

November 19th, 2023

Reflections on Inclusivity

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

Maya Angelou

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Richard Fowler, Eatontown Food Co-op

Minute for Stewardship

Lisa Barnes

Prelude Waltz No. 2

Shostakovich/Williams
Jubilee Bells

Candle Lighting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome this day to the house of our God.

People: We are greeted in peace and in love.

Leader: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

People: We worship in hope and with grace.

Leader: Welcome this day to our community of faith,

People: Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Friends, let us worship God.

***Hymn #301**

All are Welcome

Call to Confession

Leader: We live in tension between what we believe in and hope for, and what we actually end up doing. We pray today to close the gap, to find forgiveness for actions contrary to our belief, and courage to lean anew into our convictions.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord, we are weary of the sins that come between us, that tear us one from another, that make us fearful and judgmental, and that rebuff your grace and love. Perhaps we fear that if we stop viciously competing against one another and fighting the people

around us, we will end up without what we need. What if we could trust more in your gathering us together for our common good? What if, in this season of thanksgiving, we could recognize that you, Lord, provide? Help us live in faith and hope and leave behind that which causes us to sin. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. These are not empty words. This is the will of God for us. This is the heart of God for us. This is what motivates God to create each new day for us, that as dark turns to day, God can give us new breath, new life, and resurrection from what sin has tried to kill in us.

In the name of Jesus Christ: **we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9

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

Passing the Peace

Hymn #712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Second Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6

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

Sermon: "Let us Build a House"

Offering

Offertory Fount of Every Blessing

Setting by Jason W. Krug
Jubilee Bells

Doxology

Dedication of 2024 Pledges

Leader: Ah Lord, let us learn to love you by this glad practice of giving, taking joy in every opportunity to invest in that heavenly economy whose scale of return will prove to be so out of proportion to all earthly paradigms as to render them at last trivial and absurd.

People: Let us give - neither as begrudging duty nor from some blasphemous belief that you might be manipulated - but let us give in sincerity and cheerfulness, as a means of making evident the infinite implications of the gospel.

Leader: Let us give to that which moves your heart.

People: Let us give to build a house which:

**Gives food to the hungry and water to the thirsty,
Shelter to the homeless and relief to the refugee,
Aid to the orphan and freedom to the captive,
Justice to the oppressed and mercy to the broken,
Good news to the poor and healing to the sick,
Comfort to the distressed and consolation to the
lonely,
Sight to the blind and hope to the hopeless,
Peace to the war-weary, and reconciliation to
those in conflict,
And the liberating story of your love to those who
hunger for it.**

Leader: Ah, Lord, let that best love which shapes our lives be evident in all of our acts of giving. Amen.

***Hymn #726** Will You Come and Follow Me

Benediction

Postlude Journey Kyle Webber
Jubilee Bells

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	David Apy
Music Ministry	Jubilee Bells
Ushers:	Steve Aquilina
	Diane Suarez
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Social Hour:	Fellowship

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) *Refrain* (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm




love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)




all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.


As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712




1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



WREATHS — across — AMERICA

REMEMBER the Fallen. . .
HONOR those who Serve. . .
TEACH our children the
value of Freedom.

On December 16, 2023 at 11:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Follow the below link to the PCAS wreath sponsorship page.

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/166296/Overview/?relatedId=0>

Deadline for ordering is November 28th

Thank you so much for supporting the effort at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury and Wreaths Across America! We look forward to seeing you there.



This morning we welcome Richard Fowler from the Eatontown Food Pantry. As Thanksgiving is later this week, we are preparing our final delivery before the big day on Weds. Nov. 22. As you finish your grocery shopping, kindly pick up an item or two for the Pantry and bring these to the Church House Lobby no later than Tues. Nov. 21. And enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner knowing others will too, thanks to you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 9:30-2:00

ALL ARE WELCOME!

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Homemade Bake Goods

Handmade Crafts

Wreaths

Fresh Floral Arrangements

Christmas Treasures

Sports Items

Homemade Soups

Poinsettias

Giftware

Jewelry

Gently Loved Toys

Books

Delicious Lunch!

FREE STUFF!!!

***PHOTOS WITH
SANTA!!!***

Proceeds go to Mission

BARGAINS!

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We hope you will plan on joining us this year on Wed. Nov. 22nd, 8pm, at Monmouth Reform Temple for our joint Thanksgiving Service! Come and meet Rabbi Renee Edelman. Pastor Katja will be preaching.

Our worshipping together will have extra meaning this year as we love our Jewish neighbors in a difficult time.

Meeting Schedule Week of November 19th

19	NOV, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 1 – 5pm	Private Memorial Service for Carol Doherty (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)
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20	NOV, MON	● 2:30 – 4pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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21	NOV, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 10am – 12pm	Christmas Bazaar pricing and sorting (O)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 2:30 – 3:30pm	Yoga Small Group (FH)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Session Meeting (TR)
22	NOV, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
		● 8 – 9pm	Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service (MRT)
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23	NOV, THU	● All day	OFFICE CLOSED
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
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24	NOV, FRI	● All day	OFFICE CLOSED
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25	NOV, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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