

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 "Canzona in D" 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 4 (OT Page 490)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: We are witnesses,
People: To the love God has poured into us.
Pastor: We are witnesses of God's love,
People: Sharing it with each person we meet.
Pastor: We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
People: Little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.

***Hymn #233 "The Day of Resurrection!"**

*Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

God of our heart and lives, too many times we have doubted and turned away, failing to recognize you or your voice, denying our true identity. We despair of the way things are in the world and can find no true peace. We search for answers in places where truth cannot be found. We long to return to you, O God, that we may hear your voice in the maelstrom and in the cacophony of voices that overwhelm our senses and cloud our minds. Strengthen our wondering unbelief and fulfill our longing to truly know you. Open our minds to understand the scriptures and transform our lives into a powerful witness of your radical love for all. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

*Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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 "We Are the Family of God"
Alex Doyle

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle I John 3:1-7 (NT Pg 240)

New Testament Acts 3:12-19 (NT Pg 120)

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48 (NT Pg 91)

Sermon "While in Their Joy..." Pastor Scot

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

***Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

***Affirmation of Faith - from the Confession of Belhar (10.5))**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, and that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Footsteps of Jesus"

Sanctuary Choir

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling, "Come, follow me!"
And we see where Thy footprints falling, Lead us to Thee
Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.
Tho they lead o'er the cold, dark mountains, seeking His sheep,
Or along by Soloam's fountains, Helping the weak
If they lead through the temple holy, anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on;
Or in homes of the poor and lowly, Serving the Lord.
Then at last, when on high He sees us, Our journey done,
We will rest where the steps of Jesus end at His throne.

*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

Moment for Mission Family Promise Deb Buchanan

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.

Song as Communion is Served "Bless the Lord"

(Music at hymn, #544)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Communion Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

*Benediction

Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" 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.)*

Today's Offertory Anthem was based on the poem "Footprints in the Sand"

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each, I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints; other times there was only one. During the low periods of my life I could see only one set of footprints, so I said, "You promised me, Lord, that you would walk with me always. Why, when I have needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Greeting you at the front door is Lisa Lieb.

Our Reader is John Blumers.

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: Worship & Music

National Mission: ActNow

Local Mission: Homeless Solutions

Int'l Mission: Farmers Worldwide

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.

Senior Recognition Sunday

May 5th, in addition to other celebrations for our young people is Senior Recognition Sunday. The Deacons will be congratulating all of our high school seniors with praises and gifts. This year's class members are Lily Lowe, William Warman, Ally Smith and Adeline Perkins. The Fischer Scholarships will be awarded as part of this Recognition Sunday.

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.

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

Monday, April 15th

7:00 p.m.

Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16th

7:30 p.m.

Session

Wednesday, April 17th

9:45 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

6:45 p.m.

Bell Choir

7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 18th

8:30 p.m.

The Church Office is Closed on Fridays

Friday, April 19th

8:30 a.m.

AA in the Steelman Room

Saturday, April 20th

8:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Sunday, April 21st

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House

5:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class Session Meeting and Dinner

NEXT SUNDAY:

April 21st, 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:
hilltopchurch.org/online-worship**



APRIL 14TH, 2024


The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church
of Mendham, New Jersey

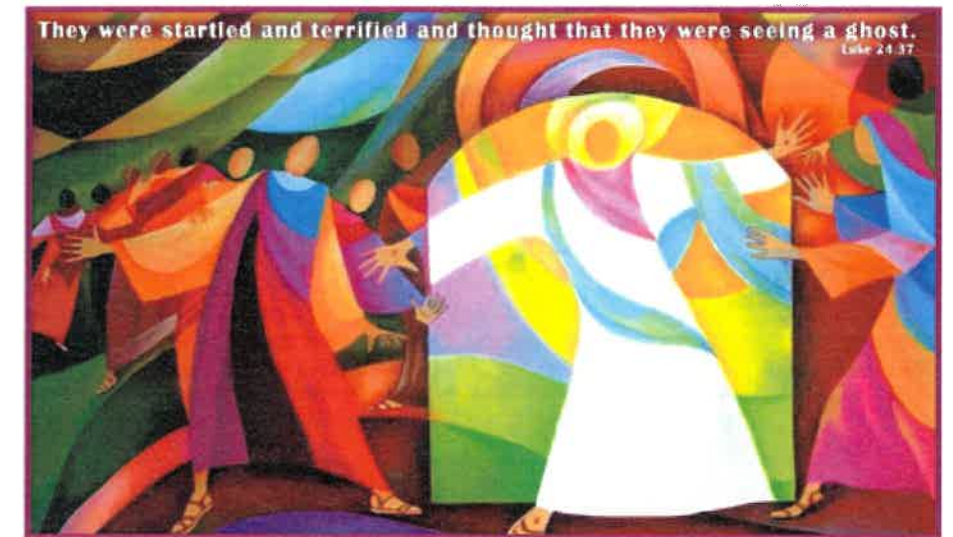
"Proclaiming Christ's Presence and
Continuing Christ's Work since 1738"

The Hilltop Concert Series presents
"Carmina Burana"



The Hilltop Oratorio Choir
The New Jersey Youth Chorus
Jocelyn Alam, Soprano Salvatore Montero, Baritone
Dr. Jack Oliva and Lucille Kincaid, Pianists
Kenneth Adessa, Daniel Giannone, Phillip Gallo, Robbie See,
and Shanna Ekeverry, Percussionists
James A. Wynne, Conductor

Sunday Afternoon, April 28, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
Hilltop Presbyterian Church: 20 Hilltop Road Mendham, NJ
Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$10 Students - A Live-Stream Option is Available
For Tickets, call: 973-543-4012



Jesus Stands Among Us by Ed de Guzman, 2013

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.

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
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