

Sometimes A Light Surprises

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings; it is the Lord, who rises with healing in his wings: when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new; set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, "Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too: beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear, though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there; yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice, for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

WILLIAM COWPER, 1779
ROY & NANCY COSTA, 2008

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Church Officer of the Week:

Deacon David Rockhill (deacon since July 2005; works as a charge nurse at Jefferson Hospital)

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PCA Retirement & Benefits, Inc.
(President Gary Campbell)

NJ Presbytery Church of the Week:

Faith Presbyterian Church, Northfield, NJ
(Pastor: Elwin E. Jewell)

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Mission Church of the Week:

Mercer County Church Plant, Robbinsville, NJ (Church Planter, Rev. Jonathan Bromhead)

CHURCH CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

■ THIS WEEK

Today	5:00 PM	New Member's Class
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service: Pastor Matthew Fisher
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 AM	1st and 3rd Thursday Men's Book Study at Sage Diner
	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Saturday	9:00 AM	1st and 3rd Saturday Men's Book Study at Moorestown Panera
Next Sunday	8:30 AM	Men's Prayer in the Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship Service: Pastor Matthew Fisher
		Baptism of Covenant Child: Remi Gabriel Lombardo
	5:00 PM	New Member's Class

■ Looking Ahead

May 19	AlphaCare's "Kick It For Life" Kickball Game Fundraiser
May 28	Annual Memorial Day Picnic at Laurel Acres Park
June 3	Spring Sacred Concert

■ Birthdays

April 12	Isaac Trefsgar	April 14	Ruth Seidelmann
April 13	John Beauchamp	April 15	Kimberly Elder

■ service ministry schedule

April Greeters:	Carroll & Joan Young
Nursery (Today):	Jane Elder, Joanna Costa
(Next Week):	Rama Kudravalli, Brianna Lombardo

■ family of the week – Plut Family

Tom is a Sports Medicine physician, practicing in Moorestown. Gwen homeschools their 4 children (Abigail, Ethan, Nathaniel, and Zoe). Please pray...

- For comfort over the loss of Tom's mom (3/14/18), and that God would meet their needs during this time of sorting through her belongings. It requires trips back to Ohio, many decisions needing to be made, and stamina in the process. Praise God that Tom and his siblings have grown closer and are working very well together in dealing with settling their mother's estate. Praise the Lord that the funeral was beautiful; God was glorified and Tom's mom was honored.
- For Tom's job demands to diminish their pressure; his job has increased in intensity over the past year. Praise the Lord that Tom is trusting God more and more for strength in his current job demands.
- For Gwen to be encouraged and strengthened with the responsibilities of being a full-time home-school mom. May the Lord continue to grow her in patience, wisdom, and grace.
- For the children to lean on the Lord in all they think, say, or do; give thanks to God for the many talents and abilities He has given; may the children use those talents for the Lord. Pray that they would be diligent in their work, and that they would have a growing desire to learn and grow in all their development.

O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness:
bear before him,
all the earth.

Grace
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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

April 15, 2018

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom,
that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. COLOSSIANS 1:28 (NKJV)

Prior to the announcements and as you enter the sanctuary, we ask everyone to quietly use this time to prepare for worship, considering those around you as we corporately come before the presence of our Holy God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q85: How is the kingdom of heaven shut and opened by Christian discipline?

A85: Thus: when according to the command of Christ, those, who under the name of Christians, maintain doctrines, or practices inconsistent therewith, and will not, after having been often brotherly admonished, renounce their errors and wicked course of life, are complained of to the church, or to those, who are thereunto appointed by the church; and if they despise the admonition, are by them forbidden the use of the sacraments; whereby they are excluded from the Christian church, and by God Himself from the kingdom of Christ; and when they promise and show real amendment, are again received as members of Christ and His church.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP • PIANO PRELUDE

The congregation prepares for worship by coming before God in quiet contemplation and prayer. "The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him" Habakkuk 2:20 (NKJV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 46:1-7

GLORIA PATRI / H.W. Greatorex

Trinity #735

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

INVOCATION/PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

*HYMN OF ADORATION

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Trinity #92

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 119:176 (NKJV)

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
for I do not forget Your commandments.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Congregation standing*

*Assisting in Worship this morning:
Elder John Mardirosian and Elder Thomas Plut*

OUR CORPORATE RESPONSE Proverbs 3:1-6 (NKJV)

We pray, O Lord, that You would not let us forget Your law, but let our hearts keep Your commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to us. Let not mercy and truth forsake us; may we bind them around our necks; may we write them on the tablet of our hearts, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. Grant that we might trust in the LORD with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding; in all our ways acknowledging Him, and He shall direct our paths.

Grant this for the sake of Christ our Savior, in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

*PSALTER

To You, O Lord, I Fly – (Psalm 16) Trinity #692

OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 16:1-16

Pew Bible – Pg. 346

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible – Pg. 849

*HYMN

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THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Ted Trefsgar

“Isaiah And The Stubborn, Rebellious King”

“Then he said, ‘Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.’” (Isaiah 7:13, 14)

*HYMN

Why Should Cross And Trial Grieve Me? – Trinity #609

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please be seated for a moment of quiet reflection during the postlude)

Welcome!

We thank the Lord that you are here with us today as we gather together to worship our triune God Who lives and reigns forever and ever! Worship is our highest calling as those made in the image of God. Through the Person and finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are able to enter boldly into the presence of God. The invitation is to all who have ears to hear His gracious call: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting / Bible Study

This Wednesday, we will gather for our regular time of mid-week prayer and Bible study as we begin our new study in the book of 1 Peter (1:1-ff). We meet from 7:00-8:30 PM each week. Please join us as we fellowship together with one another and the Lord.

Children's Choir Practice

The Children's Choir will meet immediately after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall under the direction of Jo Ann Cann. Practices are no longer than 15 minutes. They are preparing for the June 3 Sacred Concert. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join.

ALPHACARE Kick It For Life

On Saturday, May 19, AlphaCare will be having their 2nd annual “Kick It For Life” kickball game fundraiser. Under the direction of David Rockhill, we would like to get together a team or two to play. We will be practicing and preparing for a fun time. More information will be available soon. Please contact Ruth Rockhill at 609.304.0063 or rutharock@yahoo.com, or talk to either David or Ruth.

Ladies Studies 2018

We invite you to one of the studies presently active at Grace! The list of studies is on the table in the Narthex. If you need a book, please check the table in the Narthex or see Kathie Donaldson. The women's book study books cost \$17.50 ('Lies') and \$8.00 ('Home'). If you are able to place that amount in the offering to cover the cost of the book you are using, please do so as soon as possible.

Grace Church Workday

The Trustees have called for an all-church workday on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:00 AM. This will be a time of spring cleaning and other projects.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date--July 9-13, 2018! Vacation Bible School is fast approaching and we need your help for this year's SPACE PROBE (more details will follow in the coming weeks!).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for continued healing: **Nathanael Costa** (surgery on foot); **George Cann** (recent heart catheterization).

Pray for **Joan Geserick** who has an appointment on Monday to determine future surgery date; pray for comfort and peace during this time.

Pray for **Nathan and Laura Wilson** who are expecting their first child this month; pray for a safe delivery. And also for **Matthew & Julie Spadafora** who are expecting in September.

Pray for those traveling: **Elisabeth Trefsgar** (in Bulgaria with MTW until 4/30); **Sarah Trefsgar** (studying abroad in Rome until 4/26); **Isaac Trefsgar** (in Colorado until 5/10); **Ken and Kathie Donaldson** (in Europe until 5/2); others traveling for work or pleasure.