

## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury  
352 Sycamore Avenue  
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017  
9:30 am

## Order of Worship

The service begins with the Prelude.

\* Please stand in body or spirit

Welcome

Prelude                                  Here I Am, Lord                                  arr. Carter

\* Call to Worship                                  Elder Jules Plangere

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, and call on God's name!

**People: We will make God's deeds known among the peoples of the earth.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, and tell of all God's wonderful works.

**People: We will glory in God's holy name, and our hearts will rejoice.**

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's presence continually.

**All: We will remember the wonderful works God has done, for God is here with us now.**

\* Hymn #720                                  Jesus Calls Us

Call to Confession

Surprising God,  
you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you -  
in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy,  
in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross.  
Turn our lives upside down with your radical love.  
Help us fully embrace your surprises,  
even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced  
by your all-encompassing grace and mercy.  
We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all,  
your Son, Jesus Christ, as together we share these words:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed  
by the depth and breadth of your love.  
Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and  
upside down.  
And still we don't understand the radical nature of your  
grace.  
We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means  
excluding those we are called to love and defend.  
In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your  
trust.  
God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need;  
that through the solid foundation of your love,  
we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of  
Jesus Christ.  
Surprise us again, O God.  
Surprise us again.**

Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The God who brought our spiritual ancestors out of slavery  
will not desert us.

**People: God has promised to be with us throughout all  
generations.**

**All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for  
God is with us!**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson                      Romans 12: 9 - 21                      (NT, page 162)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal page 35

\* Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

Intermezzo  
Chris Kustka, flute

Low Shao Ying

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #172

Blest Are They

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16: 21 - 28

(NT, page 18)

Communion Meditation "Jesus: The Sequel"

Dr. Robinson

Litany of Grace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Supper

(Partake of the bread when served; hold the cup and partake together)

Prayer after Communion

Leader: God of steadfast love, you have reached out your hands to us, offering us the bread and the cup blessed with your Spirit of life.

**All: As we did eat of the bread broken for us,  
may we seek to bring healing to all the broken places of  
our world.**

**As we did drink from the cup,  
may we go to all the barren places of this world,  
bringing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry,  
and community for the lonely.  
Amen.**

\* Hymn #833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

\* Benediction

Leader: As we move from worship into the world in which we live, work and play, remember:

**People: Let us show love that is genuine; let us hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.**

Leader: Do not lag in zeal! Live in harmony with each other.

**People: May we contribute to the needs of those within our church and community; and extend hospitality to strangers. And let us rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.**

Leader: If it is possible, so far as it depends upon us, let us live peaceably with all.

**All: Let us go out with courage, not claiming to be wiser than we are, and then return in peace, remembering that we are loved more than we will ever know. Amen.**

Postlude                      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty                      arr. Carter

**Please remain seated in silence for the Postlude as this is part of Worship. If you must leave, please do so quietly.**

## **Announcements**

**Worship Leadership this morning** Elder Jules Plangere and Elder Gretchen O'Kane. Next week, Elder Bonnie Tortora.

**Ushering this morning** Tom Pedersen, John Andia, Cari Suarez, Mark Northridge. Next week, Kathy Keenan, Glen Baird, Jim Wright, Jenifer Zeller.

**Candle Lighter** Jim Wright.

**The Chancel Flowers** this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and given in loving memory of memory of Judy Kendall, by Beverly and Glen Baird.

**Nursery** is open today for all ages up to first grade. Stop by the Christian Education Building, 2nd Floor or see a Deacon for assistance.

**“NO JOE SHOW”** Is being hosted today by Kathy and Don Barnes and Chris and John Weighell. Next week Coffee Fellowship resumes, hosted by the Men’s Group.

**Manna Box** Mission Belles along with Church and Society are continuing to collect food items for St. Anthony's Church in Red Bank. All donations are appreciated. Look for the "Manna" box in the Church House lobby and thanks for your support.

**Mission Bible Study** Have you signed up for this enjoyable adventure? We are starting with two groups in September and two in October with more options to come. The two groups you can sign up for in September are **Monday 10:00 am –12:00 pm at Judy Whary’s** and **Wednesday 7:00 pm– 9:00 pm at Nancy and Rich Vodhanel’s**. This is an opportunity to get together for fellowship as we learn something new. Please contact the church office at 732-747-3557 or at [pcas@verizon.net](mailto:pcas@verizon.net) to register.

**The Center in Asbury Park** On Sunday September 17 our church will host Sunday Dinner at The Center in Asbury Park. We plan to do a late summer cookout with all the trimmings as it was very successful last year. As this is a church-wide effort, we would love your help, particularly in providing side dishes like salads, to go along with the burgers and dogs. If you can help in any way, please contact Kirsten Schanck at 732 389-3877, [kirsti58@comcast.net](mailto:kirsti58@comcast.net).

**Calendar Collection** Jean Kelly is collecting 2018 calendars to send to our soldiers overseas. You can give your extras to Jean or bring them to the church office.

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sun Sep 3</b>	9:30am – 10:30am	⊕ <b>Worship (S)</b> - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	5:00pm – 7:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐ ☑
<b>Mon Sep 4</b>	All day	⊕ <b>Labor Day</b>
	All day	⊕ <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue Sep 5</b>	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ <b>Weight Watchers (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Wed Sep 6</b>	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Thu Sep 7</b>	6:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>CE Meeting (SS)</b> - 352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ, USA
<b>Sat Sep 9</b>	8:00am – 9:00am	⊕ <b>Mens's Group (OS)</b> - All Seasons Diner Eatontown, Wyckoff Road, Eatontown, NJ, USA ☒
	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Sun Sep 10</b>	All day	⊕ <b>RALLY DAY (SS)</b>
	All day	⊕ <b>Cents-ability</b> ☐
	10:30am – 11:30am	⊕ <b>Worship/SS (S)</b> - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	12:30pm – 2:30pm	⊕ <b>PW Board (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ, USA
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
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(FH) Fellowship Hall, (B) Basement, (SS) Sunday School,  
 (A) Alpha, (O) Omega, (S) Sanctuary, (TR) Terrace Rm.,  
 (OS) Off Site, (SR) Social Rm., (K) Kitchen



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