

PENNINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

~June 23, 2019~

Family Reunion: Meeting Some of our Long-Lost Relatives *Priscilla and Junia*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

As the music begins, please quiet yourself in anticipation of the worship of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nancy Mikoski

HYMN SING: OLD AND NEW

(Two favorites suggested by congregants and two newer contemporary Christian songs to learn¹)

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148

Evelyn Keneman

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

Praise the Lord, all angels. Praise God, all heavenly host.

Young men and women alike, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN

"Praise, I Will Praise You Lord"

Hymnal #628

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord of mercy, we confess to you and to one another that our lives and the lives of the world are broken by sin. God, please forgive us. Christ, please renew us. Spirit, enable us to grow in love. (silent confession). Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE HYMN *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* Hymnal #475

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Ellen White

Eternal God, in the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:26-27

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Young worshippers may go to Child Care in Room 102 in the Nursery School building. Cherub Music Time will resume in September. Visitors welcome.)

*HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

Hymnal #324

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 16:3-7 and Acts 18:1-4, 18-21, 24-28

SERMON

"Priscilla and Junia"

Rev. Nancy A. Mikoski

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Liz Coats

CALL FOR THE OFFERING and MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

"Faith of Our Mothers"

Sally Ann Morris

Adult Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of all people and God of all places, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your good news and your kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. With these gifts, we also offer you our varied ways of serving you. Help our church, and each of us individually, to be an answer to the world's needs, through the Spirit's work within us. Amen.

Presbyterian World Mission partners with four denominations in South Africa: The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa, and the Presbyterian Church of Africa.

LOST AND FOUND – A pair of small gold earrings were found in the chancel. Contact the church office: 609-737-1221, extension 10. In addition, if you have lost something in the last 6-months, please visit the lost-and-found basket on the counter in the workroom (#109) and reclaim before this is emptied this summer. Clothing will be donated and other things recycled as appropriate after August 1.

FUTURE SUMMER FUN EVENTS

July 12-13 – starting at 6:30 pm on the 12th – Summer Fun Event: Family Campout in the Courtyard (hot dogs, campfire songs and games, etc.)

August 3 – SATURDAY – 2:00 pm – Summer Fun Event: Attend the Hopewell Valley Children’s Theater production of “Peter Pan Jr.” in which multiple members of the PPC community are performing (Buy your own tickets at HVCT.org; tickets are \$10 for children and senior and \$15 for others; they go on sale a month before the show date)

August 4 – SUNDAY – 2:00 pm - Summer Fun Event: Attend the Hopewell Valley Children’s Theater production of “Footloose” in which multiple members of the PPC community are performing (Buy your own tickets at HVCT.org; tickets are \$10 for children and seniors and \$15 for others; they go on sale a month before the show date)

August 14 – WEDNESDAY – 6:30 pm – Summer Fun Event: Corn Hole and Other Yard Games, and Caravan to Cream King

PENNINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Nancy Mikoski *Associate Pastor:* David Hallgren

Pastor Emeritus: William McQuoid

Director of Music Ministries: Megan Coiley *Organist:* Donald Dolan

Director of Youth Music Ministries: Phil McMillan *Bell Choir Director:* Laura McMillan

Office Administrator: Eva Szakal *Finance Administrator:* Pam Paluzzi

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WELCOME! We extend a warm greeting to newcomers and visitors and invite you to join fully in the life of our church. Coffee/fellowship hour is held following our service. For printed information, please stop by the Visitors Welcome Table. **CHILDREN’S BIBLES** are available. Please feel free to look for one for your child and take it to where you are seated. **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BAGS** with paper, crayons, etc., are also available. **RESERVED PARKING** is available for people who must park close to our entrances. Please respect the special needs of others. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** We appreciate your consideration in not taking flash pictures, and silencing cell phones during the worship services, as it is disruptive to the other worshippers. Thank you

SCHEDULE

June 24 – MONDAY – 6:00 pm – PPC vs. PCOL @ Hopewell 1 Field
(<https://sites.google.com/site/1977mesl/field-directions?authuser=0>)

June 24 - MONDAY - 7:00 pm - Session meets (Note new time vs. 6/20 *This Week @ PPC.*)

June 26 – WEDNESDAY – 7:00 pm (new time) – Summer Fun Event: Music from the Monday Blues Jazz Orchestra and Pie Social in the Courtyard - Please let the church office know if you plan to bring a pie and what kind by June 24, Monday (609-737-1221, x-10 or office@pennpres.org.)

June 27 - THURSDAY - 6:00 pm - The Blawenburg Band will be playing at the Princeton Shopping Center for an event organized by the Princeton Arts Council. Susan Danser, a member of our choir, plays flute. Learn more here: <http://blawenburgband.org>

SPECIAL NOTICE - JULY 7 MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION – The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with Rev. David Hallgren. Following the meeting, there will be a special fellowship time in Upper Titus to celebrate David’s ministry and to wish him and his family well in this next chapter of their lives. Please join us for both.

