

# Pinelands Reformed Church

Pastor Joe Colón – Senior Pastor

TRINITY SUNDAY- MEMORIAL SUN“DAY”  
MAY 27, 2018 10 A.M.



***Our Mission, as the people of God is to demonstrate the transforming power of God’s love in Jesus Christ by the way we worship God and reach out to others.***

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**Good Morning and Welcome to Pinelands Reformed Church. We ask everyone to sign the friendship pads at the beginning of the service. If this is your first time at our church, we ask that you put your address/phone number and hope you would join us again. PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*ASTERISK INDICATES TO  
PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

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### APPROACHING GOD

PRELUDE “God of Our Fathers”  
CHIMES A time of silence as we focus on God  
CHORAL INTROIT: “My Country ‘tis of Thee  
(Sing along if you know the words or tune)  
SALUTATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Joe Colón  
Great is the Lord! God’s greatness is beyond our understanding. Yet God has revealed God’s self in Jesus Christ. Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God. Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord! May God continue to bless God’s people with peace. AMEN.

**HYMN** “America, the Beautiful” #727

**PINETONE BELL CHOIR:** Arr.: Barbara Taranto  
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” –  
Folk Melody Holy Manna

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** in unison  
We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what you would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be

witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

#### **\*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.

## **LISTENING TO GOD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit<sup>(b)</sup> gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You<sup>(c)</sup> must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these

things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone"

**SERMON** "Born of the Spirit" **Pastor Colón**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

**\*HYMN** "This Little Light of Mine"

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine,**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine,**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine,**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Don't let Satan (*blow*) it out, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Don't let Satan (*blow*) it out, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine,**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Let it shine\_ till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,**

**Let it shine\_ till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

OFFERTORY "God, Bless America"

DOXOLOGY in unison

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION in unison

O God, our possessions often bring us a sense of safety and reassurance. We are too quick to place our faith and hope in earthly things – homes and cars and bank accounts and investment savings and technology. You invite us to place our faith in eternal, heavenly things. Today, we give you one type of earthly possession – money. In giving, we accept your invitation of the true security that is offered through your son, Jesus Christ. We pray in the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER in unison

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD in unison

Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us,  
And grant us thy peace. Amen.

HYMN "Find Us Faithful" #497

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL "AMEN"

\*POSTLUDE

# Weekly Announcements

FLOWERS THIS WEEK: are from Inge Firmenich in memory of her husband, Herbert.

USHERS for May 27<sup>th</sup> - Renate Biancella, Solita Dumont, Roxie Biro, Judy Lichon

USHERS for June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Martha Lozada, Lucille Kent, Jackie Lee, Antoinette Collins.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE – May 13<sup>th</sup> – 105

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION PERSON – May 27<sup>th</sup> Diane Valentine

PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING – Wed., May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10a.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR – Wed., May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.

PINETONE BELL CHOIR: Fri., June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10a.m.

FRIENDS – Fri., June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11:45 a.m.

SOUND BOOTH - Help is still needed. Please see Gail Lewis.

"THE WHISPERINGS" Please pick up a copy of the in back of the sanctuary or in Pontier Hall



**NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:**  
CLOSED ON MAY 28<sup>th</sup> in remembrance of Memorial Day

## DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

ALL CORRECTIONS NEED TO BE SENT TO OFFICE *IN WRITING*.  
*Thank you.*

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- **Bess Moore's address: Bea Lea Village, 1351 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755. No Phone**
- **Bill and Claire Smarsh's phone – 732-905-7070**
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## Prayers for Our Church Family and Friends

**All Caregivers, Anneliese & Gert Foster, Antoinette Toronto (K. Harris), Art White (CMC), Audrey Ahearn, Barbara Nuzzo, Barbara Stitt, Barbara Taranto, Bess Moore (Bey Lea/Genesis), Bertha (Rev. Cadmus' Mother), Betty Murray, Bill Corson (Harrogate), Bob (Cherego), Bonnie (Mazmanian), Bill Smarsh (Harrogate), Cal & June (Weir), Carol (Lewis), Cathy (Hughes), Christina, Chris Merwin (Reed), Claire Smarsh (Health Care at Harrogate), Dana (Kutzleb), Darla (Carolyn Knott), Dave & Pattie Krzywicki (McGrath), Dolores Pletch, Doris Brinamen (Reed), Dorothy Diemer (Spring Oaks), Ed Basile, Jr. (Basile), Ed Kutzleb, Eleanor Kenselaar (Masonic Home), Elaine Brown, Elise Durroff (Chalmers), Ellen (Fredericks), Ellen (Hughes) Elinor Winkler (Northern Riverview), Erika (Pastor Joe), Evelyn Smith (Hay), Gail (Sanborne), George Mazmanian, Georgie Jagger (Orchards), Glendora Rovere (Sunrise), Greg Romanowski, Greg & Jennifer (Yotka) Inge Firmenich, Jackie (Hughes), James Molinaro, Jan Stubbs, Janet Bastian, Jean (Lewis), Jean Cameron, Jean & Warner Thurlow, Jerry (Kent), Jim (Boehm), Jim (Luinenburg), Joan (Robertson), Joann (Gavini), Joe (Pastor Joe), John F. Hughes (Gladys), Josephine (Kent), Judy (Kutzleb), Kathy (Duelk), Kayla (Lewis), Kay Van Nostrand, Ken Robinson, Krakovic Family, Libby LaSala, Lillian Schuster, Lois Lingsch, Malte (Trapp), Margaret Gorman, Marion Griffin (The Arbors), Marina (Mazmanian), Marjorie Pedersen, Marguerite Hazzard, Martin Schaffner, Michael (Biancella), Michelle (Christen), Millie (Hay), Norma Boehm (CMC), Neil & Connie Iorio, O'Connor Family (Biro), Peggy (Vernoy), Peter Warnet (Weir), Phyllis Gillick (Hay), Phyllis Hay, Phyllis Scott (Aristacare, Whiting), Rachel (Caddigan), Ray (Lee), Ralph Firmenich, Richie (Cherego), Richard Christen, Jr. (Mazmanian), Richard John Horgan (Brower), Rob (Christen), Rose (Davenport), Rosemary, Ruth Barnish (The Pines), Ryan (Mazmanian), Sal & Marion (Vernoy), Sean & Family (Carlson), Sharon (Cherego), Steve (Davenport), Susan (Melocco), Suzanne (Kent), Teagan Pontier, Teddy Kutcha, Terry (Hamersma), Theresa (Pastor Joe), Therese (Hughes), Tony (Kent), Valerie (Richardson), Wilma Cosgrove, Our Service Personnel and First Responders, Victims of all Catastrophes, Storms and Shootings, and World Peace.**

**Our Christian sympathies to the Queen family on the passing of Danny's brother-in-Law, Roy.**