

## 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** "Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott" 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 22:25-31** (OT Page 501)

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

**Leader:** Here in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful,

**People:** **We lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praise.**

**Leader:** Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

**People:** **Grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.**

**Leader:** Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

**People:** **We shall be so filled with love that we will run to tell others about it, and to serve them.**

**\*Hymn #480** "Take Me to the Water"

### \*Prayer of Adoration

## CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**Mother of Compassion: called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers; though your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live godly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Amen.**  
-Silent Personal Prayer-

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

**Pastor:** Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God's love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

**People:** **Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. 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.

**Special Music** "Amazing Grace" arr. Rosemary Siemens  
Mikayla Burns, voice and Amy Burns, Flute

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Minute for Hilltop Christian Nursery School

Hilltop Christian Nursery School Director Victoria Legacki

### Special Music HCNS Chapel Songs

### Time with Children

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament** Acts 8:26-40 (NT Pg 127)

**Epistle** I John 4:7-21 (NT Pg 241)

**Gospel** John 15:1-8 (NT Pg 109)

**Sermon** "What Would You Do?" Pastor Scot

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

### \*Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### \*Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's 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 "Down By the Riverside"

Sanctuary Choir  
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside study war no more

### \*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 #300** "We Are One in the Spirit"

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Prelude in C 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.)

## 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 Laura Montenegro.  
**Our Reader** is Brian Elliott.  
**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 McCachren 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...

**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 for fellowship and brunch (location TBD). 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 28th: canned meals - like ravioli, stew

Week of May 5th: instant oatmeal

Week of May 12th: side dishes

**TODAY AT HILLTOP CHURCH**

Tickets are still available and will be sold today after worship

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, Philip Gallo, Robbie See,

and Shanna Eckervey, 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

**THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP**

**Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m.

Mission

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:45 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

6:45 p.m.

Bell Choir

7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

8:30 p.m.

AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - YOUR SUNDAY AT HILLTOP CHURCH**

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House



APRIL 28TH, 2024

The Fifth 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"

NEXT SUNDAY:  
**May 5th, 2024**  
**YOUTH SUNDAY AT HILLTOP CHURCH**  
**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)

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!



Saint Philip Baptizing the Ethiopian Eunuch by Abel de Pujol, 1848

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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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.