CLOTHING DRIVE – AUGUST 11-27 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLIENTS OF THE RESCUE MISSION OF TRENTON. Please bring to the church clean, wearable clothes in bags or boxes, but not until August 11. We will collect in the Dove Room.

OVER 18? PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH CHILDCARE THROUGH THE SUMMER. The sign up board is in Upper Titus during Fellowship time. If you have questions, please speak with Carol Meyer or someone from the Christian Education committee or the pastors.

ARM IN ARM NEEDS OUR SUPPORT TO FIGHT HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF SUBSIDIZED SCHOOL LUNCHES. Please help fill up the red wagons weekly with nutritious food.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP SERVING SNACKS TO URBAN PROMISE CAMPERS 7/15-7/18. You can help every day or just one day. Call the church office at 609-737-1221, extension 10. It takes about 1.5 hours daily. Leave PPC to arrive at the camp at 2 pm and return by 3 pm.

PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME - This week we are praying for South Africa, which is at the tip of the continent of Africa, and is our 190th country for prayer. Cape Town is the capital. South Africa (SA) has 9 provinces, each governed by a unicameral legislature that is elected every 5 years. The population is about 57.7 million. About 80% of S Africans are of Sub-Saharan African ancestry, divided among several ethnic groups that speak different African languages, 9 of which have official status. The remaining population consists of communities of Europeans (White), Asians (Indian), and multiracial (Colored) ancestry.

In 1910. SA was formed by the unification of 4 formerly separate colonies, which were the British colonies of the Cape and Natal, and the Bore republics of Transvaal and Orange Free State. SA surrounds the enclosed country of Lesotho. SA has 1553 miles of coastline along 2 oceans, great biodiversity, the Kalahari Desert and a temperate climate.

The predecessor of the African National Congress, the current ruling party, was founded as Native National Congress in 1912, and it led the fight against apartheid (meaning 'separateness'), a social policy that became legal policy in 1948 when the white National Party took power. One of the revolutionary leaders against apartheid was Nelson Mandella, who served 27 years in prison. The repeal of these discriminatory laws began in 1990 after Mandella's release. The vast majority of black South Africans were not enfranchised until 1994 when Mandella was elected President.

SA is a secular state with a diverse religious population and its constitution guarantees freedom of religion. Many religions are represented in the ethnic and regional diversity of the population. Christianity is the dominant religion with no single denomination predominating. The Jewish community in SA is the 12th largest

in the world. The SA Muslims claim that their faith is the fastest growing religion in SA.

Sport favorites are football, rugby, cricket, swimming, golf, boxing, tennis, ring ball, and netball. Basketball, surfing, and skateboarding are growing.

Wildlife is abundant with almost 300 mammal species. Several species are among the world's tallest, fastest or even tiniest such as the majestic giraffe, the speedy cheetah, or the tiny pygmy shrew that is only 3 inches long and weighs less than a teaspoon of sugar.

The "big five" are the elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, and the rhino, but one of the cutest is the green and orange striped Cape Dwarf Chameleon found in many yards. Several species are endangered such as the African wild dog, the oribi, or the rhino. Many are kept and protected in national parks or private game preserves. Conservation efforts have been successful in increasing populations of the mountain zebra and the bontebok, an antelope species that exists only in SA. The SA elephant is the largest land-based mammal. The SA lions are the largest of the lion species. The hippos are aggressive and unpredictable, making them among the most dangerous mammals. They are aquatic but cannot swim; they are large enough to walk or run under water. They are 'relatives' of whales and dolphins, but their evolution diverged about 55 million years ago.

There are 850 species of birds live in SA including kingfishers, seabirds, and the largest is the flightless ostrich. The Blue Crane is the SA national bird and the Springbok is the national animal. There are 8 whale species, 3 penguin colonies, and several shark species in the waters around SA. SA has 175 species of scorpions and the very deadly Cape Cobra snake – as well as the puff adder, the boomslang, and the mamba snake species.

SA is one of the few African countries not to have had a coup d'état. SA is the 25th largest country in the world and the 24th most populous. Its economy is the 2nd largest in Africa after Nigeria and the 34th largest in the world. Its current economy continues to struggle, which contributes to social unrest.

SA contains some of the oldest archaeological and human fossil sites in the world. These finds suggest that various hominid species existed in SA from about 3 million years ago. Modern humans have inhabited SA for at least 170,000 years.

Climate change, xenophobia, overpopulation, loss of natural habitat, deforestation, conservation issues, high rate of poverty and unemployment are significant issues.