



**Siloam Hope First
Presbyterian Church**



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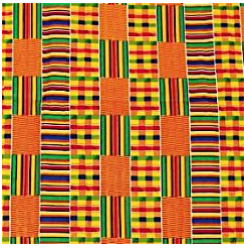
WELCOME. LOVE. SERVICE. COMMUNITY.

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Sunday Worship Service | 24 April 2022 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

“THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND BLOOD AND MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD (John 1:14).”



MEDITATION | ALL

PRELUDE | JACOB PADUANO

CALL TO WORSHIP | ELDER

INVOCATION | ELDER

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS | ELDER WANDA SIZEMORE- MCRAE

OPENING HYMN | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

VIRTUAL PASSING OF PEACE | LEAD BY FAN COMMITTEE

LIVING OUR MISSION | ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ALL

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ALL

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | ELDER

SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 150

HYMN OF PREPARATION | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON | SIS SEMIKO CRIDER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | ELDER BESSIE ALLEN

PASTORAL PRAYER | SIS CRIDER

OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD | ALL

AND **MUSICAL SELECTION** | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | SIS CRIDER

MEDITATION BEFORE SERVICE

Silent mediation is the first order of worship. Take this opportunity to reflect upon God, the events of your week, and the persons who are touching your life. If you wish, share your prayer concerns there will be an opportunity to share your concern during our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good

His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit.

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any dates for the Church Calendar should be given to Wanda Sizemore-McRae ASAP.

- **Operation Warm Heart** is still seeking donations of personal care items, socks, and/or bus cards for displaced individuals. Please contact Elder Bessie for more information.
- **2022 Per Capita** is \$45 per member. This and all donations can be submitted **during worship**; to **SHFP Church, P. O. Box 442, Roselle, NJ 07203**; or with *Zelle* using **shfpchurch64@gmail.com**.
- **Pastor's Survey** regarding her visitation and communications was sent in the mail and via email last week. Please check your mail- and email-box for the survey and return it before March 22, 2022. If you cannot locate the survey, contact Elder Pam.
- **What's the 313? The Ancestors Speak Video Blog** – Co-hosted by Pastor Lundy and James Amemasor on Sundays at 3p.m. It is a conversation about the Ancestors Speak Research Project on Zoom: Meeting ID 814 0595 3491 and Dial-in Number (929) 205-6099.
- **On Monday evenings, Prayer Service is 6:30pm and Bible Study is 7pm** on Zoom. The study book is *Lord Change Me* by Evelyn Christenson.
- **Do you want to serve on a committee or ministry?** Please see a session member today.
- If you wish to be a **Liturgist**, please see Elder Wanda after service.

REMINDERS:

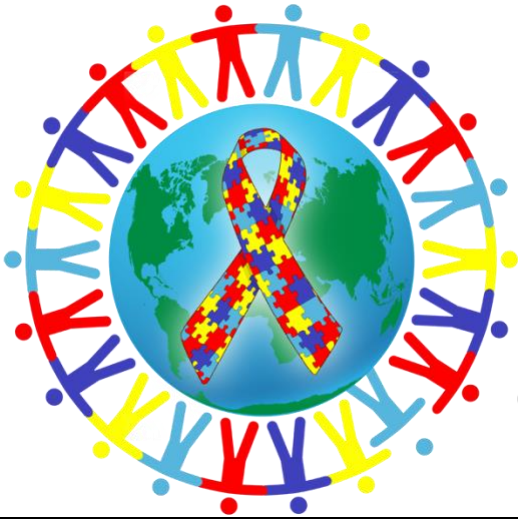
- Pastor's office hours are by appointment in the *Snyder Academy*. Contact her at **201-970-3337** or **wandamlundy@gmail.com**.
- During worship service, **kindly turn off or put phones on vibration**.
- Our church is a COVID-19 conscious setting, so **please wear a facemask** over your nose and mouth.
- Anyone requesting a **pastoral visit or at-home communion** should contact one of the Ruling Elders, Deacons, or Pastor.

SANKOFA SAYS

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AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



Who Do You Love with Asperger's Syndrome?

Did you know that high-functioning people on the autism spectrum likely have Asperger's Syndrome?

It is "an expression sometimes used to refer to autism in a person with average or above average intelligence (<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us>)."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the rate of children identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder is 1 in 44 children nationally and 1 in 35 in New Jersey.

FUN FACTS

Did You Know? The first President of Princeton University was a Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabethtown.

"Jonathan Dickinson was the leader of the little group that, in his words, 'first concocted the plan and foundation of the College.'

...With the help of three fellow pastors (Ebenezer Pemberton, Aaron Burr Sr., and John Pierson) and three laymen from New York City (William Smith, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, and William Peartree Smith), he secured a royal charter for the College of New Jersey dated October 22, 1746. The first trustees announced Dickinson's appointment as president in April 1747 (<https://pr.princeton.edu/pub/presidents/dickinson/index.html>)."

