# January 28th, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Order of Worship (\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Setting by Jane Holstein

#### **Candle Lighting**

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Bless all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### People: Amen!

Leader: Company of faithful people, let us bear witness today to our God, who guides us in all truth and sends us out to radiate grace and love.

People: We bear witness through our worship and with our lives to our God who has called us, redeemed us, and set us free in the world to disrupt everything with Gospel news.

**\*Hymn #**729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#### **Call to Confession**

Leader: Though we think we know it all, our lives reflect how little we respect others, how often our words and actions damage those around us. Let us come to our God, with our prayers as well as our hearts, so we may be healed with forgiveness.

#### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

We come on this holy day, God our God, to speak of how we live. Your words, they ring sweetly in our ears on Sunday morning, but catch us on a Wednesday afternoon, and we are doing the very thing we so energetically agreed with you on Sunday is hurtful and divisive. We confess, Lord, that our hearts are not fully converted. You teach us, but your ideas remain in our thoughts, when after years, they should be witnessed by our activity. We therefore pray for your mercy to fully envelop us, and for your mercy to be the element of God's care that changes our inertia. Amen.

#### **Moment for Silent Reflection**

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us bear witness to God disrupting our inertia. That is the mercy we have prayed for. So let's not continue as we always have with me speaking expected words at the expected time. Today, I ask you to turn to the person closest to you, and share the words that you so believe in with them, saying "you are forgiven".

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 111:1-10 This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!** 

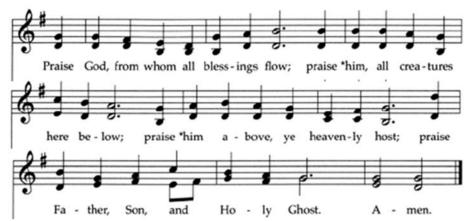
#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church 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.

**Passing the Peace** 

* <b>Hymn</b> #75	53 Make Me a Char	nnel of Your Peace	
	<b>cripture Lesson:</b> 1 Corinth s is the Word of the Lord: <b>Th</b>		
Sermon:	"They Will Know We Are Christians By?"		
Offering Offertory	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Setting by Doug Wagner	

#### \*Doxology



## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn** #300 They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love

#### \*Benediction

Postlude Sarabande

G.F. Handel

Todays flowers are in celebration of Lee Weber's 97th birthday!

## Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Room. We will regather in Sanctuary at 11:30am for the Congregational Meeting.

Worship I	Leaders
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Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Sean Starke
Ushers:	Sue Starke
	Cari Suarez
	<b>Diane Suarez</b>
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Social Hour:	Worship







# **Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury will be held on January 28th, 2024, following worship at 11:15am in the sanctuary. The meeting is called for the purpose of receiving the annual report and 2024 budget, electing officers, and approving the Pastor's Terms of Call. Members present on Zoom for the meeting will be able to vote.

Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available on the harvest table in the Church House lobby next Sunday the 21st for our meeting on the 28th.

We think you will be pleasantly surprised by a new format and lots of pictures to help us celebrate our ministry!

## **Presbyterian Women General Meeting**

Immediately following the Annual Meeting; there will be a short meeting of the Presbyterian Women to review and vote on the proposed changes to the women's ministry of the church. The proposed changes can be viewed ahead of time in the Annual Report.

# Meeting Schedule Week of January 29th

29 JAN, MON	<ul> <li>4:30 - 5:30pm</li> <li>7 - 9pm</li> </ul>	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH) Boy Scouts (FH)
30 jan, tue	<ul> <li>9 - 10:30am</li> <li>9:30 - 10:30am</li> <li>11am - 12pm</li> <li>5 - 7pm</li> </ul>	Zoom Bible Study Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH) Overeaters Anonymous (TR) Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
31 JAN, WED	<ul> <li>4:45 - 5:45pm</li> <li>8 - 9pm</li> </ul>	Yoga Small Group - (FH) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
1 гев, тни	<ul> <li>6 - 7pm</li> <li>7 - 9pm</li> </ul>	Bells (SR) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
3 FEB, SAT	<ul> <li>8 - 9:30am</li> <li>7:30 - 9pm</li> </ul>	Men's Group (offsite) AA (TR and FH)
4 feb, sun	<ul> <li>8:45 - 9:30am</li> <li>10 - 11am</li> <li>10 - 11am</li> <li>11am - 12pm</li> <li>3:30 - 4:30pm</li> <li>5 - 6pm</li> <li>6 - 9pm</li> </ul>	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Sunday School Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (FH) AA (TR) AA (TR) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)