



Welcome!

Childcare is available from 10 a.m. to noon 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 Valerie Ahnell in loving memory of her mother, Jean Romei.

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

*I Wonder as I Wander*The CHPC Brass Choir

Appalachian Carol arr. Charlie Peterson

"I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die..."

Welcome

*Call to Worship ("The Way to Jerusalem" by Ann Weems, Presbyterian Poet Laureate)

Along the way the pilgrims heard

that a group of people

had set out for Jerusalem

without a map.

Since each of us owned

our own map

and read it daily

and even then

had difficulty knowing

which way to turn,

we were amazed

that they would set out

on their own...

amazed and alarmed.

Many a day we had

prayed and consulted

over choices

in the road.

*Those who are able are asked to please stand.

This news presented
 a greater dilemma:
Which of us would go
 in the rescue party?
Whoever went would
 most certainly
not get to Jerusalem
 on time.
Distraught,
 we prayed.

Then it was we realized that the ones who went in search of the lost would be the first to arrive in Jerusalem.

*Hymn 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*Litany of Confession

- L: Sometimes we stride through this life arrogantly,
- P: Believing that our achievements come exclusively via our own brilliance, our own perseverance.
- L: Sometimes we race through this life recklessly,
- P: Feeling that we must compete, and that we must finish first.
- L: Sometimes we tiptoe through this life fearfully,
- P: Worried that we will be shortchanged of what we need and of what we want.
- L: Sometimes we meander through this life inattentively,
- P: Unsuspecting that our words may harm or our actions may injure.
- L: Sometimes we slip through this life spitefully,
- P: Supposing that grudges should be kept and forgiveness should be withheld.
- L: Sometimes we wander through this life obliviously,
- P: Unaware that small and large miracles surround us.
- L: Sometimes we skulk through this life suspiciously,
- P: Thinking that trust is a misguided danger.
- L: Sometimes we barrel through this life heedlessly,
- P: Ignoring that there is goodness and beauty to be noticed.
- L: Sometimes we stomp through this life noisily,
- P: Forgetting that God just may be waiting to meet us in the silence.
- All: Forgive us, O God, for treading so gracelessly on this journey. Forgive us, but

then outfit us with generosity, purpose, wonder, humility, and courage for the next leg of this journey with you. Amen.

*Kyrie Eleison 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

God's promise throughout the law and prophets is made alive in us. God will L: always be our God, and we will always be God's people.

Let us be glad, for God remembers our sin no more. P:

*Congregational Response 215

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!

Scripture Reading (OT, p.735)

Ieremiah 31:31-34

This is the word of the Lord. L:

Thanks be to God! P:

Anthem

Beneath the Cross of Jesus The CHPC Brass Choir

Frederick C. Maker arr. Bob Walters

quintet by Charlie Peterson

Sermon

"God's Covenant Upon Our Hearts"

The Rev. Adrian White

*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

God and God Alone The Chancel Choir

Phil McHugh arr. Tom Fettke

Bill Stout and Kellen Mikesell. soloists

*Lenten Doxology (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

Giving God, we give you thanks and praise for all your gifts to us. We know that you are the source of every good thing; light and love come from you. You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of your Holy Spirit. God, you have given us so much, and it is because we recognize those gifts that we now give to the work of the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

Prayer 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 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Our covenantal God has proven trustworthy throughout history, but at times we question and doubt — and even deny — God's presence in our lives. We forget our own history, and focus only on that moment, that period of time, when we experience God's absence. We worry and fret about what is happening and what will happen next; we forget the lessons we have learned along the way. The light that has illumined our path grows darker.

(A candle is extinguished.)

L: Let us pray.

P: God of hope, help us to remember the promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. As we journey onward, may we trust what you have already written on our hearts, and await patiently for what is yet to be written. Amen.

Postlude

*Were You There*The Handbell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

^{*}Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

Today's guest pastor is the Rev. Adrian White, a writer, a Texan, and a lifelong Presbyterian. Adrian embraces a calling to share the good news of God's extravagant love and seeks to create sacred communities where all people can thrive. They earned their Master of Divinity degree at Vanderbilt Divinity School, and most recently served as supply pastor at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Adrian also is proud to serve on the national board of directors for More Light Presbyterians. They enjoy board games, crochet, and going for walks with their spouse, Wynn, and dog, Bex.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

10 a.m. — Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study 1 p.m. — Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

1 p.m. — Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Roon 5:30 p.m. — Mission Ministry Meeting; Blue Room

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Blue Room

Noon — Preschool Choir; Fellowship Hall

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

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

Palm Sunday, March 24

- 8:30 a.m. ARISE Worship Service; Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. Kirk Kids Sunday School Class; Little Kirk
- 9 a.m. Exegesis Adult Sunday School Class; Blue Room and via Zoom
- 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study; Green Room
- 9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Preschool Choir; Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Chicken Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Join us for "Courageous Conversations: Justice in Gender & Sexuality," with the Rev. Adrian White, tonight at 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Pastor White will present a history of the church's relationship with the LGBTQ+ community and introduce topics related to queer theology.
- Enjoy a luncheon with friends on Sunday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Baked and fried chicken with mashed potatoes, green beans, and drinks will be provided. Please bring other sides and/or desserts to share. See you there!
- Pax Christi will hold its annual **Walking the Way of the Cross event on Good Friday, April 7, at 9:45 a.m.** Those participating should **gather at the Dauphin County Courthouse**, Front and Market streets in Harrisburg. For more info, contact Rick Woodard at (717) 991-4204.
- Major glycol leaks from our aging HVAC system have damaged numerous toys and furnishings in Room 10 of the CHPC Preschool. Please consider helping our preschool replace some of these items by visiting its Amazon wishlist at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27X6R8CNJNWWJ?ref_=wl_share (a clickable link is in this week's "CHPConnections") and making a purchase.
- Registration for our annual trip to Mission at the Eastward (MATE) is now open! The mission trip will be held Saturday, July 20, through Saturday, July 27, to work with the MATE Housing Ministry in Farmington, Maine. Join us for a fantastic week of faith, service, friendship, and fun! Registration forms, available in the Gathering Place, are due by Tuesday, April 30. For more info, contact Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com or (717) 576-1513.

HOLY WEEK 2024 SCHEDULE

MARCH 28

■ Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

MARCH 29

■ Joint Good Friday Service, 6 p.m., Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 2339 N. Sixth St., Harrisburg

(Those interested in carpooling should meet in the CHPC parking lot at 5:15 p.m.)

MARCH 31

- Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., Peace Garden
- Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast, 9 a.m., Peace Garden and Fellowship Hall
 - Easter Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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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