

## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**



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

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017  
9:30 am

### Order of Worship

The service begins with the Prelude.

\* Please stand in body or spirit

Welcome

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary

Bennett

\* Call to Worship

Rev. John D. Strain

Leader: Great God of shalom, as we gather together  
to worship you, we are comforted by the  
knowledge that we have no surprises for you.

**People: We gather to offer you our joyful praise.**

Leader: Nurturing God, even though you know us so well,  
you choose to lead us along the path to everlasting life.

**People: We gather to offer you our heartfelt thanks.**

Leader: Understanding God, you gather us to yourself  
so that we may worship you in love and joy.  
You accept us as we are, and you love us.

**All: Loving God, your nature is eternal love, and we  
gather together to share that love with others. Amen.**

\* Hymn #401

Here in This Place

Call to Confession

Elder Don Barnes

A Litany of Thankfulness and Trust

Leader: Mysterious God, we come in humility before you to  
offer you our thankful praise, especially for the trust  
in you the Holy One, that you have nurtured within us.

**People:** You know us completely, and it is wonderful to be so loved and accepted, even if sometimes that knowledge of us is too much for our own comfort and peace of mind.

Leader: Trustworthy God, even though you know us so well, we trust you with that knowledge. You are our Maker, Sustainer and our Father, and you will never abuse our trust in you.

**People:** We give thanks for all the people who have knowingly trusted you with their inner thoughts, feelings, and with their very beings; and their trust in you encourages us in our own trusting and letting go.

Leader: All-Loving God, we give thanks you have created within us something of the spark of God and that you have also placed within us a restlessness of the spirit that only God's nearer presence can satisfy.

**People:** We give thanks that over the years of our life, we have known and experienced your guidance, help and blessings, and because you know all our needs and how best to meet those needs, help us to 'let go and let God.'

Leader: All-Knowing God, we give thanks that no matter how far we roam away from your side, that you never give up on us, and that always, you are yearning for us to return to a deeper and more intimate relationship with you.

**People:** Ever-present God, as you have been with us in the past, we pray that you will continue to guide and bless us. Amen.

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Silent Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal page 35

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Hymn #714                      God of the Fertile Fields

Old Testament Lesson    Psalm 139: 1 - 12, 23 - 24    (OT, page 577)

Sermon            "Then Finite Comes Face to Face with Infinite"  
Rev. John D. Strain

Offering

Offertory            Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore    C. Gabarain  
Maureen Flego & Pat Dunphy, soloists

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #547            Go, My Children, with My Blessing

\* Benediction

Postlude            Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Open Your Eyes

arr. Callaway

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

## **Announcements**

Please welcome the Rev. John D. Strain, as our guest preacher and worship leader this morning. Rev. Strain is a close friend to the Rev. Tom Robinson and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Annari Griesel. Rev. Strain is the Chaplain at the Pines at Whiting, an adult residential community, west of Toms River, NJ. He was the Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Toms River for over twenty years and is a certified Spiritual Director. Tom and Annari know John from his work as a Chaplain at JFK Medical Center, where he studied Clinical Pastoral Education in Annari's CPE program there. Welcome, John!

**Worship Leadership this morning** Elder Don Barnes. Next week, Elder Joel Davies.

**Ushering this morning** Kathy Keenan, Glen Baird, Jim Wright, Jenifer Zeller. Next week, Peter Gibbons, Lisa Barnes, Bryce Barnes, Mary Jane O'Hare.

**Candle Lighter** Wayne Johnson. Next week, Bryce Barnes.

**The Chancel Flowers** this morning are Dedicated to the Glory of God and given in memory of Ronald Maslo and John Weighell Sr., by Chris and John Weighell.

**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 Carol Streeper, Susan Peterson, and Kay Healy-Wedsworth. Next week, Lee Summers and Elizabeth Frentz.

**The Fellowship Committee** needs people to host the "NO JOE SHOW" on Sunday, September 3rd. Please sign up on the "NO JOE SHOW" poster in the Social Room.

**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.

**PW** is collecting for the Mercy Center (Asbury Park). We are in need of new and gently used sheets and bedding for their emergency services. Please bring and place in the box located in the Church House lobby.

**Mission Bible Study** Have you signed up for this enjoyable summer adventure? It will be happening in August at friendly homes of people you know. 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 for the August session.

**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

Sun Jul 23	All day	⊕ Tom R-VAC
	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 ☐ ☐
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<del>Mon Jul 24</del>	All day	⊕ Tom R-VAC
	7:30pm – 8:30pm	⊕ <b>OA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
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Tue Jul 25	All day	⊕ Tom R-VAC
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ <b>Weight Watchers (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
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Wed Jul 26	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (TR)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
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Sat Jul 29	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ <b>AA (FH)</b> - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ☐
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Sun Jul 30	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 ☐ ☐

(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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