

Welcome



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*United Presbyterian Church
of
Plainfield, New Jersey*



February 17, 2019

11:00 AM

**TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you, after the Service speak to others.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Deep River Negro Spiritual
(In recognition of Black History Month)

OPENING HYMN Blest Are the Pure in Heart (see insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let us open our ears, people of God,
for God is speaking a Word among us.*

*Let us open our minds, people of God,
for the Spirit is moving in this place.*

*Let us open our hearts, people of God,
and worship the One who makes us whole.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thus says the Lord:

*Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.*

*Forgive us, God of grace, when we are burdened
by the weight of the curse we choose.*

*We put our trust in earthly things,
rather than trusting the depth of your grace.*

*We put our hope in human beings,
rather than acknowledging that only you are God.*

*They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.*

*They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.*

*Forgive us, God of grace,
when we find ourselves dying of thirst,
not seeing the water of life that you have placed before us.*

Move us to recognize our relief.

Move us to know the goodness of your call.

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.*

*They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.*

*Shower us with your grace, O Lord,
that we may be trees planted by living waters.*

*Nourish our spirits, enliven our hearts,
enlighten our minds, and ease our burdens.*

Forgive us and free us to try again. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE

George Hansen

ANTHEM

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William B. Bradbury

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1

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NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 13

Pages 212-213

***GLORIA PATRIA**

SERMON

“The Power of Love”

Elder Allegra Hoots

THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Vision

Steven Scott

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 708)**

***We give Thee but Thine own, What e’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.***

THE SENDING

***PARTING HYMN 724** O Jesus, I Have Promised (Vs. 1.3.4)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

POSTLUDE His Name So Sweet Negro Spiritual

Liturgist: Marcia Marsh-Hinds

Greeters/Ushers: Neekah Hinds and Mobolaji Falowo

WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME! Let us come before the Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.

Nursery Care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Fellowship Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.

REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS:

At Home: Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Richard Lecky, Jan Boot.

Rev. Dr. Aloyo and Esperanza Aloyo: Victor's mother

Jennie Salas and Eneida Concepcion: Jennie Salas mother

Freda Lenzo: friend of Jeanne Ashanky

Frank Klikus: BJ Klikus husband

Ginny Mayer-Brown: former member

Fred Robinson: former member

Jamie Sweeney: Helen Foerster's cousin

Stanton White: Morena White's husband

Bob Neumann and wife Jean: Helen Forester's nephew

Brandon Williams: friend to George & Ginni Hansen

Joe Belin

Wendy Oldham: Pat Dawson's friend

Lillian Willing: Michelle Wildridge's mother

Helen Pridgen: Audrey Smith's mother

Gail Stokes and Izaiyah Stokes: Gail Stokes grandson

Truth Sutton: Gail Stokes grandson

Cecilie Martinez-Brown: Gail Stokes sister

Sylvia Denson: Gail Stokes friend

Ketta Sims-Britt: Gail Stokes friend

Greg and Cyndi Tufaro: friends of: Kathy Luisi's

Fred Robinson: former member

Ginny Mayer-Brown: former member

Jamie Sweeney: Helen Foerster's cousin

Kevin Brown: Yolanda Braswell's friend

Prayers for our students: Joy Awobue, Kay Falowo,

Crystal Awobue, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.

Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country.

U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places.

People of Syria.

FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

First Presbyterian Church, Cranford, Rev. John C. Kile

and Rev. Caroline Unzaga

WE WELCOME:

Elder Allegra Swanella Hoots She earned the Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and the Bachelor of Arts from Western New England University. She is a United States Army veteran and a graduate of the United States Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy. During her tenure in the United States Army, she attained the rank of staff sergeant and

earned numerous awards and service ribbons.

She is also a retired Newark, New Jersey public school teacher. Some of her other professional positions and accomplishments include Co-Director of the Black Community Crusade for Children, The Children's Defense Fund, Washington D.C. There Ms. Hoots developed two publications, "Prayers for Our Children," and "Prophetic Voices: Black Preachers Speak on behalf of Children." She has also written articles for the United Methodist Church and Baruch College.

Elder Hoots is on the pulpit supply list of the Newark Presbytery. She is a frequent guest preacher, public speaker, and an advocate for oppressed people. Currently, she is employed at Edison Job Corps as a reading instructor.

OUTREACH MEETING AFTER Worship Service, room 309.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE MARCH 1, 2019, as follows: General Assembly **\$8.95**, The Synod of the Northeast **\$4.10**, The Presbytery of Elizabeth **\$27.40**. **Total Per Capita is \$40.45**. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).

THE UPPER ROOM booklets for January/February/March/April 2019 are available on the literature rack in the Narthex. If you wish to make a donation, please place \$1.00 in a pew envelope mark "literature" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

OUR ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation and Corporation of The United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, will be held after Worship **Sunday, February 24th**, in the Lind Room.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. – Galatians 5:22

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. – Psalm 119:165



Begin the New Year
With God

SCHEDULE – February 17-24, 2019

Sunday	10:00am	Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:15pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	Office Closed	President's Day
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Session Meeting, Hansen Room
		A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	11-6pm	
	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room

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