



Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in 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



Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 8:45 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 arranged by Dolores Peffley, chair of the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry, are in place this Third Sunday in Lent to remind us of the words of Psalm 95, "O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

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

A Lenten Prayer
Janice Mills, guest organist

Roland Diggle

Welcome

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 77)

L: When the waters saw you, O God,

P: When the waters saw you, they were afraid;

L: The very deep trembled. The clouds poured out water;

P: The skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

L: The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;

P: Your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

L: Your way was through the sea; your path, through the mighty waters;

P: Yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. We praise you for your mighty, wondrous deeds!

L: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*Call to Confession

As it is written, “We are the temple of the living God, as God said, ‘I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, separate yourselves, touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your God and you shall be my children.’” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and of spirit, making holiness perfect before God and one another, first in silence and then with one voice using our common prayer of confession. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news — through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

Children’s Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(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 (NT, p. 230)

James 1:17-27

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading (NT, p. 42)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Cleansing Waters”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 429

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless
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

God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. Our reading and heeding of your Word reconnect us to worship that springs from a heart full of gratitude. Use these gifts as part of our praise, and use them in mission in this world so that even those who feel lost and unloved will know they have a God who loves each of them dearly. With praise and thanksgiving, we lift these prayers! 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 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles

L: The stories told by and about Jesus help us learn and grow together in our understanding of what it means to be a Christian community in our time and place.

P: We are called to extend our respect and hospitality to those we meet on our journey of life and faith.

L: As we extinguish the third Lenten candle, we acknowledge that we have not always been open and accepting of people whose customs and values are different than our own.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle.)

P: As we watch the smoke rise, we give thanks that God forgives and encourages us to strive to live in right relationship with people of all cultures and faith traditions.

Postlude

Toccata in A Minor
Janice Mills, guest organist

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

THIS WEEK AT CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, March 13

10 a.m. – Staff Meeting, Pastor’s Office

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

Tuesday, March 14

9:45 a.m. – Preschool Librarian Story Time; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – Lenten Soup & Study; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Reception Room

Wednesday, March 15

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Fellowship; Green Room

Noon – Preschool Staff Meeting; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – Pickleball; Fellowship Hall

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

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

Saturday, March 18

9 a.m. – Tot Spot; Bike Room

Sunday, March 19

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

11:45 a.m. – Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Noon – Inquirers’ Brunch; Fellowship Hall

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

■ What does it mean to be Christian today? What even is a “Presbyterian,” anyway? What goes on in the church on the other six days of the week? And just how can I get involved in ministries at CHPC? Bring yourself and your questions for conversation to our **Inquirers’ Brunch after worship at noon on Sunday, March 19, in the Fellowship Hall.** Pastors Nancy and Stu and church elders will answer questions and present on our particular Christian calling at CHPC, along with real ways to get involved. Those interested in becoming members of the church are especially invited, while existing members are more than welcome to come learn about exciting changes in the life of the congregation. Email Pastor Stuart at sseelman@thechpc.com to RSVP to learn more.

■ Pastor Nancy is leading a discussion on “Becoming More Compassionate in the Desert” for **the Sunday Morning Lenten Study, which is being 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.

■ **Registration for the MATE mission trip has begun!** Brochures and registration forms are available outside the church office, on the CHPC website, or by contacting Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com.

■ There are **weeks available in April and May for anyone interested in providing the chancel flowers.** Please contact Dolores Peffley at dwpeffley@gmail.com or (717) 766-7554 for more information.

■ Support **Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties with a purchase of fresh-cut Mother’s Day bouquets.** Orders are due by **Friday, March 31**; a signup sheet is in the Gathering Place. The cost is \$14 per bouquet, and flowers will be delivered to CHPC on Thursday, May 11. See Bobbie Kitzmiller for more information.

■ 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.

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