

Upcoming Events

February 15, 6 p.m. **Deacons**

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

February 22, 7 p.m. **Session**

Capital Campaign:

Goal: \$75,400
Received: \$26,705
Pledged: \$15,500
Still Needed: \$33,195

Communion Liturgy

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

CHOIR: (Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.)

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

(You are invited forward to receive the elements.)

Prayer

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 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Deacons:

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner

Class of 2019
Chris Manz

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good

Jon and Helen Eastburn, *Music Directors*

Worship Assistant: Randy Niederer

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*

Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

February 5, 2017

THE **EXTRAORDINARY**

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK OF
REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

Let us worship God!
Today, we encounter the
Extraordinary God,
timeless over the nations.
Nations come and go, but
God remains. Today's
genealogy of Noah's sons
identifies 70 nations. We
also see the line of Christ
continue in Abraham.

Terah, Abraham's father,
was to travel to the promised land, but instead settled in Harran.
Let us keep focus to travel towards God's call and his promises.



Call to Worship
from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations,
shout to God with cries of joy.
**For the LORD Most High is
awesome, the great King over
all the earth.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing
praises. For God is the King of
all the earth; sing to him a psalm
of praise.

**God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy
throne. The kings of the earth
belong to God; he is greatly
exalted.**

Prayer of Confession

**O God,
in the folly of the cross
You reveal the great distance
between your wisdom and
human understanding.
Open our minds to the simplicity
of the gospel, that fervent in
faith and tireless in love, we
may become light and salt for
the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your
Son.**

—Book of Common Worship



Order of Liturgy

Prelude
Call to Worship (page 1)
Opening Hymn/ Prayer (page 1)
Confession (page 1)
—call, prayer, assurance
Gloria patri
Scripture (page 1)
Message
Hymn of Response (page 1)
Apostles Creed
New City Catechism (page 2)
Announcements
Prayers of the People
Offering
Offertory: "Here in This Place"
Doxology
Communion (page 4)
Sending Hymn (page 1)
Benediction
Choral Benediction: "Send Me Jesus"

Scripture

Psalm 119:65-80 (page 438)
Genesis 10, 11:10-32 (page 7)
Luke 6 (page 729)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns
#435 "God of Grace and God of
Glory"

Hymn of Response
Insert "Men of Faith Rise Up and Sing"
Sending Hymn
Insert "Draw Us in the Spirits Tether"

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Notes on Psalm 119 and Luke 6

*Psalm 119 has 176 verses divided into 22 stanzas. Each stanza represents a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and each verse within that stanza starts with that same letter.

*Keeping the Sabbath, a day of rest, has roots in God's creation of the world (he rests on the 7th day) as well as the 10 Commandments.

*The story of David eating on the Sabbath that Jesus references is found in I Samuel 21:1-9

*<http://christianity.about.com/od/peopleofthebible/tp/12-Apostles.htm> provides good summary of Scriptures about each of the apostles.

*The full list of the Beatitudes is found in Matthew 5:1-12

Web Links

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generations_of_Noah overview of the 70 identified in genealogy

<http://www.bible-history.com/maps/2-table-of-nations.html> site author does suggest young age for humanity, but also includes biblical references of the three sons throughout Scripture and other data.

http://www.answersfromthebook.com/cgi-bin/aftb/articles?main_article=45 condemns any use of Scripture to support racism

<http://www.soundchristian.com/man/> a lengthy and fascinating article on the genealogies. Again, a proponent of the young age for human history, but is also attempting to read scientific and genetic ideas alongside Scripture

<http://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/continental-drift/>
<http://platetectonics.com/> click on 3D Interactive Earth Maps for your inner cartographer

<http://www.todayschristianwoman.com/articles/2004/january/lauren-winner-sabbath-holy.html>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/series/the-beatitudes/messages> text or audio of sermons on the Blessed

<https://christianitymatters.com/2013/04/08/judge-not-what-does-it-really-mean/>

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 8 What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

Answer: *You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.*

To learn more about Question 8, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit
<http://www.newcitycatechism.com/q-parent/q8.php>

Editorial: Family

God chooses Noah and his family to be rescued from the judgment upon the earth. Noah was identified as a righteous man, who feared the Lord. From his three sons and their wives, the genealogy of Genesis 10 identifies the family heads of 70 nations.

One of the themes we follow in this extraordinary story is the family line of the Messiah. Abraham is the next central figure in the story, and the biblical authors direct our attention to him. Abraham, Sarai, his father Terah and his nephew Lot set out for the promised land, but along the way settle in Harran. It is out of this place that the LORD will call again to Abraham: Go to the land that I will show you.

Scripture includes the genealogies because history, family and roots are important. The generations continue on: increasing, being fruitful and multiplying. Today's Genesis reading suggests that families "be" and that they "set out together". What wonderful blessings: to be together, and to travel through this life together.

In Luke 6, we can draw further lessons about family. Mind you, these are not the first intent for the stories being included in the Gospel, but they fit well nonetheless.

*Families are to do good together, and to help save life. (6:9)

*Jesus prayed carefully about how he would gather his work family (6:12). May we know that God has placed us and our family members together. It isn't random: it is in God's design.

*Families can seek after the Lord's blessing, rather than woe.

*families can work together to model extending the Lord's love to a bigger circle, including love towards those who hate, curse and mistreat (6:28)

*Families can provide accountability to take the plank out of our eye before noticing the sliver in another's (6:42)

*Families can bear fruit for the glory of God.

*Families can build their lives on the Lord, and find shelter to view the story of God's faithfulness as it remains strong throughout the storms.

We must remember that we are a part of our family, and we also are part of church family. The story didn't start, nor will it end, with us. The Good news has been announced by those before us, and we should do unto others the same thing. When we do, God knits us together as spiritual family.

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life

(offered in 2/5 worship by the congregation)

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

Dear Tabby,

I have been confused by the idea of 'putting God first', or 'in all your ways acknowledge God'. What does this mean? How do I do this?

Wondering from Washington's Crossing

Dear Wondering,
Ultimately, it is an attitude and relationship that calls on the name of the Lord, for life and salvation.

The Gospel of Luke records the comparison of wise and foolish builders. This story gives us some clues for your question.

Jesus starts by asking "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?". Calling ourselves Christians means that Jesus is Lord. Lord means the one in charge. So first, we have to remember who is in charge of our lives.

Jesus identifies three healthy practices: coming to him, hearing his words and putting those words into practice. This is a good formula for the right foundation. Start your day with prayer and Scripture when possible. Be in community with other believers. Practice what is good and true, to the best of your ability.

Finally, the wise one builds on rock, that which endures, rather than sands, which shift. When storms come, the rock is able to sustain the well built house.

To answer your question, I would start simply and literally. Put God first. Make your first words each day a good morning to the Lord. Pray early in your day. Acknowledge who God is and his presence in those various and specific moments of life you find yourself in. Remind yourself who God is. When you do this, and practice godliness as best you can, a solid foundation emerges: where God is the main character in your story. With God in the right place, this frees you to be your best. This is how Jesus describes us: a tree that grows from secure roots, a house built on a right foundation.