

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday**



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

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May 28, 2017
10:30 am

Order of Worship

The service begins with the Prelude.

* Please stand in body or spirit

Welcome

Prelude

Trio

Josef Rheinberger

* Call to Worship

Elder Gretchen O’Kane

Leader: We shout for joy
to God who rides upon the clouds!

**People: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God,
Before whom the earth quakes,
and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!**

Leader: God is Sovereign over the earth,
Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans;
God creates families for those who are alone.

**People: God leads captives to freedom
and breaks the yoke of oppression.**

Leader: God goes forth before the people,
marching through the wilderness of their lives,
bringing forth restoration and justice.

**People: Sing praise to God,
Rider of the ancient skies,
who dwells in holiness.**

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

**People: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary!
You give power and strength to your people.**

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn #641 When in Our Music God is Glorified

Call to Confession

We gather to honor and glorify God Most High.
We ask God to receive our invitation to dwell with us.
May we be enfolded in God's Holy Presence and
filled again with awe and mystery.
For we belong to God and we rejoice in God,
even as we ask for forgiveness and peace, praying together:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Blessed One, you created human beings
for your glory and pleasure.
Forgive us for being self-absorbed and
choosing to live solely for ourselves.
Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit,
your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours.
Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his
witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting
world. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: As the Body of Christ,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's
witnesses.

**People: Each of us has our own story of what Jesus' life means
for us. Through our stories we can convey hope to the
hopeless, joy to the downtrodden, and peace where there
is turmoil.**

**All: Therefore, let us "clothe ourselves in humility,"
sharing the Good News of Christ, that we "may all be
one." In this God is well pleased.**

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Acts 1: 6 - 14

(NT, page 118)

Children's Message

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

* Passing of the Peace

* Hymn #619 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Gospel Lesson John 17: 1 - 11 (NT, page 111)

Sermon "What is Passionate Worship?" Dr. Robinson

Offering

Offertory Eternal God John Rutter

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music, Blest gift from heaven to all
your servants here on earth: In time of joy a crown, in sorrow
consolation; Companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*We give you thanks for every sound of beauty: For sweetest harmony
that echoes in our hearts, For melodies that soar on high like birds at
morning, For voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gift bless others: May hearts be touched and
spirits lifted up anew. Let music draw together those who live as
strangers, Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom, All discord over and all
earthly labour done, Then sound and silence yield before one equal
music, And with the Giver shall our souls be one.*

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

* Benediction

Leader: Continue to be faithful, remain committed, be witnesses for
Christ.

For the God of all grace has called you to eternal glory
through Jesus Christ, and will fulfill, restore, strengthen,
and establish you through suffering and struggle.

**All: Let us go forth from this place, empowered by Christ's love,
with Christ's name on our lips,
the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit in our minds,
God's love in our hearts,
God's beloved ones always in our sight, and
God's still speaking voice in our ears. Amen.**

Postlude

Allegro

Johann Christian Kittle

**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 Gretchen O'Kane. Next week, Elder Chris Kavan and Elder Jules Plangere.

Ushering this morning Rich Vodhanel, Audrey Semple, Judy Whary, Ed Tognola, Joe Delgado. Next week, Kathy Keenan, Glen Baird, Jim Wright, Jenifer Zeller.

The Chancel Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given in loving memory of Aurora Combs, by Michael, LB, and AJ Kassinger.

Candle Lighter James Thorn. Next week, Eliza Zook.

Nursery is open every Sunday morning from 10:30 am - 11:30 am, in Christian Education. Childcare is provided for infants up to three years of age. Please see a Deacon for assistance.

Coffee Hour P&A. Next week, Stewardship.

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open for our upcoming VBS - Hero Central! This new program uses epic music, spectacular stories, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God! If you would like to help during VBS (we need adult & teen leaders) please email Sherri Adler, avashe@aol.com. Registration forms are available in Sunday School and the Church House Office.

What: Hero Central VBS
Who: Children 3 years old - 5th grade
When: July 10 - 14, 2017
Where: The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
Cost: FREE

The Strawberry Festival is almost here! It's this **Sat., June 3rd** from **9:30 - 2:00**. So now is the time to make your favorite *baked goods to donate*, dig up those *plants* you can share, find that favorite recipe of *rubs, BBQ sauces or gourmet treats* so others can buy your wonderful creations. We hope you have already brought in your *jewelry, beach/picnic accessories, small home decor items and books* that are in *very good condition!!* If not please get them to the church ASAP. We need everyone to come and to invite a friend. In addition to donations, we need workers, so please plan to be a part of this great day by helping beforehand and on June 3rd. Contact Nancy Lee (732-758-0248), Joyce Davies (609-298-3959 or jdavies0239@gmail.com) or Nancy Vodhanel (732-530-7641 or nvodhanel@gmail.com) for questions or to volunteer!!

Take the **green** sheet found in your pew home with you for a reminder of **Donations Needed**.

Organ Dedication Concert Sunday, June 11th, at 2:00 pm.

Organists Reid Masters, Allan Robinson, (Trinity Episcopal Church, Red Bank) and Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth will showcase each of our 4 magnificent organs. All are invited!

Last Day of Sunday School is **June 11th**. The children will be having an end-of-the-year celebration with pizza and ice cream during Sunday School. The Nursery will be available all summer, during Worship, for children up to seven years old.

Please Sign-Up The Fellowship Committee needs people to host the "NO JOE SHOW" this summer. This is our Coffee Hour which doesn't have coffee but does have cool refreshing drinks and delicious cookies. Partner with a friend and host a "NO JOE SHOW". Sign-up on the "NO JOE SHOW" poster in the Church House Lobby.

Calendar of Events

Sun May 28	9:15am – 10:15am	⊕ Adult Forum (TR) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	10:30am – 11:30am	⊕ Worship/SS (S) - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	⊕ AA (TR) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	5:00pm – 7:00pm	⊕ AA (TR) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕ ⊕
Mon May 29	All day	⊕ Office Closed
	All day	⊕ Memorial Day
	7:30pm – 8:30pm	⊕ OA (TR) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
Tue May 30	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ Bible Study@ Panera (OS) ⊕
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Weight Watchers (FH) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ Dorcas (K) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA
Wed May 31	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ AA (TR) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
Thu Jun 1	All day	⊕ Strawberry Festival Setup
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	⊕ Chancel Choir (S) - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	7:30pm – 9:00pm	⊕ Boy Scouts (FH) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	8:30pm – 9:30pm	⊕ Bell Choir (SR) - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
Fri Jun 2	All day	⊕ Strawberry Festival Setup
Sat Jun 3	All day	⊕ Strawberry Festival
	8:00am – 9:00am	⊕ Mens's Group (OS) - All Seasons Diner Eatontown, Wyckoff Road, Eatontown, NJ, USA ⊕
	9:00am – 2:00pm	⊕ Strawberry Festival - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA
	8:30pm – 10:00pm	⊕ AA (FH) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
Sun Jun 4	10:30am – 11:30am	⊕ Worship/SS (S) - 370 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	⊕ Communications Mtg (FH) - 352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ, USA
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	⊕ AA (TR) - 352 Sycamore Ave, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, USA ⊕
	5:00pm – 7:00pm	⊕ AA (TR) - 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

Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 3rd 9:30 - 2:00



Home Baked & Gourmet Goods
Home Décor Shop
Jewelry Handicrafts
Garden Greens & Plants
Quarts of Strawberries
BBQ Lunch Strawberry Desserts
Beach/Picnic Goods & Accessories
Gently Used Books
Eatontown Municipal Band at 12 pm

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