

Sunday, August 28th, 2022



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*The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702*

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*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 Shall we Gather at the River

Arr. Joel Raney

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**People: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Leader: For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**People: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Leader: Great is your name.

People: Great is your name.

*Hymn #408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessing we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (*Refrain*)

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us seek together the grace of God, so that our hearts may be at ease, and so that we may also find hope for the healing of all God's people. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we lose sight of our common humanity. We give up the work of mutual understanding when conflict is easier to engage in. We seek peace without making peace, and find it to be a short-lived and frustrating endeavor. Lord, grant us an enabling grace that invites us into peace with you, with ourselves, with our neighbors, rooted in mutuality and love for our shared humanity. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We set our hopes on the Lord Jesus Christ, who removes from us the guilt of sin, and gives us the gift of a life free to love ourselves, love God, and love neighbor without barriers. Receive the forgiveness of Christ and be ready for it to grow beyond this moment into a shared reality for all. **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 32:16-18

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #19 God of Great and God of Small

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to who all things belong,

(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never ending power, yet beside me every hour, *(refrain)*

God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, *(refrain)*

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore, *(refrain)*

Second Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:13-17

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Sermon National Parks Road Trip:
Gateway National Rec. Area – A Time for Peace

Offering

Offertory Be Thou My Vision Arr. J. Bert Carlson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #757 Today We All are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflict cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*Benediction

Postlude Blessed Assurance. Arr. J. Bert Carlson

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Nancy Vodhanel
Organist:	Marcello Velame
Ushers:	Brian Sergeant
	Jim Wright
Zoom Host:	John Palframan
	Rich Vodhanel
Flowers:	Deacons

Church Staff

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Homecoming Sunday on September 11th

You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, September 11th at 10am for worship, as God says "welcome home". We've been dispersed by summer travels, covid, and the curveballs of life. We look forward to grounding ourselves again in God's Word and among God's people. We look forward to hearing from two people about how they have been enveloped by the good news of Jesus Christ. Those stories will help us to find our own understanding of how the Good News is good. We will be gathering at the Lord's Table for communion, and then around our fellowship tables to share a potluck meal after worship. We have a place at the tables for you. Come and be fed in spirit and in body. It's the perfect time to also bring a friend and introduce them to the grace and love of God that we share as Christ's church.

If Zoom makes it possible for you to join us, we'll be thrilled to welcome you there. If you need help getting connected, call the church and let us know.

Homecoming Sunday Potluck

Immediately following our Homecoming Service, please join us for a potluck luncheon. Sandwiches will be provided. We are asking for people to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

To sign up, please: use the Signup Genius link below, use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call or email the Church Office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A4A72FA2FE3-presbyterian>

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Meeting Schedule Week of August 28th

28	AUG, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (Social Room)
		● 3 – 5pm	Deacon Meeting (offsite)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
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1	SEP, THU	● 6 – 7pm	Yoga Small Group (FH)
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3	SEP, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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