

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 "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" Dale Wood
(Notes about today's music can be found in the bulletin at the end of the worship section)

Welcome, Announcements

Psalm 50:1-6 (OT Page 519)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: The glory of God is too great for you to bear.

People: We are not afraid. We will not turn back.

Pastor: The mystery of God runs too deep for you to fathom.

People: We are not deterred. We will not turn back.

Pastor: The fiery chariot of Elijah is not for mortal sight to see.

People: We are blessed with the eyes of faith. We will not turn back.

Pastor: Come then, and worship our God, who took Elijah up to heaven in the whirlwind.

People: We will worship the Lord, who transfigured Moses, Elijah, and Jesus to shine like the sun.

***Hymn #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

*Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

Shaper of mountaintops, the radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows that claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your glorious presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us; we overlook those who hunger for our acceptance and hope. Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: Through the light of the one who was transfigured to show us the power and glory of God, we find a way through the wilderness of our doubt and confusion. We find strength for the journey and courage for the road ahead.

People: Truly, through the grace of Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Gloria #582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glorify 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 "Wings of a Dove" Celtic Psalms
Megan Turner

Listen to me and do not ignore me. My heart, it is troubled, and I am distraught. The words that have hurt me they cut like a knife. Oh, I'm filled with sorrow there is no way out. O that I had the wings had the wings of a dove I would fly far away to the home that I love. I would fly to the place where my heart is at rest in the shelter far from the tempest and storm.

Evening and morning, I call in distress. Praying God won't you listen? O Lord hear my voice. Enthroned from eternity you do not change. From my battle, please rescue me. Keep me from harm. O that I had the wings had the wings of a dove I would fly far away to the home that I love. I would fly to the place where my heart is at rest in the shelter far from the tempest and storm.

Cast all your cares on the God who sustains you; you'll never be shaken though the storm rages on. The wicked will fade but you'll not be forsaken, you'll rest in the shelter from the tempest and storm. O that I had the wings had the wings of a dove I would fly far away to the home that I love. I would fly to the place where my heart is at rest in a shelter far from the tempest and storm.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament 2 Kings 2:1-14 (OT Pg 332)

Gospel Mark 9:2-9 (NT Pg 44)

Sermon "Giant Leaps" Pastor Scot

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

***Hymn 192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"**

***Affirmation of Faith - adapted from Westminster Confession of Faith (6.045) (unison)**

The Lord Jesus in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in whom it pleased the Creator that all fullness should dwell: to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by the Creator; who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "I Am Thine, O Lord" Darian Krimm
Sanctuary Choir

*I am Thine, O Lord. I have heard Thy voice and it told Thy love to me.
But I long to rise in the arms of faith And be closer drawn to Thee
Draw me nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer to Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord By the power of grace divine.
Let me soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.*

*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 #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Benediction

Postlude "Rondo" Morandi

(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.)*

ABOUT THE MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Dale Wood was known throughout the musical community as a master of melody, and "the difficult art of simplicity." In addition to his prolific volume of published choral works and hymn tunes, his compositions for handbells, harp, and organ are performed on a regular basis throughout the world. Every Christmas, Easter, and Sunday morning, one can expect to hear his music being sung or played somewhere by small church choirs, renowned organists, symphony orchestras, and choral groups as large and well-known as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, which has performed and recorded many of his works.

The complete title of the Postlude is 'Rondo con imitazione de Campanelli' (Rondo in imitation of the Carillon) The Rondo refers to the form: ABACADAE, etc, with the A section being the Rondo theme. It is written to imitate the cast bells that might be found in the bell tower, with the cascading theme sounding like the rapid peel of the bells.

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 are Charles and Michelle Knorr.
Our Reader is Lisa Lowe.
Our Usher Coordinator is David Kerr.
Operating our Video System is Bob Willis.
Operating our Sound System is Greg Smith.
The Flowers on the table are given to the Glory of God by Laura Montenegro...

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: Deacons
Nt'l Mission: Souper Bowl of Caring
Local Mission: Market Street Mission
Int'l Mission: World Vision

COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church of Mendham

The Session hereby calls for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation February 25th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please mark your calendar.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13th beginning at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar for the Deacons Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th. Proceeds from the Pancake supper will benefit Mendham Area Senior Housing (MASH).

No Lunch With Friends on Wednesday, Feb. 14th

Please make note, during the season of Lent there will be no Lunch with Friends (February and March). Please join us at the Mendham Lenten Lunches at Grace Lutheran Church. Worship is a 12pm and Lunch is served at 12:30 pm. Lunch with Friends will resume in April. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mendham Lenten Lunches

February 14 - Brookside Community Church UCC
 February 21 - TBD
 February 28 - Hilltop Presbyterian
 March 6 - St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 March 13 - Mendham United Methodist Church
 March 20 - TBD

**Wednesdays
 Worship at 12pm
 Lunch at 12:30**

Held at Grace Lutheran Church 65 E Main St, Mendham

Communion Bible Worship Class - Jan 28th - March 3rd

If your child is in 3rd grade and up, we would love for him/her to join us 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25 from 10-11am in the Library at Hilltop House and for Communion/Bible Presentation 3/3 during worship.

Topics covered are how to use and find verses in the Bible, how we remember what Jesus did for us when we take Communion and how we worship as Presbyterians.

To sign up or for more info, email Cathy Malman, cimalman12@gmail.com

Christian Education, Nurture and Development 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.

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

Monday, February 12th
 7:00 p.m. Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 13th
 4:00 p.m. Personnel
 5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 7:00 p.m. Membership

Wednesday, February 14th
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace Lutheran Church
 6:30 p.m. Finance

Thursday, February 15th
 9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 16th The Church Office is Closed on Fridays
 8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

Saturday, February 17th
 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 18th
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House



NEXT SUNDAY:
February 18th, 2024
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:

https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t_homepage.asp
 Subscribe to our channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HilltopChurchMendham>

Please...

1) **"Like" our social media posts!** This makes a big difference in the number of views we get. Also consider sharing the post if your friends might be interested in it.

2) **Click the link to our website!** This drives up our Google search engine ranking. So, for example, it makes it more likely people will get hilltopchurch.org when they search Google "churches in Mendham NJ." Even if you don't stay to look at the website, just clicking that link makes a huge difference!

It's so easy to help get the word out!

Thank you!

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 & Marilyn Willett - Moderators of the Board of Deacons
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FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, New Jersey

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



Neil Armstrong Steps onto the Moon by NASA, July 20, 1969

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.