

November 20th, 2022

*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

Take My Life

Setting by Marcello Velame

*Call to Worship

Leader: Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

People: Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.

Leader: Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

People: Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future.

*Hymn #482 Baptized in Water

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of the Spirit,
We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Call to Confession

Leader: We remember our baptismal vow to turn away from sin and to Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sin and be renewed in God's grace.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. We do not nurture the ways of peace. We allow enmity and hatred to grow among us. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you made. We grow indifferent to the needs of the poor and hungry. We rely on our own insight, forsaking your wisdom. Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us at baptism, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, so that we can show forth your healing love to the world. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the covenant I will make with you, says the Lord: I will put my law within you, and I will write it upon your hearts; and I will be your God, and you will be my people. I will forgive your evil deeds, and I will remember your sin no more. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of Candidate for Baptism

Poppy Jean Gesellchen, daughter of Kellie and Evan Gesellchen

Questions for the Congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Poppy by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We will.**

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived

by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Leader: Poppy, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become a member of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ. Alleluia! Amen!

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Daniel 12:2-3

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #697 Take My Life (verses 1-4)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:15-16

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

Sermon Watts vs Lumens

Offering

Offertory

Adagio in G Minor

Tomaso Albinoni

*Doxology

***Dedication of 2023 Pledges**

Leader: It is a holy calling, to build up the church of Christ, for the sake of all who need the Good News. We do so in many ways, but today, we acknowledge financial promises made in faith, to grow the church as a place of gathering in God's name, as a congregation of worship, learning, service to neighbor, as a spiritual home for and beacon of Christ's light.

People: With our faithful stewardship, in pledges already made and in those being currently prayed over and discerned, we put our trust in God's vision for this congregation and our witness to the gospel.

Leader: One day in 1732, a small coalition of the faithful made their commitments to establish this church of Christ. Ever since, in times of abundance and times of scarcity, God has always been faithful, providing for what is needed for us to share and live our faith.

People: We rejoice in the mutual commitment we make to the way of Christ, and in the significance of our individual responses. We dedicate our pledges today led by the words of Jesus: “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven”.

Leader: Thanks be God for Christ’s light and for yours.

People: Amen!

*Hymn This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Benediction

Postlude God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending David Lasky

*Flowers are given today in celebration of the Baptism of Poppy Jean;
and in loving memory of her Great Grandparents:
Jean & Bob Ogg, Betty & John Hirce, and Armin Erdmann.*

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Lori Hirce
Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gurening
Organ:	Marcello Velame
Ushers:	Steve Aquilina
	Sue Starke
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Church & Society

Church Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Sexton:	Douglas Silk
Office Administrator:	Diane Suarez



THANKSGIVING EVE INTERFAITH SERVICE

NOVEMBER 23RD AT 8:00 PM

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SHREWSBURY
352 SYCAMORE AVENUE, SHREWSBURY NJ

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service. This service is a celebration of the close ties of friendship between the Monmouth Reform Temple and the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury. Rabbi Sally Priesand will be preaching. We look forward to special music from our joint choirs, bell choir, vocal soloist, and others.

We invite you, as able, to come in person so that we might strengthen the bonds of fellowship with our congregations. If you can not attend in person the service will be available via Zoom. We will have a reception after.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797342232>

By phone: Call 646-558-8656; Enter meeting ID 817 9734 2232



Christmas Bazaar 2022

Together for Christmas!



Donations accepted November 1st - 28th

The Annual **Christmas Bazaar** will be held Saturday, **December 3 from 9:30-2:00**. In addition to requesting that you attend the event (and invite friends), we could use your support by working one or more 2 hour shift(s) at a booth, and by donating the following types of items:

Jewelry - Old & new jewelry, jewelry boxes, small gift boxes. *Please bring jewelry to the church office.*

Fashion Accessories –Hats, caps, gloves, mittens, scarves, handbags, lap blankets, throws, decorative pillows, dresser top items (small mirrors, perfume bottles, etc.). *Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.*

Christmas Treasures, Gifts, etc.–new or nearly new Christmas decorations, items of good quality and in working order that can be sold as gifts, small home goods, candlesticks, wood, ceramic, crystal and china, wall art, clocks, etc. Nothing damaged. *Please put items in the PW closet in the Terrace Room in the Church House.*

Toys and Sports Equipment– clean toys in good condition with all pieces. *Please put items in the lobby closet in the Church House)*

Crafts – New homemade crafts items. *Please bring crafts to the church office.*

Greens— decorative containers for the holiday greens arrangements. *Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.*

The week of the bazaar: Bake and Soup Tables - Homemade treats: individual servings of sweets, small breads, pies, cupcakes, cookies, candies, etc. For the soups: please attach a *list of ingredients*. Quart size containers available from Nancy Vodhanel or the Church Office.

Please contact Nancy Vodhanel (nvodhanel@gmail.com or 732-530-7641) or **Linda Talerico** (lindat1140@gmail.com or 732-542-1140) if you have questions about donations or if you can help.



This year you can pre-order your poinsettias to pick up at the Christmas Bazaar on Dec 3, or the week after from the Church office.

You can also buy your poinsettias at the Christmas Bazaar.

DEADLINE TO ORDER: MON., NOVEMBER 28, 2022

I would like to order # _____ **large red,** _____ large white for **\$22 each**

I would like to order # _____ **small red,** _____ small white for **\$12 each**

Total enclosed \$ _____ (checks can be made out to Presbyterian Women)

Your plant(s) can be *picked up* on **Sat. December 3 from 9:30 am – 2 pm during the Christmas Bazaar.** Or you can pick it up **after church Dec. 4 or during office hours Dec 6-9.**

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____