



CAMP HILL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.

# Welcome!

- *We invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary. If your child needs a break away from the Sanctuary, feel free to use Room 3 of the Education Wing.*
  - *Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).*
  - *Greeting you today are Carol Helsel, Ann & Roger Hummel, and Rick Woodard.*

*This morning's flowers are given by the McBride family in loving memory of Sandy's dad, Don Edwards Sr., who celebrated his birthday in March.*

*The cover art, "River of Grace" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, is from A Sanctified Art's "Wandering Heart" series.*

*Worship begins with the first note of the prelude – may we silence our voices and open our hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.*

Prelude

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

Rick Founds  
arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Elder John Robinson

- L: When the wind is strong and the waves are high, we remember the words of Jesus:
- P: **Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.**
- L: When our dreams come to nothing, and we wonder what lies ahead, we remember the words of Jesus:
- P: **Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.**
- L: When those we love disappoint us, or hurt us deeply, we remember the words of Jesus:
- P: **Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.**
- L: When we've lost all hope, and don't know where to turn, we remember the words of Jesus:
- P: **Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.**
- L: Christ is here. God never stops seeking us. We have been found.
- P: **Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.**

\*Hymn 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*\*Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

**\*Call to Confession**

In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Sometimes, we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps showing up when we least expect it. Join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us. Let us pray.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack-jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

**\*Kyrie Eleison (Hymn 578)**

*Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son; Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son; Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son; Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.  
Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Chri-ste e-le-i-son.*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy. And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend. Church family, hear and believe this good news: You can make a thousand bad impressions. You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

**\*Congregational Response (Hymn 215, v.1)**

*What Wondrous Love Is This?  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

First Scripture Reading (OT, p.502)

Psalm 25:1-10

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

*For God So Loved*  
Byron Mikesell, vocal

Stuart Dauermann

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.62)

Luke 5:1-11

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Wandering Heart: Jesus Sought Me”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

\*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in a God of abundance — a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope. I believe in a God who comforts — a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in life’s deep waters. I believe in a God who invites — a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.” I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently — a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name. In you, O God I trust.**

\*Hymn 432

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*We Shall See His Lovely Face*  
Byron Mikesell, trumpet

Norman Clayton  
arr. Bob Krogstad

\*Lenten Doxology (Hymn 223, v.4)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine;  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

We give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

Prayers of the People/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

\*Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

Postlude

*Festive Postlude*

Paul Fey

## CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Monday, March 10**

10 a.m. — Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study

12:05 p.m. — Children's Church; Sanctuary

1 p.m. — Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

### **Tuesday, March 11**

6 p.m. — A.A. Big Book Study; Reception Room

6:30 p.m. — "Christian Doctrine" Winter Book Study; Blue Room

6:30 p.m. — PW Coordinating Team Meeting; Green Room

### **Wednesday, March 12**

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Fellowship Hall

Noon — Preschool Staff Meeting; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

7 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

7 p.m. — Mission Outreach Ministry Meeting; Blue Room

### **Thursday, March 13**

10 a.m. — Dorcas Circle Meeting; Fellowship Hall

4:30 p.m. — Preschool Movie Night; Fellowship Hall

### **Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15**

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby; Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 16**

8:30 a.m. — ARISE Family Service; Sanctuary

9 a.m. — Exegesis Adult Sunday School Class; Blue Room

9 a.m. — Men's Bible Study; Green Room

9:45 a.m. — Choir Practice; Music Room

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service; Sanctuary

11:45 — Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary



## IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **Pastor Don Potter will be away through Friday, March 14.** During this time, please call the office if you require visitation or pastoral care.
- The Preschool has **two upcoming opportunities to help us raise funds for needed updates and repairs to the Kathy Kuhn Education Wing.** Please contact Preschool Director Dana Tarnoci at (717) 761-6003 or dtarnoci@thechpc.com for more info.
- The **2025 per capita, payable to the Presbytery, is \$34 per member.** Per capita supports the governance of the church, including the General Assembly, synods, and presbyteries; funds the work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency; supports the work of pastors and elders; helps churches call pastors; and more. **Please help CHPC pay this annual expense of approximately \$10,000 by contributing the appropriate per capita amount for your family size.**
- **CHPC Children's Church**, in conjunction with the Preschool, is being held **every Monday at 12:05 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** All are invited to join us for a kid-friendly participatory service. This informal setting will feature Bible stories, crafts, and songs lead by Pastor Nancy. This is not a drop-off event, but one that we hope adults will enjoy with their children. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are all welcome!
- **Quilters and Crafters for Mission meet every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Quilters and Crafters Room** off Fellowship Hall. Work is done on a variety of projects such as quilting, knitting, crocheting, and crafting. New members are always welcome.
- **The Harrisburg Food Pantry is in need of personal care items, including toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant.** HFP is able to obtain food for the pantry with funding, but can't use those dollars for toiletries. Please leave these items in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.
- As a Community Aid partner, we receive checks reflecting the amount of donations made to our two bins (located in the parking lot). **Those funds are used to support CHPC Preschool scholarships for families in need.** Please drop clothing items you are donating in the bins; if you have household items, please take them to the Community Aid store/donation center and tell them our **Partner Number is 10220.**
- While our Noonday Organ Recitals and MAD Series are on hiatus, **we welcome your suggestions for musicians and artists who may be featured in our lovely sanctuary.** Please contact Abby Tierney with any suggestions you would like to share.

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME & INCLUSION

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

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