

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Street and Gatzmer Avenue JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY

Gary W. Filson, Pastor Larry Kettelkamp, Organist Sara Cheong, Pianist Ella L. Filson, Bell Choir Director Elliott Stroul, Praise Band Leader

March 22, 2020 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

The **Praise Music** is a call to worship; a time for reflection and preparation for entering God's presence.

THE PRAISE MUSIC

Breathe In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, arr. Lauren Daigle

- In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace when fears are stilled when strivings cease!
 My comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day. Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

THE PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

PEOPLE: AND SEE IF THERE BE ANY WICKED WAY IN ME, AND LEAD ME IN THE

WAY EVERLASTING.

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)

O God, whom no eye can see, no thought comprehend: praise be to you because you have revealed yourself to be the compassionate Savior of your people. Grant us we beseech you, the aid of the Spirit, so that with minds collected and hearts warmed, we may worship you as we ought, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF ADORATION 123 (Red Hymnal)

Hyfrydol

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against your will for us. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, are faithful and you have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful God, for Christ's sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyfilled life, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through our faith in Jesus Christ, we are justified.

PEOPLE: THROUGH OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE CLEANSED OF ALL SIN.

Leader: Through our faith in Jesus Christ, we are made whole and freed to be God's people.

PEOPLE: WHEN WE TURN TO GOD IN FAITH, GOD CREATES IN US A NEW HEART AND

SAVES US FROM ALL SIN.

THE RESPONSIVE READING 13 (page 482)

Psalm 46

*THE GLORIA PATRI 546 (Red Hymnal)

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.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. PEOPLE: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE 104 First Tune (Red Hymnal)

Evan

The Lord's My Shepherd

THE CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION (Acknowledgment of Visitors and Guests)

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
THE SCRIPTURE READING
THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Filson

RESPONDING IN THANKS AND SERVICE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER THE WORSHIP OF GIVING

(using "debts")

The Offertory

*The Doxology 544 (Red Hymnal)

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

We bring this offering as tangible participation in your work of lifting people above their poverty of spirit, soul or body. And we pray that through their transcendence from death to life, from despair to hope, those whom this offering serves may be drawn to you, the Source of all resurrection life, to praise your Name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION 368 (Red Hymnal)

Solid Rock

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

THE BENEDICTION THE POSTLUDE

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

An asterisk (*) indicates that the congregation stands. For hymns we stand at the beginning of the last line of the introduction. A double asterisk (**) indicates places where the ushers may seat people.

If you are visiting with our church family this morning, the Membership & Outreach Committee would like to note your attendance. Please complete the white Attendance Registration Card in the rack in your pew and put the card in the collection plate. Thank you.

Flowers. During the month of March, flowers from our Sunday services will be delivered to the sick and shut-in by Deacon Vincent Trent.

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Sunday School

Adults: 9:30 a.m., in the Conference Room (Room 106)

Children (ages 3 & up): Students will attend our 11 a.m. church service until Reverend Filson finishes the Children's Sermon. Students then leave for Sunday School in the upstairs classroom until the church service ends, around 12:15 p.m.

Your prayers and cards are asked for

Please remember: Armand Basmajian, Shirley Christie, William Cramer, Leonard Craparotta, Frank Earl, Edith Greeno, Joan Higgins, Margaret Hriczak, Harry Koenig, Bert Kovash, Alfred LePoidevin, Jennie Martin, Jerri James and T. Glenn McKee, Bradley McPherson (grandson to Dolores and Dennis Wigodinski), Kathleen Metroke, Denise Schaefer (sister to Karen Dinardo), Marian Schroeder, Michael Segledi, Jaime Steenhuisen, Christine Strych, Joan Trent, Melissa Vella (daughter of Theresa and Harry Koenig), Patrick Warren, Beverly White (sister of Janet Herkert and June Lisk) and Dolores and Dennis Wigodinski.

