

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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

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September 17, 2017  
10:30 am

## Order of Worship

The service begins with the Prelude.

\* Please stand in body or spirit

Welcome

A Sharing of Personal Faith and Ministry

David Apy

Prelude

How Beautiful

arr. L. Larson

Introit

Come, Let Us Worship God

*Come, let us worship God, Welcome everyone to the love of God*

*Rest for the weary, Welcome everyone to the love of God*

*Food for the hungry, Welcome everyone to the love of God*

*Hope for the children, Welcome everyone to the love of God*

\* Call to Worship

Elder John Weighell

Leader: We come together to thank God for the gift of life.

**People: We come to praise God's holy name and to seek after God's ways.**

Leader: We come to be forgiven and to forgive.

**People: We come to be a community in God's love.**

Leader: We come to be renewed by God's mercy.

**All: Praise God, let us be at worship!**

\* Hymn #444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God, we admit that too often we live on the surface of life.**

**We are afraid of the depths. We try and we do hide many things deep within.**

**We are haunted by the resentments we bear for what has been done in the past.**

**We are afraid that the judgment we have made of others has narrowed and crumbled our souls.**

**Forgive us, God, for nurturing pride and privilege:  
For feeding fear and indifference.**

**Open us with compassion and mercy to be a forgiven and forgiving community of faith, of life, of Christian ministry.**

**Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said to the one paralyzed, “Your sins are forgiven; rise and walk”.

**People: When we realize that God has forgiven us and offers restoration, the things that paralyze us, including our fears and hatreds, our anxieties and prejudices, are lifted from us, and we walk on the journey to which faith beckons us.**

**All: Thank you, O Lord, for forgiveness and for offering restoration.**

**Give us the grace, the courage, and the humility to receive what you freely give.**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson

Romans 14: 1 - 12

(NT, page 163)

Children’s Message

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Hymnal page 35

\* Passing of the Peace

- \* Hymn #822                      When We Are Living
- Gospel Lesson                  Matthew 18: 21 - 35                  (NT, page 20)
- Sermon                            "A First Century Loan Scandal"        Dr. Robinson
- Offering
- Offertory                        Let the Praise Go 'Round                  arr. H. Hopson
- Hallelujah! Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord. Let the sound go 'round.  
Let our praise abound. Sing Hallelujah.*
- \* Doxology
- \* Prayer of Dedication
- \* Hymn #435                      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- \* Benediction
- Postlude                         Cornet Voluntary                          John Travers

**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 John Weighell. Next week, Elder Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth.

**Ushering this morning** Peter Gibbons, Lisa Barnes, Bryce Barnes, Mary Jane O'Hare. Next week, Rich Vodhanel, Audrey Semple, Judy Whary, Ed Tognola, Joe Delgado.

**Candle Lighter** AJ Kassinger. Next week, James Thorn.

**The Chancel Flowers** this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and given in memory of John Northridge, by Mark Northridge.

**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.

**Coffee Fellowship** is being hosted today by Facilities. Next week, Fellowship.

**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 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** Today, Sunday **September 17th**, 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).

**PW Mission Fundraiser** Did you receive the mailing from the Presbyterian Women of PCAS? If not, please contact Heather Palframan (732-957-9354 or [hpalframan@gmail.com](mailto:hpalframan@gmail.com)).

**Craft Group** Crafts will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Terrace Room at 9:30 am beginning next week on **September 20th**. All are invited.

**Mission Study "Heritage Celebration/Conversation"** On **September 24th**, following outdoor worship, we will celebrate collective memories of what our church means to us. Afterward we will have a Pot Luck Lunch. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall lobby. All are welcome.

**Towne Crier** October is just around the corner. Please submit your articles and information for the October Towne Crier by **Tuesday, September 26th**.

**Confirmation Class** Confirmation Class for 7th graders & up, starts on **Sunday, October 8th**. Join Rev. Tom and Mrs. Adler for an exciting confirmation journey studying our Reformed Faith. Contact Mrs. Adler to register or for more information.

**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 17</b>	9:15am – 10:15am	⊕ <b>Adult Forum (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	10:30am – 11:30am	⊕ <b>Worship/SS (S)</b> - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	⊕ <b>Wedding- Flego/Wolf</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 18</b>	7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>PFLAG (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Tue Sep 19</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ <b>Bible Study@ Panera (OS)</b> ☐
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ <b>Weight Watchers (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	7:30pm – 8:30pm	⊕ <b>Session (TR)</b> ☐
<b>Wed Sep 20</b>	9:30am – 11:00am	⊕ <b>Craft Group (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ, USA ☐
	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Thu Sep 21</b>	7:00pm – 8:30pm	⊕ <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b> - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	7:30pm – 9:00pm	⊕ <b>Boy Scouts (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	8:30pm – 9:30pm	⊕ <b>Bell Choir (SR)</b> - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Sat Sep 23</b>	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
<b>Sun Sep 24</b>	9:15am – 10:15am	⊕ <b>Adult Forum (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
	10:30am – 11:30am	⊕ <b>Worship/SS (S)</b> - (Outdoor Svc)-352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, 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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