith; John and Tim Woodworth

#### FLOWERS

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

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

The Alessio Family

THANK YOU to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

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# OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK

*For a full schedule of meetings, please visit [www.pcmorristown.org](http://www.pcmorristown.org)*

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## Sunday, Mar 12

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Men's Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Faith on Film (Parish House)

## Monday, Mar 13

- 4:00 p.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)

## Tuesday, Mar 14

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 4:00 p.m. Newton Presbytery (Parish House)

## Wednesday, Mar 15

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek (Parish House)
- 5:00 p.m. Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Parish House)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study (Parish House)

## Thursday, Mar 16

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 1:00 p.m. JAM (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Lenten Study (Parish House)

## Friday, Mar 17 – *Office closes at noon*

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin/Tower Tidings Volunteers (Parish House)

## Saturday, Mar 18

- 8:30 a.m. Whippany River Clean-Up  
(Gather in Bethel AME Church parking lot at 59 Spring Street; program runs until noon)

## Sunday, Mar 19

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Men's Lenten Study (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Parish House)
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers (Sanctuary)

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**There are several openings available for the donation  
of flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.  
Please see the sign-up list at the What's Up Table to donate flowers.**





# Wel come

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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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**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** 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**

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
  - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Worship Schedule:**
  - 10:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Choir Room
  - Noon Worship Service in the Chapel (followed by a light lunch)

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## **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN**



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