



CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 or mental ability, level of education, class, or 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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 13, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

*The flowers are given by Bobbie Kitzmiller in memory of her son, Randy Robertson, and
her two stepsons, Rick and Bob Kitzmiller.*

*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

God's Garden

R. Wilson

Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

P: Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One. Amen.

*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

*Prayer of Approach

God of life, who bears changes within our souls like the flowing of the tides, we ask your great and gracious presence be with us. We, your children, call upon you and ask that you hear us. We, who have known hurt and healing, the agony of losses, and the sheer pleasure of reunion and celebration, ask you to celebrate with us now. Help us feel the steady rhythm of your presence from deep within us. Help us sense the gathering of your Body all around us. Share your life with us, for we need you, and we know how different life can be when your Spirit fills us with your powerful love. Amen.

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

*Congregational Response 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

First Scripture Reading (OT, p. 572)

Psalm 126

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 198)

Philippians 3:4b-14

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Summer Splash: Our Crowning Joy”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 177

I Will Come to You

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

The Gift of Love
Judy Griesemer, soloist

Hal Hopson

*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

Almighty God, out of your abundance and great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering as tokens of our gratitude. With it, we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Please use these, our gifts, to the coming of your kingdom; in the name of Jesus 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

Benediction Response

A Clare Benediction
Judy Griesemer, soloist

John Rutter

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- The Church World Service refugee family we are working with will soon welcome a baby! The women of Dorcas Circle invite everyone to **join in showering the family with baby things**. Lists of needed items are available in the Gathering Place.
- **The Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. EFP also needs empty egg cartons**, as the food pantry is getting eggs by the crate and needs to break them down into dozens. Please leave items in the EFP box in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.
- This is the last week to make donations to CHPC's Backpack and School Supplies project. **BASS benefits Steelton-Highspire School District students whose families are struggling** with meeting basic needs and don't have the resources to provide adequate school supplies. Copies of the list are available in the Gathering Place. Please place donations in the BASS bin in the Gathering Place. Monetary donations (made out to CHPC with "BASS" in the check memo line) also are great for purchasing any extra needs. Next Sunday, Aug. 20, there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks, which will then be distributed the following week.
- Chancel Choir returns to the loft Sunday, Sept. 10, while the Handbell Choir prepares for playing in the following weeks. **Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 6 (handbells at 6 p.m. and choir at 7 p.m.)**, with members taking up the leadership yoke until a new music director is found. Perhaps you should assist in providing meaningful worship services by joining us if your talents include caroling, humming a tune, banging pots and pans, or tapping a foot to music. Few have professional training and there are no embarrassing tryouts. Have questions? Contact Dolores Peffley at (717) 766-7554 or Diane Rutzler at (717) 254-6253.
- **Our Fall Book Study, "Spiritual Sustenance for Our Prophetic Call," features the book "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman.** As part of our Thriving Together grant, these books are available at no cost to those interested in participating in the book study, which **begins Sunday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** (Please note the change of date.) If there is sufficient interest for an alternative day and time, another class could be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Please call or email the office to obtain a book.
- For those who still use them, **boxes of offering envelopes are available** on the table outside the church office.
- **Prayer Fellowship resumes on Wednesday, Aug. 16.** All are welcome to join us then and every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Green Room or Blue Room (depending on availability).

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 14

Preschool Camp Crayon Week 1 Begins

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

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

7 p.m. — Staff Commission Meeting; Blue Room

Tuesday, August 15

6 p.m. — West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 16

9:30 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Green or Blue Room

Sunday, August 20

9:30 a.m. — Worship Service; Sanctuary

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