

## ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME AND LIFTING OUR VOICES

As you gather, take time quietly to sit and prepare your heart to worship God

**Prelude** "Gelobet seist du, Jesus Christ" J.S. Bach  
Welcome to the 2024 Bach Festival! There will be a Q&A Period in the Chancel during the Coffee Hour each Sunday during the Festival.

### Welcome, Announcements

**Psalm I** (OT Page 489)

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Delighting in God's ways,  
**People: We are like trees planted by streams of water.**  
Leader: Abiding in Christ's mercy,  
**People: We are like children sheltered against the storm.**  
Leader: Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
**People: We are one in Christ.**  
**Unison: Come! Let all who draw breath worship the Lord.**

\*Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

### \*Prayer of Adoration

#### CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

#### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**You call to us, God of mercy, but we are too busy listening to the whispers of those who would draw us away from you. Rather than following Jesus as you hope, we are filling in the potholes on sin's streets for a more comfortable journey. You promise to keep watch over us, but we hope you will close your eyes to how we treat others. Forgive us, Author of life. Forgive our wavering commitment and plant our feet firmly on the paths to the kingdom. Forgive our low expectations of discipleship and give us opportunities to serve your people. Forgive our faltering faith and fill us with the delight and joy we find as your children, sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen**

-Silent Personal Prayer-

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: In forgiveness, God plants us deep in the rich soil of mercy and grace, our lives watered by hope, our joy made complete in Jesus Christ.

**People: The fruit we bear – hope, love, and peace – is not our doing, but comes from the seeds God has placed within us. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Gloria #582

#### "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. **World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Time with Children

**Special Music** "You've Got a Friend" Carole King  
Kristen and Megan Turner

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Acts 1:15-17, 21-26** (NT Page 118)

**Gospel John 17:6-19** (NT Page 111)

**Sermon "Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!"**  
Pastor Scot

#### RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\*Hymn 296 "Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

### \*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

**I 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. I 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.**

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory "Bless This House"** arr. Joseph Martin  
Sanctuary Choir

Bless this house O Lord we pray; Make it safe by night and day;  
Bless these walls so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out;  
Bless the roof and chimneys tall, Let thy peace lie over all;  
Bless this door, that it may prove Ever open to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright, Letting in God's heav'nly light;  
Bless the hearth a'blazing there, With smoke ascending like a prayer;  
Bless the folk who dwell within, Keep them pure and free from sin;  
Bless us all that we may be Fit O Lord to dwell with thee;  
Bless us all that one day we May dwell O Lord with thee.

### \*Doxology #606

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

### Pastoral Prayer and 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 "Faith of Our Mothers"

(If you would like to read the music with the lyrics, a copy is in your pew slot)

1 Faith of our mothers, living yet In cradle song and bedtime prayer,  
In nurs'ry love and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air:  
Faith of our mothers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, lavish faith, The fount of childhood's trust and grace,  
O may thy consecration prove The wellspring of a nobler face:  
Faith of our mothers, lavish faith, We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, For youthful longing – youthful doubt,  
How blurred our vision, blind our way, Thy providential care without:  
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, In truth beyond our manmade creeds,  
Still serve the home and save the church, And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, We will be true to thee till death.

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

**Postlude "Fugue in G Major" (Alla Gigue)** J.S. Bach

(Many people at Hilltop prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude. If leaving, please do so quietly. Thank you.)  
\*(Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HILLTOP CHURCH!

**We are blessed by your presence with us!** Whether today is your first time worshipping at Hilltop or you've been a member for decades, we are glad you are here and pray that the living God will touch your life as you worship with us this morning. +++ **We love having children in worship.** We provide **Noah's Ark Nursery** (with attendants) for children 4 and under but, of course, they are always welcome in worship. Please don't be overly concerned about bothering others. If you do feel you need to take your child out of the sanctuary during the service, we hope you'll return when you feel the time is right. +++ Out of respect for those worshipping near you **please take a moment to turn off cell phones.** **For additional information please use this QR code to learn more.**



### ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME?

We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Hilltop. We are always looking for new ways to embody Jesus' call to love God and our neighbors in this community and throughout the world. We have a heart for mission and we believe in including children and families in everything we do. We'd love for you to be part of our future, continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

### While you're here, please:

- **Fill out** a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know you were here and to request a call or visit from the pastor.
- **Pick up a copy of the Spire** (our church newsletter).
- **Speak with the pastor** and help us get to know you.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

**Greeting you at the front door** is Lisa Oberai.  
**Our Readers** is Lisa Oberai.  
**Our Usher Coordinator** is David Kerr.  
**Operating our Video System** is Bob Willis.  
**Operating our Sound System** is Greg Smith.

#### PRAYING TOGETHER AT HILLTOP:

**If you wish to speak to the Pastor** Reverend Scot McCachren you can email him at [rev.scot.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:rev.scot.mcc@gmail.com). For pastoral needs after hours please call (201)400-1834.

**Area of Ministry:** Christian Ed  
**Local Mission:** Family Promise  
**National Mission:** Intercultural Ministries  
**Int'l Mission:** Presbyterian Missionaries



COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

**Christian Education for Adults at Hilltop Church**

**Women's Bible Study Group** - Thursday mornings in the Hilltop House Library from 9:45-11:30 am

**Men's Bible Study Group** - Saturday mornings in the Hilltop House Library from 8:30-10:00 am

**Adult Education** - Sundays immediately after Church in the Hilltop House parlor and tries to wrap up its meetings by around 12:30. On the final Sunday of each month there's no formal meeting and, instead, we typically meet at a restaurant (location TBD) for fellowship and brunch. We hope you'll join us.

