

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 "Ava Verum Corpus" Mozart
(Notes about today's music can be found in the bulletin at the end of the worship section)

Welcome, Announcements

Psalm 19:1-14 (OT Page 498)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: When God speaks, all creation answers:

People: The pale winter moon cries, "Glory!"; the sun hums a song as it warms the earth.

Leader: When God speaks, lives are changed:

People: Those held hostage by oppression are set free; the voiceless shout the story of salvation.

Leader: When God speaks, everything is turned inside out.

People: The wise learn the language of grace from little children; the strong take lessons from the powerless.

*Hymn #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

Even with those simple commandments, Eternal Love, we manage to get it wrong. We misuse your name on an almost daily basis and dishonor our friends and neighbors by talking behind their backs. We hunger for what others have, and think we can put you in a box, storing you away on a shelf. We find little enough time for our families, for ourselves, you. – much less setting aside an entire day for the rest you call Sabbath. Forgive us, Abiding Love. We think we are so wise with the choices we make, only to end up with all that keeps us from you. Your Word has come, to fill our speech with grace, with hope, with peace. As we journey to Jerusalem, may we invite others to join us as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our Savior. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: Day to day, God offers us mercy and hope. Moment to moment, we are surrounded by God's never-ending love. Friends, trust this Good News for you!

People: God takes our brokenhearted prayers and crafts them into words of grace, of joy, of peace. 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

Time with Children

Special Music

"Grazioso"
Joyful Ringers

Telemann

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Exodus 20:1-11 (OT Pg 66)

Epistle I Corinthians 1:18-25 (NT Pg 166)

Gospel John 2:13-22 (NT Pg 93)

Sermon "Jesus Goes to Church" Pastor Scot

Presentation of CBW Bibles

Taylor K.H. Culbertson, Brielle Clare Daly, Emily Rose D'Urso, Caroline Arlina Fornaro, Audrey Mae Lopez, Cecilia June Nervi, Lily Grace Peruyero, Lucas Paul Seugling

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Hymn 213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*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 "God is My Shepherd" Pryor and Nolan
Sanctuary Choir

God is my Shepherd, I am His lamb. God is my keeper, I'm in His hand.
My every tear He understands. God is my Shepherd, I am His lamb.
All we like sheep have gone astray. Each of us turns to our own way
God is a shepherd who guards His own, Giving His life to bring us home.

*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)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Benediction

Postlude "Piece Heroique" Cesar Franck

(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

In 1766, at the age of 10, Mozart was invited to play the Muller organ in Haarlem, Holland – a large instrument which had also been played by Handel. He spent several hours playing and improvising at the instrument, which is still quite playable today. It is believed that one of the themes he improvised was that of the Ave Verum – not to be confused with the motet of the same name (far more famous) which was written only weeks before his death in 1791.

Born in Venice, Marcello was a contemporary of Vivaldi. He was born into a patrician family; his father wanted him to become a lawyer. Marcello managed to combine his love of music and also serve his city, taking posts on the city council. His works include instrumental settings of the Psalms – in this case, Psalm 18:Vs. 6 In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

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.



SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Greeting you at the front door is Bill Maurer.

Our Reader is Kathy Claxton.

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. For pastoral needs after hours please call (201)400-1834.

Area of Ministry: Session
Int'l Mission: Women's Ministries

Local Mission: Table of Hope
Int'l Mission: One Great Hour

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.

Inquirer's Class Today Immediately after Worship

Christian Fellowship is a key aspect of church life. Believers in Christ come together in love, faith, and encouragement. If you are searching for a new church home, we invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Hilltop. **Today immediately after worship in Hilltop House.**

COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering during Lent in which Presbyterians can share God's love with neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. The three programs supported are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Through our collective gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries. Please consider making a contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing by Palm Sunday (March 24). There are special offering envelopes in the church pews or indicate your donation is for OGHs. There is an option online through BREEZE. Thank you.



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- 8 oz. bottles of water
- Granola bars (no nuts)



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Table of HOPE

- Full size foil pans
- Disposable forks and knives
- 1-3 compartment to go containers

Plenty to Share

February 18 - March 10, 2024

During this Lenten season, please consider sharing some non-perishable goods with our mission partners. Drop off bins are located at Hilltop Church and Hilltop House

To make a credit card donation, click on the QR code and select "Give to pLENTy to Share" from the dropdown menu or go to www.hilltopchurch.org/mission-partners



Interfaith Food Pantry Network

- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush



Homeless Solutions
A NEW UP, NOT A HANDOUT

- Laundry Pods
- Coffee - instant and ground
- Bed pillows (only new)
- Twin blankets - no throws.



THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

Monday, March 4th

7:00 p.m. Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 5th

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

Wednesday, March 6th

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m. Mission

Thursday, March 7th

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

Friday, March 8th The Church Office is Closed on Fridays

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

Saturday, March 9th

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

Sunday, March 10th

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



NEXT SUNDAY:
March 10th, 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

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

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
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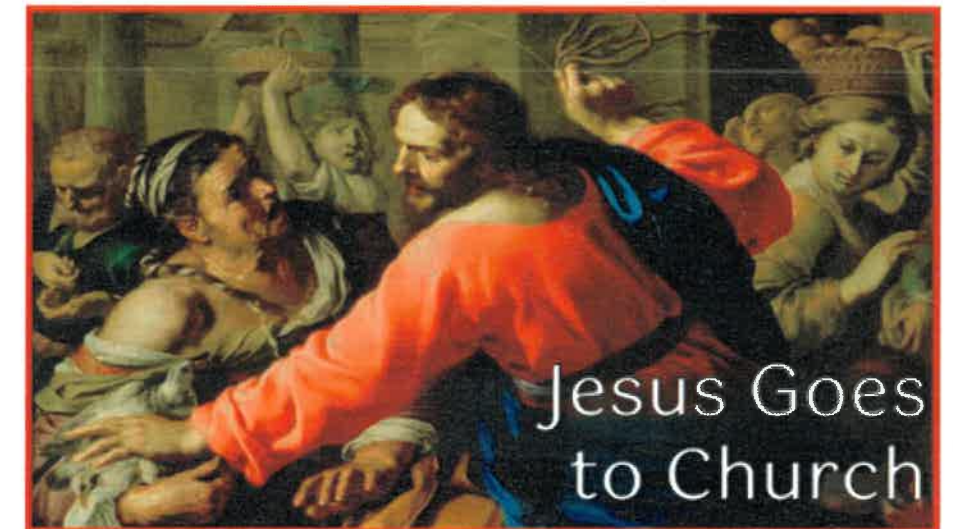
MARCH 3RD, 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church
of Mendham, New Jersey

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



Christ Cleansing the Temple by Bernardino Mei, circa 1655

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.