Terri Hartel — Summer Hill Nursing & Rehab. Center, 111 County Road #516, (B-Wing, Room 9), Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Carole Hetzell — The Gardens at Monroe, 189 Applegarth Road (Room 221A), Monroe Township, NJ 08831 (Carole's phone number is 609-426-4032)

Karen Hye — 2360 Court G, Tacoma, WA 98405

Tianle (Heidy) Li — SBI#203931D, PO Box 4004, Clinton, NJ 08809-4004

The Reverend Robert Organ — 46 River Street, Spotswood, NJ 08884

The Reverend Robert S. Turton — c/o Fresh Ponds Chapel of Gospel Mission Corps, PO Box 361,

Dayton, NJ 08810-0361

Congregation—Please fill out this survey:

Congregational Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/rJamesburgCQ

Session Members—Please fill out this survey:

Leadership Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/rJamesburgLQ

Change in the Wednesday Lenten Schedule. In the House of the Lord, Forever is the theme of this year's Lenten program sponsored by the Jamesburg Area Association of Churches. Due to the coronavirus, the Association has canceled the March 25, 2020 meal and service. The schedule is expected to resume Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Everyone, from all denominations, is invited to come and share in a **free** meal and a message at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. No reservations are needed. *Copies of the* complete and more detailed schedule than what is printed in today's bulletin are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the Gatzmer Avenue fover.)

Easter Flowers. Order forms for flowers which will adorn the church for Easter are available at the rear of the church and in the Gatzmer Avenue foyer. Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of the Glory of God. If you do not wish to purchase a plant for the church but do wish to contribute, we will receive donations of any amount to be used toward the purchase of flowers for the Deacons to deliver to shut-ins. The deadline for placing orders through the church office is Sunday, March 29.

Candy Fundraiser. Our Board of Deacons is selling Easter candy from Old Monmouth Peanut Brittle Company. As you can see from the colorful order form, Old Monmouth is much more than their famous peanut brittle (which, by the way, is one of the selections). Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the grand foyer. (*The form has plenty of room if you want to submit orders from family and friends, too.*) The ordering deadline is <u>Sunday, March 29, 2020</u>; delivery will be <u>Sunday, April 3, 2020</u>. Please include payment with your order. Checks should be made payable to: <u>Board of Deacons.</u>

Spring Fair. The Spring Fair Committee would like to assemble several themed baskets to raffle off at our <u>Spring Fair, May 30, 2020</u>. We would like to ask for your help to fill these baskets with new items and gift cards. Your donations may be dropped off at the church office. Label your donations "Spring Fair Raffle Baskets." If you wish, bring your receipt for recording on your contribution record. The following are the basket themes:

1. Night at the Movies 2. Beach Theme 3. Kitchen Theme

4. Spa Theme 5. Car Wash Theme 6 Pet Theme

Jamesburg Annual Spring Townwide Yard Sale. This year the Jamesburg Historical Association's annual Spring Townwide Yard Sale will be held <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 2</u>, <u>2020</u>, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. Proceeds from registrations for booth space at the Presbyterian Church, the multi-family location for residents and non-residents, will be donated to the Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg. Advance registration: \$15 per space; \$20 cash payment the day of the sale. Of course, there is no fee required to set up in your own yard. Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the Gatzmer Avenue foyer.

In the House of the Lord, Forever

2020 Lenten Program sponsored by the Jamesburg Area Assn. of Churches at the Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg, Fellowship Hall

Everyone is Welcome. Free Meal.

6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Canceled Wed., March 25, 2020

Psalm 23:5 Psalm 23:6

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020

Psalm 22:1-3

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Wed., April 1, 2020

(7 p.m. in the sanctuary) Candlelight Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Psalm 24

You are invited to celebrate in worship at your church. Worship at the Presbyterian Church begins at 11 a.m.

Copies of the complete and <u>more detailed</u> schedule are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the Gatzmer Avenue foyer.

MEETINGS

Youth Group – Next meeting: Sunday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Group – Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room (Room 106) Bell Choir – Next practice: <u>Tuesday March 31</u>, 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary

2020: Catch the Vision

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