**IFP Network Item of the Week**

Hilltop is collecting a much needed item for the IFP Network each week. This is our way of helping to ease that decline. Please see the items needed for the next few weeks:

- Week of May 12th: side dishes
- Week of May 19th: soup
- Week of May 26th: peanut butter
- Week of June 2nd: baby food stages 2&3

**Deacons News - Save the Dates!**

**Sunday, June 2nd** - Deacons Picnic immediately following Worship

Additional details coming soon!

**Saturday, June 8th** - Treasure & Estate Sale **8am-3pm**

Drop off times will be Thursday, June 6th from 3-7pm and Friday, June 7th from 2-5pm.

**\*\*People are asked not to donate the following items:**

upholstered furniture, baby equipment (strollers, car seats, cribs, pack and plays, etc), stuffed animals and electronics

The Deacons are in need of **additional volunteers** (cashiers, boutique, kitchen, etc). If you are able to help please sign up using the below link. The link can also be found in the weekly What's Happening blast.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DA5A623A31-49458144-2024>

Any questions please contact Amy Beal or the church office.

**THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed and Fellowship at Hilltop House

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Personnel  
7:00 p.m. Membership

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
6:45 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House



**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**May 19th, 2024**

**John Blumers to Preach**

**To worship with us online at 10 am (or anytime after) please visit the homepage of our website for the link and bulletin:**

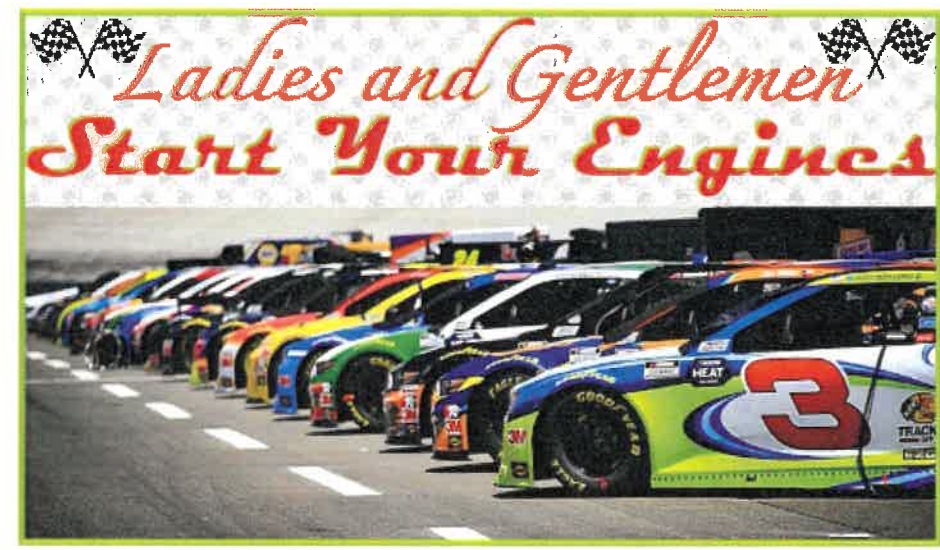
[hilltopchurch.org/online-worship](http://hilltopchurch.org/online-worship)

Still need a family plan for the first week of summer break?  
*Your kids will love*  
**Vacation Bible School at Hilltop Church**  
June 17-21, 2024 | 9:00 - 12:30  
For children entering grades 1-5  
**Only \$75 for the whole week!**  
Follow the link in the post to learn more and sign up!

**SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT HILLTOP**  
 Reverend Scot McCahren - Pastor/ Head of Staff  
 James Wynne - Director of Music Ministries  
 Tori Legacki- Director of Hilltop Christian Nursery School  
 Bill Lowe- Clerk of Session      Brian Elliott - Treasurer  
 Dane Manchester - Assistant Treasurer  
 Amy Beal & Lisa Oberai- Moderators of the Board of Deacons  
 Bob Willis - Organ Curator & Video      Greg Smith - Audio  
 Danielle Doyle - Office Manager  
 John Andrews - Facilities Manager      Brendan Doyle - Facilities Assistant  
 Office: 14 Hilltop Road.      Sanctuary: 20 Hilltop Road  
 Mendham, NJ 07945  
 (973) 543-4012      [hilltopchurch.org](http://hilltopchurch.org)      office@hilltopchurch.org

**MAY 12TH, 2024**  
**The 7th Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day**

**Welcome to Hilltop Church**  
 The First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, New Jersey  
 "Proclaiming Christ's Presence and Continuing Christ's Work since 1738"



Brookside UCC, CSJB, Hilltop Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, Mendham UMC, & St. Mark's Episcopal invite you to:  
**Community Worship**  
**Sunday June 9th at 10:00am**  
**Lewis Morris Park, Sugarloaf**  
**Followed by Lunch & Games**  
 Sandwiches & Drinks Provided  
 if you are able, please bring a side or dessert to share

**MINISTERS**

All the Members of Hilltop Church

**OUR MISSION**

The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, NJ is to acknowledge and proclaim the presence and power of God and to continue the work of Jesus Christ by loving God, God's world, each other and ourselves. We are committed to the growth of faith, the spreading of the good news, and the mission of caring for those near and far. We fulfill these commitments through prayers, study, sharing, teaching and serving.