

### Sunday, January 19, 2025 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Reverie

William Grant Still

# \*Call to Worship

Leader:

Rejoice siblings in Christ, for we live sustained by God's presence

and love.

People:

As we strive for peace, God strives with us.

Leader:

As we struggle for justice, God struggles with us.

People:

As we work to build the beloved community, God works with us.

Leader:

As we offer our gifts to all, God blesses us.

People:

Sustained by God's presence and love, let us worship God.

# \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People:

...and also with you.

\*Processional Hymn 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# **Opening Prayer**

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

#### **Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the powers in this world motivated by evil intent. We have made our way down the easy path when we should have been standing for justice. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit and have depended on our possessions rather than placing our trust in your grace. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us to new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

\*Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

**GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)** 

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## Message For All God's Children

(Children and youth will go downstairs for Church School.)

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Lesson from the Psaims: Psalm 36:5-10

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**Anthem** 

Be Thou My Vision Chancel Choir

arr. Stephen Chatman

Lesson from the Gospels: John 2:1-11

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Sermon "Will Wonders Never Cease?"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

\*Hymn 477

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

TALLIS' ORDINAL

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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, now and forever, Amen.

## Call to Offering

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

arr. Matthew Zabiegala

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 494 (vv. 1,2,4,5) Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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\*Benediction

#### \*Choral Benediction

**Postlude** 

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

arr. Hal Hopson

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Today's worship leaders are Rev. Thomas A. Brown and Elder Kathy Hoffman.

Our ushers this morning are Ken Basmadjian, Doug Haislip, Gage Johnson, Doug Magill, and Patti Montefusco.

Special thanks to Craig and Lisa Duke for their technical assistance this morning.

# THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 20 - 25, 2025

#### **Monday**

Church Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7:00 pm Deacon Training, Halldorson Hall 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Griswold Parlor

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall 7:00 pm Milestones Group, Hess's Home

#### Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room 7:15 pm Christian Education Meeting, Zoom

#### **Thursday**

6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room 7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

#### Saturday

9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside 4:00 pm Confirmation Retreat

### **NEXT SUNDAY, January 26, 2025**

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9

10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club

11:00 am Annual Meeting & Winter Breakfast, Mulford Hall

3:00 pm Lyrica Concert, Sanctuary & Mulford Hall

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# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

# Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord 477





These five stanzas celebrating God's merciful care for all creation correspond to Psalm 36:5–10 and were prepared by a joint committee of nine North American churches in the Reformed tradition. They are set here to a simple but memorable tune from the mid-16th century.

# Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494



This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS January 19, 2025

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or the minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

#### **TODAY AT CHURCH**

10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am	Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall



#### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and with thanksgiving for the Joyful Children's Ministry led by Yvonne Anderson and Caitlyn Huetz.

ANNUAL MEETING & WINTER BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 26, in Mulford Hall Please join us next week for our Winter Breakfast and the Annual Meeting in Mulford Hall following worship on Sunday, January 26. Your attendance is important as we vote on Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons, Audit Committee and the Terms of Call for the Pastor. We'll also review the 2025 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2024.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, January 20, 7:00 pm

The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold Parlor on Monday, January 20 at 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided, so we can sip, stitch, chat, crochet, and learn to knit. Yarn and needles will be provided if you're a beginner or don't have a project in the works.



WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP MILESTONES: Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm Please join other PCCT midlife moms for our next "Milestones, embracing grace in the middle place" evening of fellowship. We'll gather on Tuesday, January 21 at Meghan Hess's home. We'll be discussing <u>Angels</u>, <u>God's Secret Agents</u> by Billy Graham. You can RSVP to Stacy McCann at swmccann@optonline.net if you plan to attend and to find out more about the group.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NJ: Saturday, January 25, 9:00 – 11:00 am Volunteers ages 12 and up help sort and repackage food for distribution. Advance sign up is required. Contact Joslin Ruffle for more information.

LYRICA: Sunday, January 26, 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Acclaimed pianist Inna Faliks performs a solo recital of Brahms and Schoenberg. Please stay after the concert for a reception in Halldorson Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists. Complimentary tickets are available for church members - please call the office to reserve a ticket.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: Sunday, February 2
The ordination and Installation Service will take place on Sunday, February 2 during worship. Please join us as we welcome our new elders and deacons into the ministry of the church.

# FAITH FORWARD: INTERFAITH DIALOG AND SHARED WORSHIP EXPERIENCES Sundays, February 2 and March 7

Join us in worship on Sunday, February 2, as we welcome friends from Congregation Beth Hatikvah. Following the 10:00 am service, we will have a special Faith Forward program of interfaith dialogue. Facilitated by Rev. Tom Brown and Rabbi Allyson Zacharoff from Beth Hatikvah, this time of casual conversation is intended to open doors toward greater mutual understanding. Save the evening of Friday, March 7 for a gathering and Shabbat service at Beth Hatikvah in Summit.

#### FELLOWSHIP DROP-IN EVENT

Friday, February 7, 6:00 pm at Untied Brewing Company in New Providence Start off the New Year spending a casual evening with PCCT friends. This will be a "drop-in" event - no RSVP required. BYOF (Bring Your Own Food. Outside alcohol is not permitted.) Friends are invited! For questions, contact Rob Eisenhardt at rob.eisenhardt@gmail.com. The brewing company is located at 140 Spring Street Unit C in New Providence.

#### FLOWER MINISTRY: Many dates are open!

Thank you to everyone who dedicates flowers each Sunday. Your continued support allows us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by delivering flowers to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation, celebration, or concern on behalf of the church. To place a dedication for 2025, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact Gloria in the church office at 973-635-2340.

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday March 9, 9:00 am-2:00 pm in Halldorson Hall
You can scan the QR code to register early





# PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE** 

# PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Southern California is facing multiple uncontrolled fires, exacerbated by strong winds and dry conditions. Tens of thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate and more than 57,000 homes are threatened. PDA is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources in the aftermath of the fires. We pray for all lives affected, for swift containment and the safety of first responders. To learn more and to help, go to

https://www.pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/sou thern-california-wildfires