

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017
11:00 AM

Reverend Marguerite Serrine, Interim Pastor
Scott Schlesinger, Organist/Choir Director JoAnn Harrison, Secretary

Gathering of the People

Prelude *Variations de Concert* Joseph Bonnet
Welcome, Announcements, Concerns
Choral Introit *I Love You, Lord*

Praise of God

Call to Worship
Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God! The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
People: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.
Leader: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn No. 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Silent Individual Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response No. 447

We Are Forgiven

*We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

Sharing of God's Word

Conversation with the Children

*(Children ages 4 through 5th grade will leave for Sunday School classes;
a nursery is also provided for infants and toddlers downstairs)*

Rev. Marguerite Serrine

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 (p. 66)
Philippians 3:4b-14 (p. 198)

Anthem

Silence the Stones

Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46 (p. 24)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Gospel

* Hymn No. 821

My Life Flows On

Prayers of the People and 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.

The Offering

Offertory

Variations de Concert

Joseph Bonnet

* Hymn of Dedication

Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (in unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Go Forth to Serve

* Hymn No. 515

I Come with Joy

* Charge and Benediction

* Response

Now Go in Joy

* Postlude

Variations de Concert

Joseph Bonnet



CHURCH NOTES

October 8, 2017

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this service. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today because we believe that everyone who enters these doors is God's guest. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex or the Friendship Pad as it is passed among the congregation. We welcome all to be part of our community of faith, and participate in any of our activities and events.

We invite you to join us on Sundays for worship and education.

9:45 AM Sunday School -- for all ages!

9:45 AM Children's Nursery (downstairs, Room #205)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship – with organ music and choir

(Children's Sunday School follows Conversation with Children)

CHILD CARE is provided for infants and toddlers in the Nursery on the first floor (downstairs from Sanctuary). **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** (ages 4 years through 5th grade) is provided during worship. Children may leave for class following the Conversation with the Children.

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Jim Summers

Acolyte: Caitlin O'Connor

The **CHOIR's** introit (#627) and benediction (#745) are from the "Glory to God" hymnbook as we introduce you to new hymns.

Our **Youth Group** will meet on **Wednesday evenings**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Jane McIver will provide dinner on 10/11. To provide a meal, use the sign-up sheet on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Eric Cathey.

If you would like to receive a draft of **Rev. Sirriner's sermon outlines** each week before she preaches, please email her at marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org and say "YES!" in the message. Drafts are sent out to an email distribution list and comments are welcome as we seek together God's word to us in the Scripture readings for this week.

WHY JESUS? GROUP - You are invited to join us for a small group study on **Friday evening, October 13 at 6 pm** at the home of Linda Jaubert. Bring a potluck dish to share. We will join together for dinner and then divide into small groups to discuss the sermon "Entering the Dark Cloud of God" by Barbara Taylor Brown, facilitated by Rich Erdosy. Please come join us, even if you have not attended previous sessions. Let Linda know if you plan to come. Let Carolyn Norris or Marc Fowler know if you need more information.

Our next **Food For All** meal will be Tuesday, October 24th. (It's always the 4th Tuesday.) The sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the mission bulletin board in the hallway of the Gerritsen Education Building. Questions? See Jane McIver.

HPC Family Movie Night - Stewardship and Diaconate will host a family movie night Friday, October 27. Dinner to start at 6:30 pm and movie (TBD) starts at 7 pm. We will provide pizza and dessert. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship.

The **Joyful Noise Children's Choir** will sing the choral introit on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsal will be on the first and third Sunday of every month at 9:45. We will have a short Sunday School lesson, then practice. Questions? See Scott Schlesinger or Cheryl Maxey!

Mark your calendar and join us for **7th Annual Bonfire and Camp Supper, November 5, 5:00 - 8:30 pm**: Bring your camp chair and roasting campfire forks on Sunday November 5th to help us make S'Mores at New Hope Camp and Conference Center at the bonfire pit located behind the pavilion near the swimming pool. Join us for fellowship under the starry skies!

The **2017 FLOWER CHART** is located outside the church office. Sign up -- and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary or other occasion, or memorialize or honor someone important to you! (October 29 is our final available date for 2017.)

Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 PM in Room #221. Questions? See Scott Schlesinger.

Join us on **Tuesdays**, for our **Healthy Walks on Riverwalk** at 5:30 PM at the Riverwalk entrance at the end of Nash and Kollock Street – beyond Weaver Street Market. -- Jane Gaede



Check out our **HPC WEB PAGE** at www.hillsboroughpres.org – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and the weekly bulletin posted on this webpage! A great way to keep up with what's happening at HPC!

In an emergency or to share a concern, please contact the church office, 919-732-3131, or marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org

THIS SUNDAY: October 8
Lectionary Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Tue – 5:30 PM Healthy Walks on Riverwalk (see article)
Wed – 6:00 PM Youth Group (Strudwick Hall, meal - Jane McIver)
Thu – 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (#221)
Fri – 6:00 PM Why Jesus? Group (Linda Jaubert's)
Sat – 7:30 PM Flute Concert in Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: October 15
Lectionary Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!
9:45 AM Children's Childcare and Nursery
9:45 AM Joyful Noise Children's Choir rehearsal (#221)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
(Children's Sunday School after Conversation with Children)
6:30 PM Session Meeting (#204)

Volunteers:
Liturgist and Children's Sermon: James Watts
Flowers: James and Lisa Watts
Nursery: Ann Sebesan, Stephanie Morgan
Greeters: TBD