

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15th, 2022

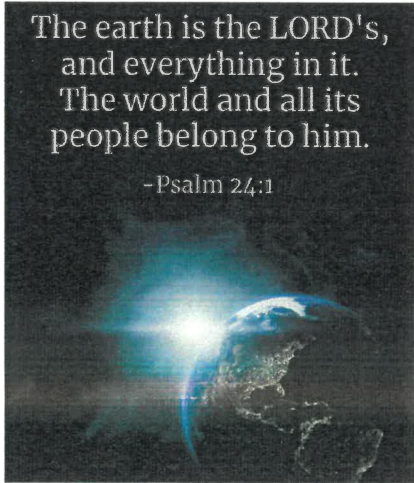
# Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Mendham, New Jersey

“Proclaiming Christ’s Presence and  
Continuing Christ’s Work since 1738”

The earth is the LORD's,  
and everything in it.  
The world and all its  
people belong to him.

-Psalm 24:1



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## MINISTERS

*All the Members of Hilltop Church*

## OUR MISSION

The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, NJ is to  
acknowledge and proclaim the presence and power of God and  
to continue the work of Jesus Christ by loving God,  
God's world, each other and ourselves.  
We are committed to the growth of faith,  
the spreading of the good news,  
and the mission of caring for those near and far.  
We fulfill these commitments through prayers, study, sharing,  
teaching and serving.

ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME AND LIFTING OUR VOICES

**Prelude**

**"Canzona"**

*Richard Purvis*

**Psalm 24**

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in

**Welcome, Announcements**

**Responsive Call to Worship (based on Psalm 117)**

Praise the LORD, all you nations!

**Extol him, all you peoples!**

For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

**And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**Praise the LORD!**

**\*Hymn##41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (v.1,4,5)**

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

CONFESSING OUR SIN, RECEIVING CHRIST'S ASSURANCE  
AND EXTENDING CHRIST'S PEACE

**Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and loving God, we turn to You seeking Your mercy. You call us to focus on You, but we focus on ourselves instead. You call us to be humble, but we gloat in our pride. You call us to abandon ourselves, but we cling to our achievements. Forgive us for our boasting and bragging. Help us to pull focus from ourselves and to remember that our true worth comes from You. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**-Silent Personal Prayer-**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Elder: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri #58 I "Glory Be to the Father"**

**\*Extending Christ's Peace**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

As Jesus shared His peace with us let us share His peace with one another.

**Special Music**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

*David Johnson*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, in you, **are hidden** all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Give us humble, teachable hearts, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; th

**1st Reading**

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; <sup>24</sup> but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the LORD; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

**2nd Reading**

**Psalms 131** O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. <sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. <sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Reverend Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton*

**"Pride and Humility"**

**Moment for Quiet Reflection**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND PRAYER

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Anthem**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer 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.



**\*Hymn #293 Loving Spirit (v. 1-3,5)**

1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

2 Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

3 Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**"Gwalshmai"**

*Richard Purvis*

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*(Many people at Hilltop prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude.  
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

**INQUIRER'S CLASS THIS SPRING!**

Christian fellowship is a key aspect of church life. Believers in Christ come together in love, faith, and encouragement. If you are searching for a new church home, we invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Hilltop.

- **Sunday, May 15 after worship:** "Inquirer's Class"- meet and greet elders, deacons, the pastor and others who are considering membership at Hilltop Church
- **Sunday, May 22 after worship:** "Presbyterian 101"- a brief introduction to all things Presbyterian.
- **Sunday, June 5, Pentecost, during worship:** new members are received into the church.

