



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WE GATHER IN GOD’S LOVING PRESENCE

SILENT REFLECTION

“There is no escaping the penetrating search of my life by Jesus. If I see the little speck in your eye, it means that I have a plank of timber in my own (see Matthew 7:3-5). Every wrong thing that I see in you, God finds in me. Every time I judge, I condemn myself (see Romans 2:17-24). Stop having a measuring stick for other people. There is always at least one more fact, which we know nothing about, in every person’s situation. The first thing God does is to give us a thorough spiritual cleaning. After that, there is no possibility of pride remaining in us. I have never met a person I could despair of, or lose all hope for, after discerning what lies in me apart from the grace of God.”

Oswald Chamber, *My Upmost for His Highest*

READING OF GOD’S LAW: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Stuart Spencer

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Crucem Tuam
(Antiphon in Honor of the Holy Cross)

Colton Martin

“We adore thy Cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection, for behold by that wood joy came into the whole world.”

*THE CALL AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship and love God! Great is the Lord—

God is lifted high above all people and every nation!

Mighty is the Lord—

The Lord is Master of Heaven and Earth!

Holy and perfect is the Lord God—

God’s ways and thoughts are beyond our own.

The God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!” is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory shining in the face of Christ. Shine, Jesus, shine! Shine on us all as we worship you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 442

WOODWORTH

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kelly LePenske

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not

done. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Time for our personal prayers of confession before God.)

KYRIE NO. 579

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

Lord, Have Mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God: Put your full and complete hope in the Lord, for you can be certain that with the Lord has unfailing love and complete freedom.

God will free us from every last sin. So be it. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stuart Spencer

GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM THE WORD

ANTHEM

A Clean Heart

With One Voice Choir
by Benjamin Harlan

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41 (p. 102)

SERMON

"A Grown-up Faith"

Joseph Wallace-Williams

WE RESPOND WITH OUR DEDICATION

*CHORUS OF PRAISE NO. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Jean Wilkinson

OFFERTORY

Chapelle des Morts from Esquisses Byzantines

Colton Martin
Henri Mulet

In the season of Lent the offering is brought forward in silence.

*SENDING HYMN NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

WE LEAVE TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY TOWARD THE CROSS

*BENEDICTION

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE WELCOME BROTHER JOSEPH WALLACE-WILLIAMS TO OUR PULPIT Brother Joseph is our special guest speaker this Renewal Weekend. Joseph is a monk at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. Br. Joseph is a graduate of The School of Theology at The University of The South in Sewanee, TN. Prior to entering seminary, Joseph served as outreach director and youth minister at Trinity Church New Orleans and as lay chaplain for several organizations in the city of New Orleans focusing on the prevention of HIV and AIDS among young black gay men. He received his Bachelor's degree from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux LA, during which time he served as a youth minister and did work with foster and adopted children in the City of Thibodaux. Joseph is a native of the city of New Orleans.

RENEWAL WEEKEND SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP & DINNER TONIGHT! We conclude our Renewal Weekend with a special Vespers Service this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **The Princeton Seminary Gospel Choir** joins us for worship. Following worship, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for a Covered-Dish Dinner. If you haven't yet signed up, just come and bring a main dish, a vegetable side dish or salad large enough to feed 12 – 15 people.

Disciples: All Members of the Congregation

Teaching Elder/Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Monday</i>).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor (<i>Sabbath: Friday</i>)	Bailey A. Heckman
Administrative Assistant	Melissa Bottelier
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Organist/Accompanist.....	Colton Martin
Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Worship Music Leader.....	Grant Farmer
Seminary Interns.....	Kelly LePenske and Jean Wilkinson
Sexton	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub