

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 "Vor Deinen Thron Tret Ich Hiermit" 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 98 (OT Page 551) Senior Lily Lowe

***Responsive Call to Worship** Confirmand Clay Gladhill

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: The Lord has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy.

Unison: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

***Hymn #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

***Prayer of Adoration** Confirmand Will Morris

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

Confirmand Nate Perkins

Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

***Assurance of Pardon:** Senior Adeline Perkins

Pastor: This is the good news: God is reluctant to be angry with us, God refuses to hold a grudge against us, God's love reaches further than our fears.

People: God writes on our hearts with the Word – of grace, of hope, and of mercy. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

***Passing the Peace** Confirmand Will Morris

***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 Senior Ally Smith

Special Music "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
Joyful Ringers

Prayer for Illumination Confirmand Clay Gladhill

Epistle I John 5:1-6 (NT Page 241) Confirmand Nate Perkins

Gospel John 15:9-17 (NT Page 109) Senior Adeline Perkins

Sermon "Just the Way to Live and Die" Pastor Scot

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

***Hymn 839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"**

Statements of Faith 2024 Confirmation Class
Clay Gladhill, Will Morris and Nate Perkins

Acceptance of New Members Pastor Scot and Elder Bill Lowe

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (traditional)** (2.1-3)

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 Senior Lily Lowe

Offertory "We Come Together" Stevens
Sanctuary Choir

We come together here as one before the Lord
We come together here, our hearts in one accord.
We take the cup and bread, rememb'ring what Christ said.
We come together here as one before the Lord.

We break the bread, we bow our head.

We think of Jesus' sacrifice.

He died alone, the cross His throne,
Where He would pay sin's price.

We bless the cup, we lift it up.

We think of Jesus' sacrifice.

The agony of Calvary, where He would pay sin's price.

***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** Senior Ally Smith

Moment for Senior Recognition Deacons
Cheyanne DeFelice, Lilly Lowe, Adeline Perkins, Ally Smith, Will Warmen

Fischer Scholarship Wendy Whiting

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table (gluten free bread is in the center of each plate)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung Response... (Music for Response, #552)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the Highest.

The pastor continues... Great is the mystery of faith.

Sung Response... (Music for Response, #553)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

The pastor continues... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:

Sung Response... (Music for Response, #554)

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup (gluten free crackers is in the center of each plate)

To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread until everyone has been served. You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship with Christ.

Communion Prayer (unison)

Here at this table, we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

***Benediction**

Postlude "Fugue in G Minor" (The Little Fugue) 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.)

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Greeting you at the front door is Paula Raimondo.

Our Readers are the Youth of Hilltop Church.

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. 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

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.

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 the Blackhorse Pub for fellowship and brunch. We hope you'll join us.

Family Promise Update

A heartfelt thank you extends to all our members who recently purchased gift cards for Family Promise's motel sheltering guests. Your generosity is making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

Together, we purchased \$200 in groceries and \$750 in ShopRite and gas gift cards. These contributions will provide essential support to both current and future motel guests, ensuring they have access to necessities during their stay.

The goal of Family Promise's "Motel Sheltering Program" is to facilitate the transition of families from temporary motel arrangements to permanent housing. As families find homes, new families will take their place at the motel, continuing the cycle of support and assistance.

Thank you once again for your support. Your kindness helps families in our community find stability.

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

Sunday, May 5th

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

Monday, May 6th

7:00 p.m. Growth Task Force

Tuesday, May 7th

10:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds
7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Wednesday, May 8th

11:00 a.m. Lunch with Friends
6:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

Thursday, May 9th

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

Friday, May 10th The Church Office is Closed on Fridays

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

Saturday, May 11th

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

Sunday, May 12th

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



NEXT SUNDAY:

May 12th, 2024

Mother's Day

Pastor Scot 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



Hilltop Christian Nursery School Visit on April 28th

SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT HILLTOP

Reverend Scot McCachren - 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

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MAY 5TH, 2024

YOUTH SUNDAY

Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, New Jersey

"Proclaiming Christ's Presence and Continuing Christ's Work since 1738"



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.