**United under Christ's Lordship all members of Hilltop are encouraged to follow Christ in Faithful Discipleship and to:**

*Confess Christ Publicly • Worship God Regularly • Serve Christ Eagerly •  
Give Generously • Study Intentionally • Live Worthily*

Please call or email the church office and let us know if you're planning to attend: [office@hilltopchurch.org](mailto:office@hilltopchurch.org), 973-543-4012

**SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

**The Church Officer of the Day** this morning is Elder Cliff Lee.

**Our Usher Coordinator** is David Kerr.

**Operating our Sound System** is Bob Willis.

**PRAYING TOGETHER AT HILLTOP:**

**If you wish to speak to the Pastor** Reverend Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton you can email her at [pastormerideth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormerideth@gmail.com) or call her cell phone at (609) 303-0500.

**If you are aware of anyone who is hospitalized** or is in need of special care, please contact our Stephen Ministers Lissa Anderson (973)543-1702 or Liz Siminoff (973)543-0019

**Area of Ministry:** Nurture, Education and Discipleship

**Local Mission:** Family Promise

**National Mission:** Intercultural Ministries

**International Mission:** Presbyterian Missionaries

*\*(Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)*

## COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

### DEACON NEWS - SAVE THE DATES

**June 5th** – The Deacons are excited to host their annual picnic on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please walk down the hill after worship that day and enjoy a little lunch and fellowship with us! If you can't stay for long, please still come. We will be providing take out containers if you'd like to box a meal to enjoy at home. We look forward to seeing you!

**June 11th** - The Deacons' Estate and Treasure Sale (yes, we have renamed it) is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 8am-3pm and we invite everyone to come and make it a success by either donating saleable items or helping work at the sale! Donations of household items, gently used/clean clothing, sporting goods, toys, etc. can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 9th from 2-5pm and on Friday, June 10th from 2-7 pm. Other arrangements can be made if those times do not work for you. No electronic items will be accepted this year. Large furniture/upholstered items on a limited basis only. This year we are also encouraging visitors to consider bringing their own plastic/canvas bags when shopping given that plastic bags will no longer be available in our grocery stores as of May 4th. No need to price your items. We have received some wonderful donations from local estate sales in recent weeks so we hope you will come out and enjoy a little shopping with us on June 11th. Please do not hesitate to contact Megan Nervi at [megnervi@gmail.com](mailto:megnervi@gmail.com) or 908-868-7431 with any questions.

## *Continue your child's Christian education journey*

with Hilltop Church

Our mission is to help children and their families learn the stories of God's love and the songs and traditions of our faith, laugh together in joyful fellowship and love neighbors near and far.

We help guide our young people through  
the milestones of faith:

- Baptism
- Ages 4+: Begin attending Sunday School & receive Bedtime Story Bible
- 3rd Grade: First Communion Class; Presented with Bibles & recognized at Celebration Supper
- 8th Grade: Confirmation Class & Celebration Supper
- 9th - 12th Grade: Service Trips & Projects; Leadership Roles in Sunday School & Worship, Special Youth Events

For more information, contact Cathy Malman, Director of Christian Education at 973-452-8820 or [Cimalman12@gmail.com](mailto:Cimalman12@gmail.com).

*Join us for worship on Sundays at 10 am!*

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm Session

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 am Women's Bible Study

**Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY:

**May 22nd, 2022**

**Rev. Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton to Preach**

***Please watch your email and church website for updates on virtual and in-person worship.***

**To worship with us online at 10 am (or anytime after) please visit the homepage of our website for the link and bulletin:**

[https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t\\_homepage.asp](https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t_homepage.asp)

**Subscribe to our channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HilltopChurchMendham>**

SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT HILLTOP

Rev. Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton - Interim Pastor/ Head of Staff

James Wynne - Director of Music Ministries

Cathy Malman - Director of Children's and Family Educational Ministries

Tori Legacki- Director of Hilltop Christian Nursery School

Cliff Lee - Clerk of Session Brian Elliott - Treasurer

Dane Manchester & Walter Perkins - Assistant Treasurers

Megan Nervi Moderator of the Board of Deacons

Liz Siminoff & Lissa Anderson- Stephen Leaders

Bob Willis - Organ Curator

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