

## 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** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Elvey, arr. Larson  
Brass, Timpani and Organ

### \* Call to Worship

Pastor: He is risen!

**People:** He is risen, indeed!

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Pastor: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**People:** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**People:** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

### Welcome, Announcements

**Introit** "The Resurrection of Christ" Anderson and Nicols  
Sanctuary Choir, Organ, Brass and Timpani

Were Christ's body lifeless still, Were His last act to be killed,  
Then our faith would be in vain, None would ever hope again.

But He rose up from the dead, Just as sacred Scriptures said.  
He who died now lives again; So shall all who trust in Him!

Were our Savior in the ground, Had the corpse of Christ been found,  
We would still be dead in sin, Grace be vanquished, Satan win. (Refrain)

Were our Jesus in the grave, Were entombed His pow'r to save,  
Foolish saints would only see misery and mockery.

Had the second Adam failed, Had life lost and death prevailed,  
There would be no endless life, Neither crown nor paradise. (Refrain)

### \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn #232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" arr. Dobrinski  
Congregation, Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Ringers, Brass and Timpani (all 4 verses)

## CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

-Silent Personal Prayer-

### Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: Listen church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, 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** "A Rejoicing"  
The Joyful Ringers

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament** Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT Pg 652)

**Gospel** Mark 16:1-8 (NT Pg 54)

**Special Music** "Because He Lives" Gaither/ Raney  
Sanctuary Choir, Brass and Timpani, Piano and Organ

**Sermon** "The Great Stone, Moved" Pastor Scot

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

**\*Hymn 238** "Thine Is the Glory" Handel, arr. Wright  
Congregation, Organ, Brass and Timpani (all 3 verses)

**\*Affirmation of Faith - adapted from "A Brief Statement of Faith"**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** "Alleluia" Randel Thompson  
Sanctuary Choir  
Alleluia, Amen!

### \*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 #197** "Lift High the Cross" arr. Hopson  
Congregation, Sanctuary Choir, Handbells, Organ, Brass and Timpani (all 4 verses -  
choral interlude of 'Alleluias' between the 2nd and 3rd verses)

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

**\*Benediction Response "Hallelujah" from Messiah** Handel  
The Congregation is invited to come up and join the Sanctuary Choir,  
Organ, Brass and Timpani

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!

The kingdom of this world is become,

The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever,

King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Hallelujah!

**Postlude "Tocatta from 'Organ Symphony #5'** C.M. Widow, arr. J. Wynne

(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 Ruth DeNatale.

**Our Reader** is Sharon Betz.

**Our Usher Coordinator** is David Kerr.

**Operating our Video System** is Bob Willis.

**Operating our Sound System** is Greg Smith.

**This morning we welcome and thank** our guest musicians, our choir for the gifts of music and faith they have shared with us this Easter. We extend a special welcome to:

Musicians: Dan Giannone Richard Barrieres  
Lauren Kulick Grant Sippel  
Ryan Schmidt

Vocalists: Nicole Force Jennifer Cagnassolo  
Austin Sidito Salvatore Montero

### 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 **National Mission:** Women's Ministries  
**Local Mission:** Table of Hope **Int'l Mission:** One Great Hour of Sharing

COMING UP AT HILLTOP...


**Adult Education 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 off site for fellowship and brunch (location TBD). We hope you'll join us.

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

**Summertime Fun at Hilltop Church!**  
June 17-21, 2024 | 9:00 - 12:30  
For children entering grades 1-5  
Register soon - Limited to the first 40!



**Vacation Bible School**

Follow this code to register now!



- Music
- Skits
- Hands-on Science Experiments
- Tidal Treats Snacks
- Bible Adventures
- Reef Recreation

**Only \$75 for the whole week!**

EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY AND  
HONOR OF:

- Roger E. Fox** from Bob and Mitzi Fox
- Francis & Betty Hamilton and Edith Broadstreet** from Beth Smith
- Nancy Carter** from Wade Carter
- Dorothy & Albert Schweitzer** from Hope Swarts
- Our Parents Edmund & Marie Skinner and William & Hildebrand Kleemeyer** from Carl & Anne Kleemeyer
- Rajeev Oberai** from Anupam & Lisa Oberai
- Our Parnets** from Ray & Bonnie King
- Barbara J. Montenegro and Great Grandpa Walter Montenegro** from The Montenegro Family
- John Martin Daly Jr** from Allyson & John Daly
- Elenor & Vincent DeNatale** from Ruth DeNatale
- Carmela Lepore** from Kathy Claxton
- Suzanne Knorr** from Charles & Michelle Knorr
- Jack Fox** from Mary Ann Fox
- Loved Ones** from Ruth and Robert Willis
- Inge Kilma Koran** from Paula Raimondo
- Bruce Dunham** from Carolyn, Sarah and David Dunham
- Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Emerson** from Emerson and DiSabato Families
- Our Parents** from Betsy and Dane Manchester
- Russell & Elizabeth Buchanan** from Van & Debbie Buchanan
- Loved Ones** from John & Tootsie Ansede

HAPPY EASTER  
TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US  
THIS JOYOUS DAY OF CELEBRATION WITH HOPE  
FROM THE PASTOR, STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP  
OF HILLTOP CHURCH.



**SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT HILLTOP**

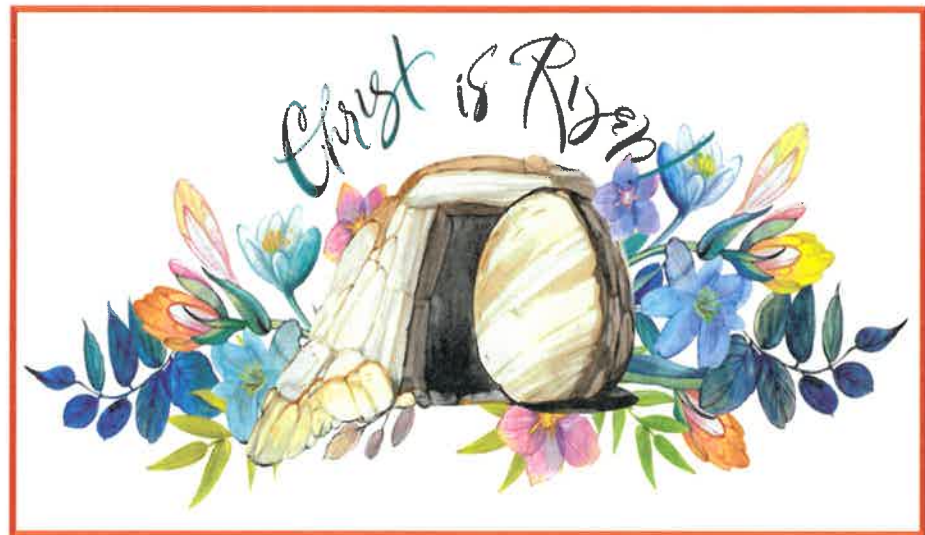
Reverend Scot McCachren - Pastor/ Head of Staff  
James Wynne - Director of Music Ministries  
Tori Legacki- Director of Hilltop Christian Nursery School  
Bill Lowe- Clerk of Session      Brian Elliott - Treasurer  
Dane Manchester - Assistant Treasurer  
Amy Beal & Lisa Oberai- Moderators of the Board 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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MARCH 31ST, 2024  
Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome to  
**Hilltop Church**  
The First Presbyterian Church  
of Mendham, New Jersey

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



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.