



CAMP HILL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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 Peggy Heiss, Linda Kelley, Sandy McBride, and Rick Woodard.*

Val Ahnell has presented this morning's flowers in loving memory of her mother, Jean Romeii.

The new baby rose on the small communion table is in honor of Olivia Grace Grebb, daughter of Jon and Samantha Grebb, who was born February 12.

The cover art, "Lift Off" by Nicolette Peñaranda, 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

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded - Passion Chorale

Kellen Mikesell, violin

arr. by Evelyn Larter

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Elder Carol Helsel

L: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

P: **The courageous and the fearful,**

L: The hungry and the hopeful,

P: **The impatient and the reserved.**

L: God welcomes the young and the old,

P: **The poets and the prophets,**

L: The faithful and the tired,

P: **The curious and the convicted.**

L: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

P: **There is room for all to gather here.**

L: This is God's house.

P: **Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

*Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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

***Call to Confession**

In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ. Friends, I think the Prayer of Confession is one way that we do the same. In the Prayer of Confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God. So friends, let's be like Peter. Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling. Join me in prayer.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts 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**

Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. So, hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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.501)

Psalm 22:23-31

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Kellen Mikesell, vocal

Dan Cutchen

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.16)

Matthew 14:22-33

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Wandering Heart: Rescue Me From Danger”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage. I believe in a God who invites me to be brave. I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey. I believe in a God who knows my name. I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.

*Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Out of the Depths
The Chancel Choir

John Ferguson

*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

God of the Cross, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice, and service in the world. 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 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

Postlude

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Kellen Mikesell, piano

Daniel Towner
arr. Don Phillips

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 17

Preschool Closed

9 a.m. — Preschool Ceiling Tile Painting Fundraiser; Fellowship Hall

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

7 p.m. — Congregational Care Team Meeting; Blue Room

7 p.m. — Pax Christi Meeting; Reception Room

Tuesday, March 18

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

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

7 p.m. — Church Administration Ministry Meeting; via Zoom

Wednesday, March 19

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Fellowship Hall

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

6:30 p.m. — Communications Commission Meeting; Blue Room

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

Sunday, March 23

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

- Honor loved ones with a **dedication in the Easter bulletin**. Purchase an Easter lily or make a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing. An order form is enclosed in today's bulletin. **Flower orders are due Wednesday, April 2; OGHS dedications are due Friday, April 11.**
- Support Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties with a purchase of Mother's Day flowers. This year, **DVSCP is selling 6-inch pots of mixed annual blooming flowers** adorned with a bow and butterfly. **Orders are due by Friday, April 4;** a signup sheet is in the Gathering Place. The cost is \$16 per pot, and flowers will be delivered to CHPC on Thursday, May 8. See Bobbie Kitzmiller or call the church office for more information.
- The Preschool has **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.
- **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**.

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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