

January 21st, 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 I Need Thee Every Hour Setting by Jason D. Payne

Candle Lighting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the silence of a lonely night,
in the songs children sing in the morning,
God calls to us.

**People: We are here, God who is always with us,
listening for your words of life and love.**

Leader: When we would decide to go it alone,
when we think no good can be found anywhere,
Jesus calls to us.

**People: We are here, Friend who knows our longings,
ready to come and see where you would lead us.**

Leader: When we think we have license to do whatever we want,
when we are convinced we need no map,
the Spirit calls to us.

**People: We are here, Peace we are longing for,
so that we might help others find the way to life.**

***Hymn #14** For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Leader: Lord, we are foolish enough to think you do not know our hearts, hear our words, see the mistakes we make, and the pain we cause. But you are holy and you know, and you are gracious and you forgive. Hear us now, as we offer our lives and hearts to you, praying together,

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Because we are so focused on ourselves, God of every life, it is hard to see the lives which others endure. When we are so worried about how the economy will affect us, we do not notice those in need around us. As we grumble about our aches and pains, and

about how difficult it is to get out of the bed each day, we easily ignore the broken.

Forgive us, God of goodness and grace. Speak to us of healing, so we might bring help to others. Speak to us of grace, so hearing, we may share it with everyone we meet. Speak to us of love and life, so we may offer it as freely as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought it to us.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Come and see! God grace is poured out on everyone, God's hope is freely shared in every moment, forgiveness is the gift which mends our foolish lives.

People: Thanks be to God. We are surrounded by God's love and mercy, now and to the very end! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 130:1-8

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 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

Hymn #69

Here I Am Lord

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: The Deep Quiet Work of Redemption

Offering
Offertory
Doxology

Here is Love Vast than an Ocean Setting by Jacob B. Weber



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** #725 O Jesus I Have Promised

Benediction

Postlude How Firm a Foundation Setting by Jason D. Payne

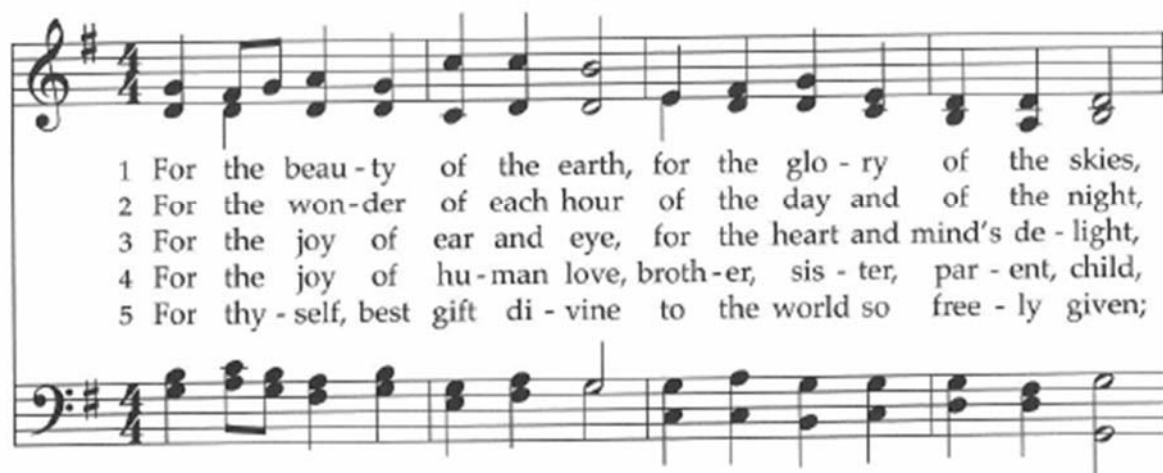
*Today's flowers are in celebration of
Jane Wagner's 90th birthday!*

Worship Leaders

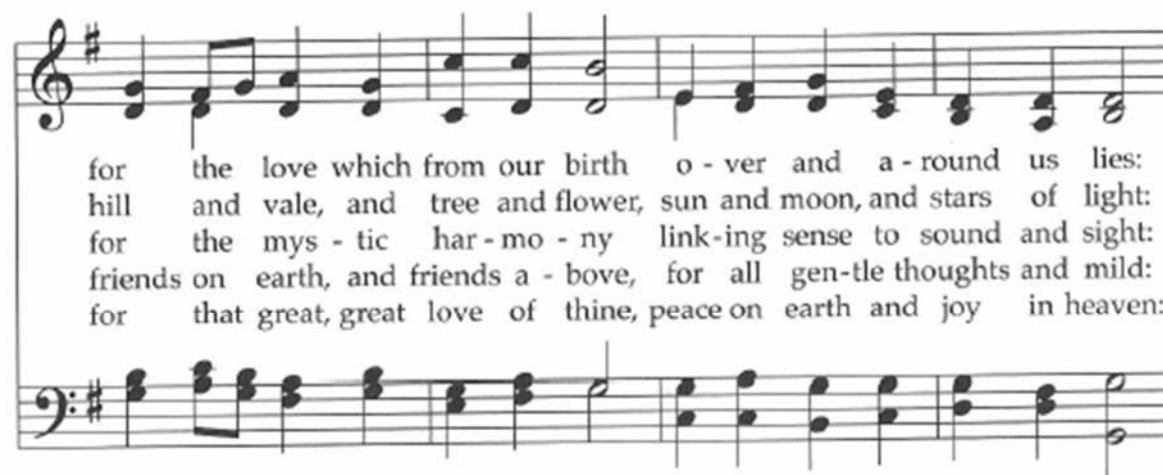
Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Judy Murphy
Ushers:	Peter Bruguiere
	Bill Schanck
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Social Hour:	Dorcas

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 E \flat Cm7 A \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E \flat Cm7 Fm B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat



be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B \flat A \flat B \flat



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E \flat Cm7 A \flat B \flat E \flat Fm B \flat E \flat



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

Sunday coffee hour after our church service is a well loved and important fellowship opportunity for all of us.

Historically, each week has been assigned to the various Session committees, Deacons, Presbyterian Women, and other organizations of our church.

Starting in 2024 we will be doing this slightly differently. Most weeks will be assigned as they have been in the past. However, the third Sunday of every month we will be looking for volunteers to host. So please consider pairing up with someone and hosting! If you are unsure how to host a coffee hour, please reach out to the church office and we can assist in finding you a coffee hour "veteran" to show you the ropes.

Another change, is that in addition to the coffee, tea and paper products being in the kitchen. There will also always be available in the fridge: milk, half & half, juice and cheese; and crackers and packaged cookies in a labeled bin on the counter.



We have volunteers to host for January; but are **looking for volunteers for the third Sunday: March through June.** Please call 732.747.3557 or email the church office pcas@verizon.net
Thank you!

Meeting Schedule Week of January 22nd

22	JAN, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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23	JAN, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
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24	JAN, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
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25	JAN, THU	● 9:30am – 12pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
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27	JAN, SAT	● 10am – 4pm	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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28	JAN, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11 – 11:15am	Coffee Hour (SR)
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)