



Dear friends,  
let's love each other,  
because love is from God,  
and everyone who loves is  
born from God and  
knows God.

1 JOHN 4:7 (CEB)

# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE MOVE INTO OUR FOURTH CENTURY!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you today!

We are the congregation of the South Presbyterian Church of Bergenfield, New Jersey. As followers of the risen Lord, we commit ourselves to proclaim the gospel, witness to the promise of God's Kingdom, and nurture all children of God. In our community and throughout the world, we will serve in Christ's name through worship and mission. We will serve through open worship, willing service, and compassion for all the glory of God wherever our lives shall take us.

## Are you visiting with us today?

- ✓ Our Ushers are here to help you, answering any questions you might have!
  - ✓ We have listed below some tips for how we do things in worship.
- ✓ We have guest cards and guest envelopes in the pew. It would be our joy to know who is worshipping with us this morning. Filled out cards and envelopes can be dropped in the offering plate.
  - ✓ Know folks who cannot join us in person, but would like to follow online? Drop a note to the church email address below and we would be delighted to add them to the list.

Cannot attend in person:

If you will be viewing from our YouTube page, click on the LIVE video.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvRYZ-R5E-KIa3KOvbludww/streams>

South Church Website: <https://www.southpresbyterian.net/live-feed>

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## Tips for Worship at South Presbyterian Church

1. **Phrases in bold** are spoken by the congregation.
2. At this symbol \* worshipers rise in body or in spirit as able.
3. Face coverings are not mandatory but we respect those who elect to wear them.
4. At the Passing of the Peace, you are welcome to rise and shake hands with others in the congregation. For those who prefer not to, we ask simply that you hold up two fingers in the sign of "V", offering peace by our Victory in Christ.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

At South Presbyterian Church on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

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*As you gather with us for worship we ask you to meditate upon these words of Scripture.  
May our Prelude carry into your hearts the heavenly language of worship.*

**Beloved. Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7**

PRELUDE      *Triptych on "The Ash Grove" (Let All Things Now Living)*  
1. Adagio 2. Trio. 3. Toccata      David Cherwien (b. 1957)

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP      *(from Psalm 22)*  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord!  
**We join all the families of the nations to worship before Him.**  
Dominion belongs to the Lord!  
**God rules over the nations. Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*      GtG #624, vss. 1, 4, 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting our gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Blessings to the Lord that we are forgiven and that we may live at peace.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (Verse 2)*      GtG #240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Spread the good news or all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(See our "Tips for Worship" if you have questions about our sharing this time together)

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: Our Board of Deacons

RELATING TO THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

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UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**May Your word sustain us and renew us in Your love and grace today, dearest Lord.  
Amen.**

PSALTER LESSON

*Psalm 22: 25-31*

*(Read Responsively)*

**<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those  
who fear him.**

**<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your  
hearts live for ever!**

**<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of  
the nations shall worship before him.**

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all  
who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

**<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

EPISTLE LESSON

*I John 4: 7-21*

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"Who Is Going To Think? We? Or Someone Else?"*

Rev. Peter Hofstra

\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

GtG #450

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(From the Westminster Confession of Faith)*

**We believe that it pleases God, in God's eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the  
Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and humanity,  
the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of God's church, the heir of all  
things, and judge of the world; to whom God has given, from all eternity, a people to  
be His chosen people, that in Jesus, in the fulness of time shall be redeemed, called,  
justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*(As Deacon, Mary Dessanti)*

PRESENTATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DEDICATORY PRAYER

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Let All Things Now Living*  
(Welsh Folk melody)

Soloist, Sean Johnson

*Let all things now living with praise and Thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;*

*Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.*

*God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;*

*Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our live and rejoicing with glad adoration,  
a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in Thanksgiving;  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GtG #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TO DEPART TO SERVE

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\*HYMN OF PARTING                      *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*                      GtG #707

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION                      *May the Love of the Lord*                      GtG #549

*May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.*

*May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.*

*May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.*

*May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*

POSTLUDE                      *Fuga "alla giga", BWV 577*                      J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Please remain seated during the postlude and allow unvaccinated worshipers  
and those with health concerns to leave first)



The flowers on the chancel are presented today to the glory of God by Luke, Bill, Tara and Matt  
in memory of beloved Grandmother, Wife and Mother, Barbara Kim Henderson.