

## 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 "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor"** (Little) - J.S. Bach  
(Notes about today's music can be found in the bulletin at the end of the worship section)

### Welcome, Announcements

**Psalm 103:1-13, 22** (OT Page 554)

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God.  
**People: We bless the One who is holy.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to Jesus, our Brother.  
**People: We bless the One who calls us to follow.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit  
**People: We bless the One who fills us with gifts of love.**

**\*Hymn #720 "Jesus Calls Us"**

### \*Prayer of Adoration

## CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**We confess, Faithful One, that we don't always know your ways. We think we need to do it all ourselves, rather than trusting in you. We look for the empty seats at the tables with the power brokers and celebrities, while you sit down with the immigrant and food stamp recipients. We want to know someone's pedigree, experience, credentials, but we need no letter of reference to you. Forgive us, we pray. Speak tenderly to us of that love which never ends, of that mercy which embraces us, of that faithfulness, which is at the heart of who you are, and of that life which is our gift from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

-Silent Personal Prayer-

### Assurance of Pardon:

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

### \*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

### Moment for Mission Souper Bowl of Caring

Eddie Fox

### Time with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Hosea 2:14-20** (OT Pg 836)

**Gospel Mark 2:13-22** (NT Pg 36)

**Sermon "Transformed at the Table"** Pastor Scot

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

### \*Hymn 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

### \*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 "Live Your Love"** Stacey Nordmeyer  
Sanctuary Choir  
*Live your love, give your grace. Let ev'ry breath be an offering of praise.  
Pass your peace, share your song. Trust in the Lord all your days.  
Bless as God has blessed you. Share and serve in faith.  
Let God's Spirit guide you. He will show the way.*

### \*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

## 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:

**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.**

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

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again**

*The pastor continues...* all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,

now and forever:

**Amen.**

### Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Bread and Cup

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)

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn #177 "I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)"

### \*Benediction

**Postlude "Fugue in D Major"** 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.)

## ABOUT THE MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Today is a Bach day! It had been thought, for many years, that J.S. Bach composed his '8 Little Preludes and Fugues' as instructional pieces for one of his sons, probably the oldest. As of late, this idea has come under scrutiny – many organ scholars tend to agree that the compositional style doesn't seem to fit that of Bach. Whoever the composer might be, they are great fun to learn and play.

There is no doubt, however, that Bach wrote his Prelude and Fugue in D Major during his stay as organist in Weimar, working for the Duke. The exact date of the composition is unknown, but it was probably written around 1710. Listen for the Fugue subject – three consecutive notes rising and falling and then developed. It will be this theme that will form the basis for the solo on the pedals that concludes the work.

## 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 Bill Maurer.

**Our Reader** is Laura Montenegro.

**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:** 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).

### Interfaith Food Pantry - Item of the Week

Hilltop is collecting a much-needed item each week for the IFP Network. This is our way of helping to ease that decline. The "Item of the Week" is side dishes.

### 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 10-11 am 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, cimacman12@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.



**HILLTOP CHURCH**  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH  
5:00-8:00 PM

**\$20 PER CHILD,  
\$10 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD  
TO SUPPORT C.E. MISSIONS**

COME WATCH THE MOVIE "LEO"  
PIZZA, SNACKS, CRAFTS & MORE  
14 HILLTOP RD. MENDHAM, NJ

### THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
7:00 p.m. Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds  
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m. Mission

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
6:45 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** **The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**  
8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. CE Parents Night Out in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House



NEXT SUNDAY:

**February 11th, 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](https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t_homepage.asp)

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



Sunday, February 25, 2024  
3:30 - 8:00pm

**Taylor Swift Edition**  
Live Music from All 10 Eras  
Friendship Bracelets & Photo Booth  
Concession Stand

3:30 Bracelets and Photos  
4:00 Music  
Hilltop House  
14 Hilltop Road  
Mendham, NJ

Featuring Megan Pepper

Suggested Donation \$20 to support Appalachia Service Project

Under 13 must be accompanied by an adult

Let us know you are coming!  
<https://bit.ly/taylormoth>

### 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  
Lissa Anderson - Stephen Leader  
Bob Willis - Organ Curator & Video Greg Smith - Audio  
Danielle Doyle - Office Manager  
John Andrews - Facilities Manager Brendan Doyle - Facilities Assistant

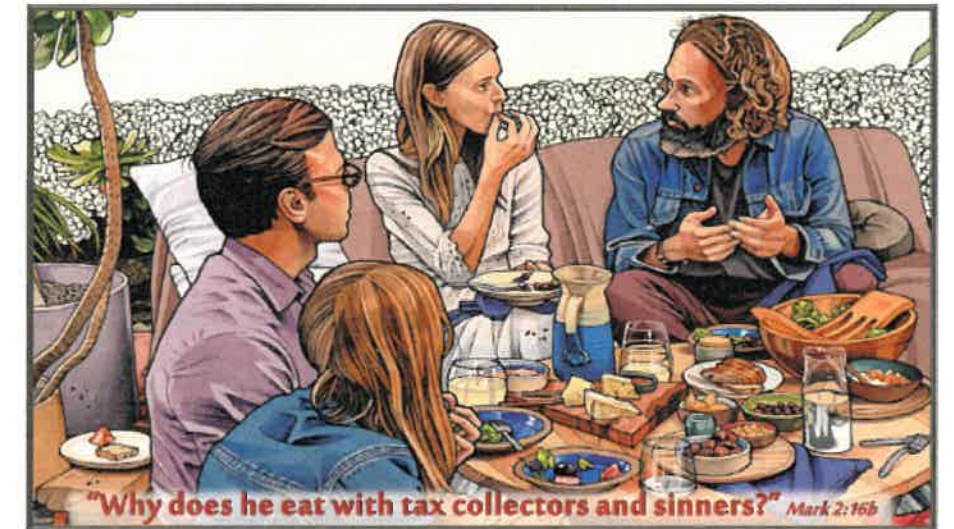
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FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024  
The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Mendham, New Jersey

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



At the Table with Jesus by Adam Kruff

### 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.