



Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m.

Lent 2023: Water in the Wilderness

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. — Psalm 63:1



The Judean Desert

*Hymn 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*Prayer of Approach

Hope is the inheritance you gift to us, God our trust, so we might discover that when we are tempted we may call out to you for help; that even when we stumble during our journey, we are carried in your hands. Grace is the inheritance you share with us, Jesus, Brother of strangers, not that we might hoard it for ourselves and loved ones only, but we would be willing to be generous to all we meet, making no distinction when it comes to our sisters and brothers. Peace is the inheritance we receive from you, Spirit of salvation, not that we might settle in and claim it only for a special few, but that we might turn it into that place of refuge for all, where mercy and hope flow into each person's life. All that we have is an inheritance from you, God in Community, Holy in One, blessings to receive and share with all; through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Reading (OT, p. 527)

Psalm 63

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

It Is Well With My Soul
The Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

Second Reading (NT, p. 3)

Matthew 4:1-11

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Test the Waters"

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

*Hymn 783

When We Are Tested

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

On My Heart Imprint Your Image
Janice Mills, guest organist

Paul Kickstat

*Doxology (Tune: “Old Hundredth”)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

From a laptop and a daycare center, from retirement and teaching, from courtroom and nursing, from all the places where we derive a living, we offer you our gifts, God of grace, so they might become part of all the fruits of hope and healing, of peace and patience, which you give to others throughout the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles

L: Today is the first Sunday in the Season of Lent. This season offers us the opportunity to be more reflective as we journey together with Jesus through the wilderness and beyond.

P: **As followers of Jesus, we have all experienced times of testing and temptation — times we have felt that we were travelling in the wilderness.**

L: As people of faith, we confess that in the face of difficult decisions we are sometimes drawn to easy answers and actions that do not demand much of us.

P: **As we extinguish the first Lenten candle, we recall the ways in which we struggle to embody our faith in the actions of our lives.**

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle.)

L: As we watch the smoke rise, we remember that God’s spirit is with us in mysterious and tangible ways. We are reminded that God comforts, encourages, and supports us as we face the challenges of following the Way of Jesus.

P: **May the blessing of our God, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit be upon us.**

Postlude

Deo Gracias
Janice Mills, guest organist

John Dunstable

THIS WEEK AT CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, Feb. 27

- 10 a.m. — Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
- 1 p.m. — Quilters and Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room
- 7 p.m. — Session Meeting; Blue Room

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- 6 p.m. — Lenten Soup & Study; Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m. — West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Reception Room

Wednesday, March 1

- 9:30 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Green Room
- 11:45 a.m. — Noonday Organ Recital Luncheon; Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 p.m. — Noonday Organ Recital; Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. — Pickleball; Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room
- 7 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

Saturday, March 4

- 2 p.m. — Harrisburg Choral Society Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5

- 9 a.m. — Lenten Study; Blue Room
- 9 a.m. — Exegesis Bible Study; Green Room
- 9:45 a.m. — Choir Warmup; Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. — Worship Service; Sanctuary and via Livestream
- 10:45 a.m. — Kirk Kids (following Children's Message); Little Kirk
- 11:30 a.m. — Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall
- 3 p.m. — Harrisburg Choral Society Concert; Sanctuary

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Pastor Nancy is leading a discussion on “Becoming More Compassionate in the Desert” for **the Sunday Morning Lenten Study, which will be held at 9 a.m. on Sundays through March 26 in the Blue Room and via Zoom.** All are invited! (The Men’s Sunday School class that meets in Room 14 will join this study group for the Lenten Season.)
- Join us at **6 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 4 for a Lenten study of Season 1 of “The Chosen.”** We’ll enjoy a soup supper together, watch an episode, then discuss the episode and review related Scripture passages. Please RSVP to Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com or sign up in the Gathering Place.
- Our next **Noonday Organ Recital is set for 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, in the Sanctuary.** Our featured organist is Chris Prestia, cantor (organist and director of music) at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Lancaster and the founder of the Columbia (Pa.) School of Music. **A light luncheon precedes the concert at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.**
- **Registration for the MATE mission trip begins Wednesday, March 1.** Brochures and registration forms will be available at the church, on the CHPC website, or by contacting Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com.
- “Let Music Live” is the theme of **the Harrisburg Choral Society’s Lenten concert, which will be held at 3 p.m. in our Sanctuary.** Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Visit the group’s website, www.harrisburgchoralsociety.org, for more info.
- Come join the fun! **Play pickleball from 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall.** Contact Monica Zazworsky at membership@thechpc.com for more information.
- Pastor Nancy leads **Prayer Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the either the Blue or Green Room.** All are invited to join.
- Treasurer David Watts reminds members to **please bring contributions up to date** so that we can reduce a deficit we currently are experiencing. Contact David at dwatts@mcneeslaw.com (717) 503-6518 with questions or concerns.

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