

*THE
FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



What Do You Seek? Jesus said, "Come and See." John 1:38-39

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January 15, 2023 2nd Sunday After Epiphany 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"* J. Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

We are the church:

sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.

We are the church:

together with those in every place

who call on the name of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and our Lord Jesus Christ!

*HYMN #837 *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"* insert

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, We do not always wait with patience.

**We do not always sing your praises. We do not always
recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take
the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy
way out. We would rather step on others if it means more
for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you.
Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you
and return us to the path of righteousness.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Kaul

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.

The Lamb of God takes away the sins
of each and every one of us.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory "*Allegro moderato*" J. Haydn Hoboken XVI:7

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #276 "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen. (*Mizpah Benediction*)

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*" arr. L. Shackley

SYMBOLS:

* Those who are able, please stand.

☺ Older children leave for Sunday School

SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST- Debbi B-G

USHERS- Ron S., captain; Beth S.

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR-

CAN SOMEONE PLEASE HOST THIS SUNDAY?

FLOWERS- In memory of loved ones. ~Bebe D.

COUNTERS- Yvonne C. & Debbie H.

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.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing,
 lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing,
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.

– C. S. Lewis

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to the increased cost of custom Offering Envelopes along with decrease use of them by our congregation, our Session decided to not purchase these for 2023. For Cash offerings, please use the plain envelopes provided. Please also include your name or number on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!

**Offering
Envelopes**



NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

We're in need of **Fellowship Hour Hosts** to assist in providing snacks and making coffee, also to clean up after. Tables are set up and decorated for you. Paper goods are found in the kitchen closet for use. Any questions, please contact the Deacon for the Month. Please sign up on the calendar on the **kitchen counter**. Thanks!

*Our Kitchen is in need of decaf and regular coffee.



BIG 101

Bebe D. is celebrated a her 101st birthday on Saturday, January 14th. Please shower her with well wishes and cards!



NEWS NEWSLETTER NEEDS A NEW NAME

Our new, newsletter, needs a new name. Please submit suggestions to the church office by January 18, 2023. The new name will be announced at our Annual Meeting. Thanks for your help!

TIME OUT TUESDAY

Where: **Green Olive** in Hopewell

When: **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

Time: **Noon**

(Dutch Treat/ an outing, meal, or other special occasion at which each participant pays for their share of the expenses.)

Please **RSVP** to the church office (856) 455-0809 by **Monday, January 16**. (so we can let the restaurant know a head count)

CAPE MAY JAZZ VESPERS
THE HOWARD ISAACSON GROUP

FEATURING:
HOWARD ISAACSON – SAXOPHONES AND FLUTE
GREG PORDON – KEYBOARDS
ANDY LALASIS – BASS
DON SHOUGH – GUITAR
FRANK MAJONE – DRUMS

SUNDAY, JAN. 15TH
3:00PM
\$10 DONATION

CAPE MAY PRESBYTERIAN, 500 HUGHES STREET, CAPE MAY, NJ 08204



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Commemorative Commission Youth Conference Monday, 1/16
Bridgeton Senior Center/Hall of Fame 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

A select delegation of 25 emerging youth leaders will participate in a conference with other emerging youth leaders from NJ entitled Injustice Anywhere is An Injustice Everywhere and give voice to the advocacy they re willing to commit to make change in the City of Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New Jersey and the world!

All Aboard The Train of Racial Healing

Tuesday, 1/17 First Presbyterian Church 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

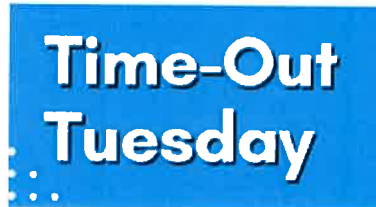
Community members and families will embark on a simulated train excursion which will enable them to learn more about the diverse backgrounds of Bridgeton Y2Y membership and community members to include:

- . Peru
- . India
- . Mexico
- . Haiti - Islam
- . Africa
- . Columbia
- . Lenni Lenape

For more information please contact Karen E. Barnett at (856) 455-1684 or BarnettK@cityofbridgeton.com

CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ Noon
(Annual reports for Congregational Meeting will be printed today)



**January 19-20, 2023
Office will be closed**



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