

## 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** "Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland" J.S. Bach  
"Vater Unser Himmelreich" J.S. Bach

Today continues 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 23** (OT Page 501)

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

**Leader:** We were lost and going astray,  
**People:** **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.**

**Leader:** **But now we return to our shepherd.**  
**People:** **He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Leader:** We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls.  
**People:** **Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou are with me.**

**Leader:** This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life.  
**People:** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\*Hymn #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

### \*Prayer of Adoration

## CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of many pastures, your Spirit calls us to reach out and proclaim the good news where bandits and thieves seek to lead your sheep astray. Forgive us, source of comfort and strength, when we seek to keep your care for ourselves – believing that we alone have a special place in your love. Call us once more, loving shepherd, to lay our burdens down and rest, that we might have the strength to open our eyes and see the needs of your flocks all around us. Amen**

-Silent Personal Prayer-

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

**Pastor:** The Good Shepherd leads us to safe pastures and restores our souls.

**People:** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the pasture of God's love forever. 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** "Reason I Sing"  
Megan Turner

### Prayer for Illumination

**Epistle** I John 3:16-24 (NT Pg 240)

**Gospel** John 10:11-18 (NT Pg 103)

**Sermon** "A View from the Valley" Pastor Scot

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\*Hymn 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

\*Affirmation of Faith - adapted from The Confession of 1967 (9.09)

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again, it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. Amen.**

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** "This Little Light of Mine"  
Sanctuary Choir  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine!  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine!  
I'm gonna let it shine, 'til Jesus comes,  
Let it shine!

\*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 #801 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Fugue in G Minor" (The Great) 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.

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 IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

**Greeting you at the front door** is Cathy Malman..

**Our Reader** is Chris Waller.

**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 McCahren 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:** Worship & Music  
**National Mission:** ActNow

**Local Mission:** Homeless Solutions  
**Int'l Mission:** Farmers Worldwide

## COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

### Confirmation Class Session Meeting and Dinner

Reminder the Confirmation class Session meeting and dinner is **tonight at 5pm** at Hilltop House.

### 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.

### Mother's Day Plant Sale!

Spring plants are available for purchase just in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds will benefit Nomias and Oti! Flower pick up will be at Hilltop House on April 30th by arrangement with Cathy Malman and after services on May 5th.

### Item of the Week is Back!

Hilltop will once again start to collect 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 April 21st: breakfast cereal (low sugar)

Week of April 28th: canned meals - like ravioli, stew

Week of May 5th: instant oatmeal

Week of May 12th: side dishes

### Family Promise Support Needed

Hilltop Church will be the support congregation for the Family Promise 2024 "Motel Sheltering Program" during the week of April 21 - 27, 2024. We need volunteers to help purchase much needed ShopRite, Gas and Hot Spot gift cards. Gift cards can be mailed directly to Family Promise at 3 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

Currently, one woman, along with her daughter (age 17) and son (age 15) are staying at the Extended Stay America, 7 International Drive, Budd Lake.

Extended Stay America provides kitchen facilities. Meal support will consist of a mix of groceries and ShopRite gift cards.

The goal of this program is to move these families out of the motel arrangement and into permanent housing. As families are housed, new families will replace them at the motel.

This is the Sign Up Genius program where Hilltop volunteers can select an activity to support this mom and her 2 teenage children and future motel guests. Your help is very much appreciated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DA5A623A31-48947254-hilltop>

### The Hilltop Church Concert Series presents

#### "Carmina Burana"

**Carl Orff**

**Sunday, April 28th at 3pm**

The Hilltop Oratorio Choir

The New Jersey Youth Chorus

Salvatore Montero, Baritone Jocelyn Alam, Soprano

Stephen Colonna, Tenor

Dr. Giacomo Oliva, Piano Lucille Kincaid, Piano

Percussionists:

Philip Gallo, Daniel Giannone, Joshua Azenberg, Steve O'Toole, and Shanna Eckervey

**James Wynne, Conductor**

## THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 p.m.

Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

6:45 p.m.

Bell Choir

7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

8:30 p.m.

AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House

3:00 p.m.

Hilltop Concert Series: Carmina Burana

NEXT SUNDAY:

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Hilltop Christian Nursery School Sunday  
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](http://hilltopchurch.org/online-worship)**



Hilltop Christian Nursery School  
14 Hilltop Road, Mendham Borough

**2024-2025**

**Preschool  
Enrollment**

Our school provides the best possible environment for your child to learn, grow, and develop in a nurturing and safe environment.

- ✓ Small Class Sizes
- ✓ Half and Full Day Programs
- ✓ Play Based Learning
- ✓ Ages 2 1/2 - 6

We would love to invite you to see our incredible school! Please reach out to our director, Victoria Legacki to schedule a tour and learn about our application process.

directorHCNS@gmail.com  
973-543-0054

<http://hilltopchristiannursery.org>



### 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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APRIL 21ST, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

# 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.