

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 "Adagio" Camille Saint-Saens
(Notes about today's music can be found in the bulletin at the end of the worship section)

Welcome, Announcements

Psalm 25:1-10 (OT Page 502)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Lead us in the way of truth, O God!

People: Show us your holy pathways.

Leader: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Teach us to follow where you lead.

Leader: We trust in your way, O Lord;

People: To you, we lift up our souls.

*Hymn #22 "God of the Sparrow"

*Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

We long to be known by you at our best, Holy One. We long to hear the words, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased." Yet we remember times when our words or our actions have hurt your heart or the hearts of others. For these acts, forgive us, we pray. We remember, too, when we have caused harm by failing to act or by failing to speak. For these inactions, forgive us, we pray. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground,

People: So in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth.

People: Thanks be to God for this good news! 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 "Spirit Song"
Alex Doyle

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 9:8-17 (OT Pg 7)

New Testament I Peter 3:18-22 (NT Pg 234)

Gospel Mark 1:9-15 (NT Pg 34)

Sermon "40 Days and 40 Nights" Pastor Scot

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Hymn 167. "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

*Affirmation of Faith - adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.21)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Mercy Still" arr. Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners spare?
I have long withstood His grace; long provoked Him to His face,
Would not listen to His calls. I have grieved Him by a thousand fall.

I my Master have denied. I again have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed name; put Him to an open shame.
There, for me, the Savior stands; shows His wounds, and spreads His hands
God is love! I know, I feel. Oh, Jesus weeps and loves me still.
Now incline me to repent, Let me now my sins lament;
Live in grace and be restored; weep, believe, and sin 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

Moment for Mission pLENTy to Share Mission Committee

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 #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Benediction

Postlude "Chorale and Minuet" Leon Boellmann

(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

The Prelude today is a transcription of the famous 'Adagio' from Saint-Saëns '3rd Symphony,' which is subtitled 'The Organ Symphony.' The composer chose a wide palette of sounds for this symphony, including 2 pianos, a very large Romantic-era orchestra and, of course, the organ. Saint-Saëns was an excellent pianist and organist and wrote extensively for these instruments. Leon Boellmann was a French organist and composer, hailing from the province of Alsace. He spent his entire professional life in Paris, teaching, performing and composing – but he only had a small output of compositions to his name – including his 'Suite Gothique' – which also includes the postlude – before his death at 35.

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.

Please note, there will be no Sunday School or Communion Bible Worship Class today.

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Greeting you at the front door are Anne Kleemayer..

Our Reader is Wendy Whiting.

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: Deacons
Nt'l Mission: Souper Bowl of Caring

Local Mission: Market Street Mission
Int'l Mission: World Vision

COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

NourishNJ Kitchen Training

Zoom Meeting - March 1, 9-9:30am. If you wish to volunteer at Nourish Facility, you need this class. Would love to have you. Please contact: Cathy Malman cimelman12@gmail.com if interested or for more information.

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.

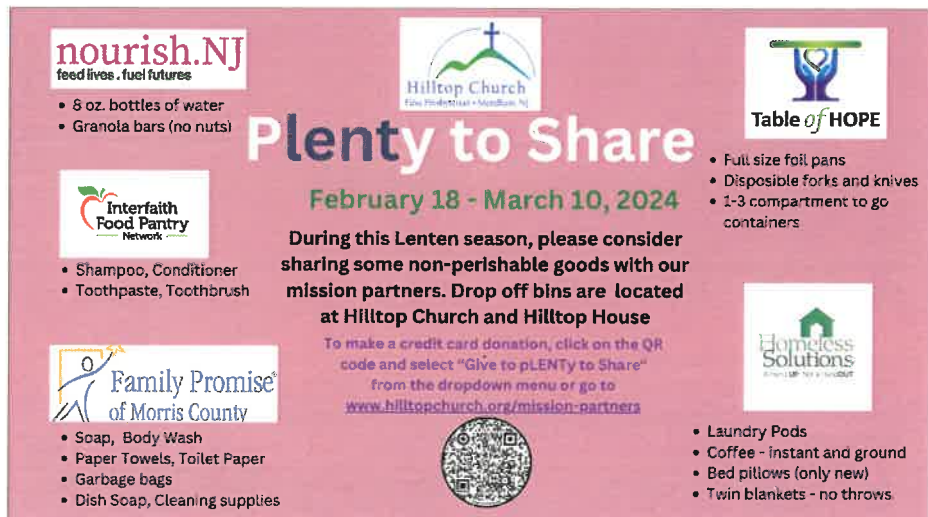


Mendham Lenten Lunches

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



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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

Family Promise of Morris County

- Soap, Body Wash
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
- Garbage bags
- Dish Soap, Cleaning supplies

Homeless Solutions

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

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

Monday, February 19th
 7:00 p.m. Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 20th
 7:30 p.m. Session

Wednesday, February 21st
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 22nd
 9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 23rd **The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**
 8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

Saturday, February 24th
 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 25th
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House
 3:30 p.m. Music on the Hill



FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024

The First 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"

NEXT SUNDAY:
February 25th, 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



MUSIC ON THE HILL

Sunday, February 25, 2024
 3:30 - 5:00pm

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/taylor-music>



Christ in the Wilderness by Ivan Kramskoi, 1872

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
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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.