

Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice in the warmth of God's love and light by teaching the holy word, serving Christ's community, and growing together in faith.



October 8, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sacrament of Baptism
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October 8, 2023 9:30 am

Prelude Allegro Maestoso (Water Music Suite) G. F. Handel

Trumpet Prelude Johan Helmich Roman

Charles Megules, trumpet

Call to Worship

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God All: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words,

All: but their voice is not heard.
One: It goes out through all the earth

All: and to the end of the world. Let us worship God.

*Hymn The Church's One Foundation No. 321

(stanzas 1, 2 and 5)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal — but Christ

has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are forgiven, you are made whole,

and you are called beloved.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace (Please check first with those you approach)

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem Shout for Joy Allen Pote

Shout for joy, O people of God, with a jubilant song rejoice. Shout for joy, rise up and sing with heart and soul and voice. With trumpet and sound of horn, make a joyful noise to God, for he has done marvelous things. Let us sing a song, a joyful song, let us sing a new song to the Lord. Within this congregation we offer praise and prayer. With grateful hearts we celebrate that we are in God's care. O may we be united from elderly to youth, that as one church we worship God in spirit and in truth.

Time with Children

Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message. After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.

The Sacrament of Baptism of Michael Walter Singelyn, son of David and Michelle, brother of Adrianna, Charlotte, and David

*The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination Kay Hoge

First Reading Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (pg.58)

Anthem Bless Your Church, O Lord Robert Lau Bless your church, O Lord, for love of her you died. May she be a beacon of light where love and peace abide. You have chosen us to be consecrated to you. As we learn to live your love may it show in all we do. Lift, Lord, your gracious face; give us your holy peace. May the light of your sweet grace be in us and never cease. The gate of time swings wide; your promise will not fail. In dedicated lives to you our compassion will prevail. When we face life's trials, guide us with a promise bright; we will follow with conviction, Lord, led by Jesus Christ, the Light!

Epistle Reading Philippians 3: 4b-14 (pg. 954)

Sermon No Fear Rev. Amy Lincoln

Offering

We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Sweet Savior, your Word is greater to us than gold, even great gold. May these gifts brought today be a gesture of our gratitude for the riches of your Word given to us. Multiply these gifts and make them like the drippings of the honeycomb to those in need. Amen.

*Doxology No. 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*Hymn God of Our Life No. 686

*Charge and Benediction

Response The Lord Bless You Dale Grotenhuis
The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord be gracious and give you peace.

Postlude The Church's One Foundation Larry Shackley

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