



January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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*Please stand if you are able

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Stronger* *Matthew DeMarco, soloist*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together.

People: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

Leader: for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

People: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

*Hymn #327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Call to Confession *(Spoken by worship leader)*

The light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil.
Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

*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.*

***Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Children

Anthem *Almighty God Who Hast Me Brought*

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may see your ways. Fill us with your light. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *(Old Testament pg. 174)*

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28 *(New Testament pg. 35)*

Sermon “The Enemy Within” *Pastor Alan Olson*

***Hymn #395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

Responding to the Word

The Apostles’ Creed *(unison)*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,*

*he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Offering *Come Ye Sinners* Freehold Youth Ensemble

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure. Thanks be to God; whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us! Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

Benediction

Postlude *Laudate Dominum, Parry*



*Flowers are given
by Marie Schlechtweg
in loving memory of her son, Al Jr.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inquirers' Class: Pastor Alan will be conducting a 2-part workshop for those who are interested in becoming a member of our congregation.

The first class will be held today following worship in Room A/B. The second one will be held on Sunday, February 25th after worship in Room A/B.



Communion will be celebrated
next Sunday, February 4th.



Ash Wednesday is
Wednesday, February 14th.
We will celebrate Ash Wednesday
with a service of worship at 7:00 PM.

DEACONS:

Diane Canto, Judi Cavicchio, Lenora Chu, Wanda Fescine, Peggy Guttormsen, Carol Morris, Jean Pennett, Marie Schlechtweg & Michele Williams

SESSION	
Bill Canning	Finance Commission (Co-chair, Rick Baptista)
Berwin Guttormsen	Clerk of Session
Julie Heinsohn	Personnel Commission
Carol Matino	Worship Commission
Larry Moran	Property Commission
Susan Pascullo	Worship Commission
Linda Schmidt	Christian Education
Chuck Stapp	Mission/Outreach Commission
Sandra Whitehill	Mission/Outreach Commission, Nominating Commission

LITURGIST	Yvonne Lindner
USHERS	Charlie Lloyd & Tom Morrice
Next Week	Mike Mancuso & Bob DiSogra
OPENER	Pat Kirk
Next Week	Pat Kirk
CLOSER	Charlie Lloyd
Next Week	Samantha Daesener
COUNTERS	Barbara Lloyd & Tom Morrice
Next Week	Beth Nadolny & Samantha Daesener

Today's Guests:
Freehold Youth Ensemble
Matthew DeMarco, Soloist

