



# The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

---

**June 18, 2017**

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
Graduate Recognition Sunday

---

## **Celebration of Worship**

*"...suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character,  
and character produces hope..." Romans 5:3b-4*

### **Prelude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Kevin McChesney (b. 1978)

The Ringers on the Green

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

Brett Maginley

Leader: As we gather this day, each of us brings something.

**People: We bring the burdens of the week.**

Leader: We bring prayers of hope and prayers of anguish.

**People: We bring our voices, our offerings, and our questions.**

Leader: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**People: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship  
today.**

### **\* Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

*Gather Us In*

\* If you are able, please stand.

## Confession and Pardon

Elizabeth Bruen

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Good and gracious God, sometimes we begin to think that our job on this mysterious journey has more to do with the journey of others than our own. At times, we focus too much on comparing our lives to others, devaluing ourselves in the process. Teach us that our journey is unique. Deliver us from our need to measure ourselves against each other. May we have the openness to respond to the grace you offer us by extending that same grace to each other. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 284**

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

*Tui Amoriam Ignem*

### Silent Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: Jesus calls us: "Come to Me,

**People: all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."**

Leader: May you know the peace of God.

**People: Peace that comes from knowing our sins are forgiven.**

**\* Response: Hymn 586**

Alleluia

*Alleluia 7*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

### Graduate Recognition

Angela Rines

#### A Congregational Blessing for the Graduates

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of members of our community.

**People: We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and for many more achievements yet to come.**

Leader: One part of your life's journey is complete. You will prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places. As you prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember those who have loved and supported you throughout the years.

**People: We give you blessings of good will and love as you go forth into the world. We pray that as you begin this new chapter, you will remember the times that we all have shared with you.**

Leader: We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith. We pray that you make wise decisions, always turning to God for help.

**People: God hears. God listens. God is always with you. Do not forget that. Always keep in mind that God is around and if you turn to God, God will guide you.**

Leader: Just as Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out and spread his word to the world, so we commission you to do the same through the way you live your life. Always keep Christ in your heart.

**People: We send you forth with all our love and all of our support. Strive for only the best rewards that life has to offer you, and may the love of Christ shine through you.**

Leader: Christ is the light of all people. Let him shine in you during tough times and always keep that light alive.

**People: Let Christ's light shine always. Thanks be to God. Amen**

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

Sarah Godfrey

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

The Chancel Choir

*I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining. I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.*

*I believe in God, even when God is silent.*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:1-8

Angela Rines

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Persevere”

Jackie Clemons and Anna Hess

**Scholarship Presentations and Acolyte Recognition**

**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**

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

*Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout hallelujah, praise His Holy name!*

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a  
cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!*

**\* Doxology (Hymn 609)**

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and  
Commissioning of Summer Trip Participants**

Sarah Green

**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 26**

Earth and All Stars!

*Earth and All Stars*

**\* Benediction**

Jackie Clemons and Anna Hess

## Postlude

Acclamation in G Minor

Karen Thompson

The Ringers on the Green

---

### WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

The Reverend Sarah Green

Angela Rines, Director of Youth and Young Adults

Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music

Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar

The Ringers on the Green

The Chancel Choir

Our 2017 High School Graduates

Anna Alessio and Paige Leahy, Acolytes

### GREETERS

Joanne, John, and JB Bickers,

Bob Harris, and Mark DeMos

### USHERS

Jack Fraebel, Head Usher; Henry Annis, Julius Annis,  
Liam Lawlor, Caleigh Lawlor, John and Tim Woodworth

### FLOWERS

In loving memory of Dr. Anontio Fermani and others  
by Lena Fermani

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

The Youth and Young Adult Committee

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

**Sunday, June 18**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Deacons at Spring Hills

**Monday, June 19 – *no open meetings***

**Tuesday, June 20**

- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)

**Wednesday, June 21 – *no open meetings***

**Thursday, June 22**

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)

**Friday, June 23 – *Office closes at noon***

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

**Saturday, June 24**

- 10:30 a.m. Linda Barry Memorial Service, reception to follow in the narthex

**Sunday, June 25**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Deacons at Spring Hills
- 3:30 p.m. Hike (Jockey Hollow, Morristown)

---

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Are you depressed, hospitalized, terminally ill, bereaved, in a job crisis, disabled, lonely, going through a divorce, or in a spiritual crisis? Trained, confidential Stephen Ministers are available to walk with you through your pain. Call Ginny Pontious 973-984-7507, Sarah Green 973-538-1776, or Jim Wood 973-615-4202.



# Wel come

---

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.

---

**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



## ***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](http://www.pcmorristown.org)*