In late May 1747, classes started with about 10 students in Dickinson's parsonage, which is now known as the Snyder Academy.

P.S. If you know the history for our blended, three congregations, please share it with us!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

(April Birthdays)

- 1st Irene Ellison & Reggie James
- 4th Luqman Lundy
- 8th Barbara Gaines
- 9th Montee Pryor
- 12th Linda Swaggerty
- 20th Niki Allen
- 26th Kierrah Nelson
- 28th William Robinson
- 30th Wanda Sizemore-McRae

(April Anniversaries)

- 6th Thurmond Sr. & Rosa Mitchell
- 25th Teddy & Irene Ellison

(Events)

To Be Determined

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. (Psalm 150).



Spinach, Tomato and Turkey Sausage Egg Casserole

{Yield: Sixteen (2-oz.) portions or One (9"x13") baking dish}

- 1 cup lean turkey sausage (8 oz.)
- 2 cups packed fresh chopped spinach
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 tsp. dry basil
- 1 cup diced green peppers
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 3 cups Egg Beaters
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- Non-stick Cooking spray

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In a sauté pan over medium heat, brown the turkey sausage. Set aside.
3. In another sauté pan over medium-high heat, cook onion and peppers until translucent, about 4 minutes.
4. Add garlic, tomatoes, basil, lemon juice, salt and pepper and cook an addition 2 minutes until all liquid is absorbed. Add spinach and cook until just wilted.
5. Transfer the vegetable mix to the baking dish, spreading it evenly over the bottom of the dish.
6. Spread the turkey sausage and parmesan cheese over the vegetable mixture. Pour the Egg Beaters evenly over the vegetable mix.
7. Bake for 25-30 minutes until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

This recipe is courtesy of our *Fitness Activities and Nutrition* Committee. Learn more about FAN and be healthier at www.shfpchurch.org/fan-resources.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Elder Rafael Rodriguez painted this expressive painting during the Summer of 2016. He was such a talented and generous servant of GOD. Elder Rafael left a great legacy love, faith and creativity on our historic campus.

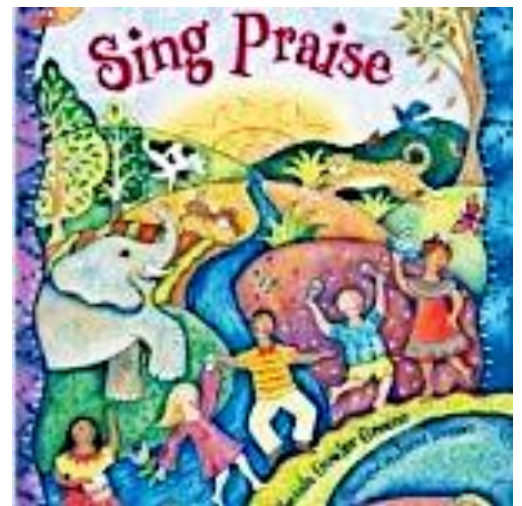
LITERARY CORNER

WORD OF THE WEEK

Community

“In my dreams, I see it clear.
I have no fears, no boundaries.
My purpose will define you.
Give me time it will be clear.
Given time you will understand,
What possesses me to fight for you.
I will fight the wars you have suffered.
To the darkened skies once more, and beyond.
So many years I have stood among,
The fears and regrets.
I stood alone.
All the years I have been unknown.
For all the blood that’s been shed.
I will clear your suffering minds.
You fall again, I fall again.
Give me time it will be clear.
Given time you will understand,
For all the suffering we have endured.
I end this pain for the peace.
There is no faith in which to hide.
Doubting angels that walk among the living,
I’m in this mood because of the sorrow.
I walk to the darkened skies and beyond.
Now you understand.
I only come here seeking peace.
I only come here seeking enlightenment.
I only come here seeking happiness. (Joe Hadley).”

PRAISE



“To express admiration or approval of the achievements or characteristics of a person or thing

(<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us>)”

PSST! Do You Write Poetry or Short Stories? Submit It to shfpchurch64@gmail.com.



Our community is rich with interesting and talented people. In an effort to tighten our family bond, we will feature a member, friend, and/or supporter of our church.

Who will be our first volunteer?

Tell us . . .

- Where were you born and raised?
- When is your birthday?
- Who makes up your family?
- What is/was your career or main job?
- What is your favorite color, dessert, and/or vacation spot?
- Who is/was your hero or role model?
- How did you arrive in our church community?
- What is your unique skill or talent?

. . . what you want us to know!

Please send a letter or email to Elder Pamela Robinson Smith at:

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 42 Broad Street
 Attn: **Elder Pam**
 Elizabeth, NJ 07201

(or)

theagent@pameladsmith.com

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