

## 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** "Slane" David Terry  
(Notes about today's music can be found in the bulletin at the end of the worship section)

### Welcome, Announcements

**Psalm 119:9-16** (OT Page 566)

### \*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: The time is coming and now is:  
**People: Time for love. Time for hope.**  
Leader: Time for mercy. Time for faith.  
**People: Time for worship. Time for prayer.**  
Leader: Time for singing. Time for praise.  
**People: The time is coming and now is.**  
Leader: Come, it is time to worship.

\*Hymn #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

### \*Prayer of Adoration

## CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves; we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word. Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**  
-Silent Personal Prayer-

### Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: Like a parent tenderly washing her child, God bathes us in the warm waters of forgiveness, cleansing us, and restoring us to new life.  
**People: Through Christ, we are made whole; through Christ, we are loved; through Christ, we become new people. Thanks be to God.**

### \*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** "I Lift My eyes Up to the Hills" Celtic Psalms  
Megan Turner

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT Pg 735)  
**Gospel** John 12:20-33 (NT Pg 106)  
**Sermon** "Renewed Commitments" Pastor Scot

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\*Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

### Service of Ordination and Installation

#### Litany

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**  
**All: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

#### Statement on Ordination and Installation

#### Presentation of the Candidates

#### Constitutional Questions

#### Questions to the Congregation

#### Prayer of Ordination

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Welcome

### \*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** "Jesus, Teach Me" Stratton and Courtney  
Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, teach me what I need to know Guide and lead me where I need to go.  
In everything I say and do Teach me how to love like You.  
Shine Your heavenly light. Touch me and open my eyes.  
As I go through the day. Lord, let me follow Your way.  
Lord, the sound of Your voice fills me with comfort and joy.  
Now I know I must start listening with all of my heart.

### \*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 #833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Allegro" Alexandre Guilmant

(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 Celtic melody, Slane, probably named for Slane Castle in Ireland. It is from a collection of Celtic sacred melodies.

Alexandre Guilmant was a virtuoso organist, as well as Professor of Organ at the Paris Conservatory. His touring led him around the world, which included giving concerts at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, playing 40 recitals on the – then – largest organ in the world. This instrument would then become the nucleus of the Wannamaker Organ in Philadelphia.

## Hilltop Church 2024 Elders and Deacons

### Session

Lissa Anderson  
Doug Beal  
Sharon Betz  
Van Buchanan  
Brian Elliott  
Mitzi Fox

Stefanie Fox  
David Kerr  
Per Ralamb  
Fiona Stewart  
Chris Waller  
Wendy Whiting

### Board of Deacons

Ashley Antonello  
Amy Beal  
Jill Bracco  
Deb Buchanan  
Wade Carter  
Kathy Claxton  
Ruth DeNatale  
Sue DiSabato  
MaryAnn Fox

Keith Gladhill  
Brian Haumerson  
Michelle Knorr  
Laura Montenegro  
Lisa Oberai  
Paula Raimondo  
Jackie Spurr  
Kathy Stoakes  
Hope Swartz

### SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

**Greeting you at the front door** is Lisa Lieb.  
**Our Reader** is Dev Morris.  
**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:** Session  
**Nt'l Mission:** Women's Ministries

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



## 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, 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.

#### **Attention all High School Seniors!**

Each year the church has the opportunity to award the Fischer Scholarship to graduating Hilltop Seniors. Monies for the scholarships come from the generous endowment of Herb and Wilma Fischer. Applications are considered from students who have shown outstanding service to Hilltop Church. The application will be available on March 17th and completed applications are due on April 14, 2024. The Scholarship will be awarded on May 5, 2024. Please contact Wendy Whiting via email at wawhiting27@gmail.com to receive your copy of the application.

## THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

### **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 p.m. Session

### **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study

6:45 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

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

### **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

7:00 p.m. Hilltop Concert Series

### **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Adult Education and Fellowship at Hilltop House



### NEXT SUNDAY:

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Palm Sunday**  
**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)



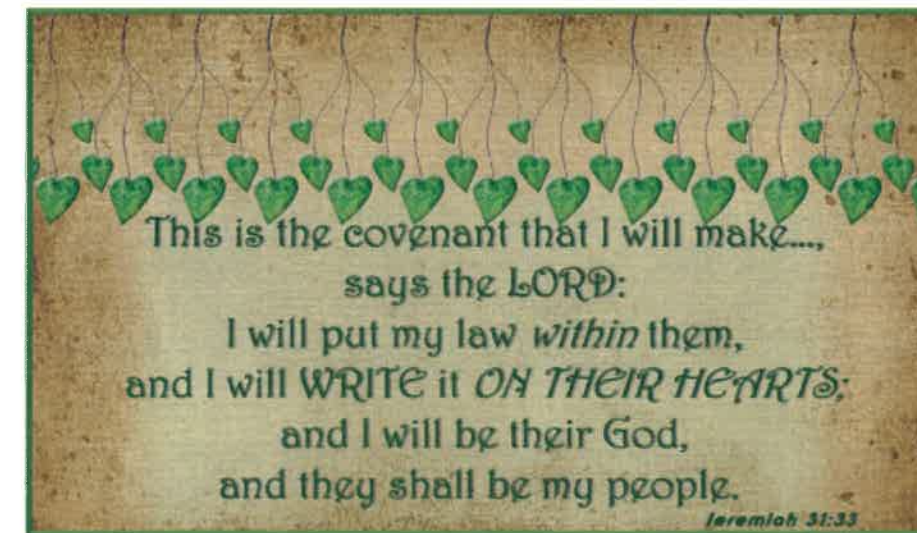
MARCH 17TH, 2024

The Fifth 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"



### 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

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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### 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.