

Upcoming Events

January 25, 6:45 pm, **Session meeting**

January 28, 8 to 10 am, **WTCC Pantry**

January 29, 9:30 a.m. **Annual Congregation Meeting. Youth Christian Education**

February 19, 4 p.m. **Food Concession. 6pm Bluegrass Concert**

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be
— world without end.
Amen, amen.

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. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at 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

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Titusville Presbyterian Mission Statement

The multifaceted mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Titusville, NJ is:

- (1) as worshippers, to grow in our love for, and express our love to, our Trine God, in worship, prayer, devotion, music stewardship, and Sabbath-keeping (observance of the LORD's Day);*
- (2) as servants with Christ, to show God's love to our neighbors through intentional works of love and deliberate acts of kindness;*
- (3) as heralds of the gospel, to proclaim the good news concerning forgiveness, reconciliation, salvation, and eternal life in Christ to those in need of hope and the new spiritual birth;*
- (4) as living stones, to build up the church of Jesus Christ by building honest, caring, and encouraging relationships with one another as members of his united body, which we treat with tenderness and compassion;*
- (5) as disciples, to preserve and pass on the revelation of the divine truth of God in Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit through the holy scriptures to people of all ages and from generation to generation, and to build one another up in this truth that we may be identified by perseverance and by our discovering our competence in the LORD;*
- all this we aim to do with hope in the spirit of truth and love, so as to show the world what life under the lordship of Christ looks like, and, in so doing, to glorify the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Session:

Class of 2016
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Deacons:

Class of 2016
Tom Kennedy, Moderator
Chris Manz, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good
Worship Assistant: Patti Manz
Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*
Jon and Helen Eastburn, *Music Directors*

January 22, 2017

THE **EXTRAORDINARY**

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK of
REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

Is *Ordinary* a good or bad word to you? In the Church, the Sundays that are not holy days or parts of seasons are referred to as Ordinary time. The first section of Ordinary time connects Epiphany with Lent, and the second connects Pentecost to Christ the King Sunday. The church understands ordinary in a positive sense. The

Extraordinary God works in ordinary time. The ordinary of life is a place where God's glory can shine. Today, we continue our exploration of Genesis with the story of Noah and the flood. We also read of another who upheld the righteousness of God in our Luke reading: John the Baptist.



Call to Worship

(Book of Common Worship)

Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We have heard your glorious whisper,
Almost silent, yet insistent,
Breaking through the chatter
Of many voices,
The clatter
Of background noises,
The wind,
The rain,
Storm and hurricane,
Through all of this
Your voice remains,
Unchangeable,
Cuts through to heart
And soul,
Unmissable.

John Birch,
http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Christian_calling.htm#ixzz4UpHWRReop



Order of Liturgy

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Confession (page 1)
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Benediction
Choral Benediction

Scripture

Psalms 119:49-64 (page 437)
Genesis 6:9-8:22 (page 4)
Luke 3-4:13 (page 726)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns
#93 "God Our Father, We Adore Thee"
#184 "They Word"
Hymn of Response
#563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"
Sending Hymn
#638 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

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Notes on Psalm 119 and Luke 3-4:13

Psalm 119 is the longest in the Bible, featuring a stanza of each letter of the Hebrew alphabet, extolling the virtues of God's Word.

Luke teaches that Isaiah 40:3-5 functions as a prophesy of John's ministry.

Matthew 11:1-19 records what Jesus said about John the Baptist.

The generations listed in Genesis 5 are reaffirmed as the family line of the Messiah in Luke 3:36-38

Noah is mentioned in Luke 3:36, as is mentioned in the New Testament seven additional times: Luke 17:26 and 27 (this same teaching is recorded in Matthew 24:37 and 38), Hebrews 11:7, I Peter 3:20, II Peter 2:5

Jesus knew the Scripture, using it to overcome the devil's temptation. He quotes Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:13, 6:16

The devil also uses Scripture in the attempt to trap Jesus, though he distorts Psalm 91:11-12

Web Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYdHzPbeC0> a song called Noah's Prayer

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Christian_calling.htm a collection of prayers surrounding the theme of God's call.

<http://www.womeninthebible.net/bible-paintings/noah-and-the-flood/>
<https://prezi.com/nig0fq6w1k19/kingdom-phylum-class-order-family-genus-and-species/> presentation to remind us how living things are classified

<http://www.icr.org/article/noah-flood-gilgamesh/> this article was chosen for its chart comparing the Flood narrative in Scripture and Epic of Gilgamesh

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Paintings_of_John_the_Baptist

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 1: God, Creation and Fall, Law

Week 7 What does the law of God require?

Answer: *Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

To learn more about Question 7, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/q-parent/q7.php>

Editorial: Righteousness

Truly, I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he
--Jesus, in Matthew 11:11

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.
—Hebrews 11:7

If one desired, it is easy to poke fun at the two characters we focus on today, Noah and John. Noah starts building a giant boat. John wears camel hairs and eats locusts. But if we mock, it is deter the reality of these two men: they, and their acts, were righteous. Their righteousness allows them to see things that others do not.

Hebrews comments that Noah was warned about something that had not been seen (the impending judgment of the flood), but has faith to look. He looks with reverence. He looks out of concern for his family. He looks because he was righteous. His looking to God leads him to obey God's commands, even at the expense of how people saw him.

John is called the greatest by Jesus Christ. That is high praise. His ministry is one of preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). John sees the true spiritual need, and he sees past the hypocrisy of the people gathering around him for the wrong reasons. He warns the people to do what is right, that is, to act righteously. He also directs their attention because he sees Jesus for who he really is: the Messiah. John also is not afraid to confront powerful people, even at the risk of his own life. Both these righteous believers call people to trust in the Lord as the foundation of being righteous. Ultimately, we are not right because we look within, but because we look toward God. We are not to live in the past, but to walk alongside God today as we head toward the future. As John warned the crowds:

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'. I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. (Matthew 3:8-10)

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 1/22 worship by the congregation)

Dear Tabby, Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby,

Sometimes I feel bored. In these times, when faced with a choice between good and evil, I will choose what is wrong. I do so because I want to break out of the mold I've kept myself in. I figure that God loves me, and as long as I get right with my Maker before I die, it will be alright. Yet something doesn't feel quite right within me about this attitude. What advice do you have?

Lazy in Lambertville

Dear Lazy,

Stop! You should always choose what is right. Of course none of us do this perfectly, and of course Jesus is our Savior, and showed the power of his forgiveness through his death on the cross. Of course there are complicated ethical dilemmas that we all face. But most of the time, doing what is right is clear and right before us. Will you follow Jesus Christ, the righteous one? The best rest is doing your best.

We must beware of trampling on the gift of life, and the goodness of God.

Decisions built habits, and bad habits are difficult to break free from. It is naïve to think we can casually react to situations as if we are the only ones affected. We must take great care in this life to keep our eyes on the Lord, and he will direct your paths.

Consider these Scriptures:

Do not give the devil a foothold (Ephesians 4:27)

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)

Run the race in such a way as to get the prize (I Corinthians 9:24)

Keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:13)

Bad company corrupts good character (I Corinthians 15:33)

Noah had a holy fear. That is why the author of Hebrews says he built the Ark. Noah teaches us that doing what was right was more important than whatever inner feelings a person has, or even however others might view you. Ultimately, we all will stand before God to give account.

If you feel bored by life, you haven't fully understood how marvelous the adventure of faith in Christ can be, and how much work, pleasure, fulfillment and reward can take place in doing good, in doing what is right.