



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.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 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).

*Joann Fissel has presented the flowers in memory of daughter Cindy René
passing 60 years ago today.*

*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

Pastorale on "Forest Green"
Janice Mills, Guest Organist

Richard I. Purvis

Welcome

*Call to Worship

- L: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!
- P: **The winds of the Spirit have given us breath, and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.**
- L: Come here in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.
- P: **We open our lives to the presence of God, and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and joy.**
- L: Let us worship God in spirit and truth!

*Hymn 175

Seek Ye First

*Prayer of Approach (from Isaiah 40:31)

**Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of holiness, be in our midst with your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience, because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. In our moments of victory and joy, you do lift us up on wings of flight. In our days of routine and duty, you enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In our hours of pain and fear, and our times of trial, and our nights of grief and death, you help us walk, hand-held and step-steady, so that we do not faint. You are our God, and we are your people.
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 (New Living Translation)

Psalm 34:1-14

I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles. For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing. Come, my children, and listen to me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord. Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous? Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 197)

Philippians 2:12-18

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Summer Splash: Radiant Joy"

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Moment for Stewardship: MATE Report

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
Janice Mills, guest organist

J.H. Buttstedt

*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

Accept, O Lord, the offering we seek to make, of ourselves and our money, and grant that we may ever work and pray to build a world of peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Benediction

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D Major
Janice Mills, guest organist

C.S. Lang

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **Pastor Nancy Conklin will be away Monday, July 24, through Wednesday, Aug. 9.** For pastoral concerns during this time period, please contact Pastor Stuart Seelman or Pastor Don Potter.
- Please join us **after the service today in Fellowship Hall as we wish farewell to Janice Mills**, who has led our choirs and played organ during this period of transition. Thank you, Janice, for sharing your talents!
- The Board of Deacons is once again sponsoring 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. In consultation with a teacher, principal, and social worker, our BASS list has been compiled of the most appreciated items. 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. **Consider helping CHPC to witness to our local community by supporting children, youth, and school personnel, recognizing these challenging times, and sharing the value we place on education and educators.**
- **Our Fall Book Study, "Spiritual Sustenance for Our Prophetic Call," features the book "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman.** "What does Jesus offer to a people who live with their backs against the wall?" This is the question with which Thurman began his landmark work from 1949. The book became an intellectual pillar for the burgeoning Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s, and Thurman served as a spiritual mentor to civil rights leaders in the mid-century Black freedom struggle.
As part of our Thriving Together grant, these books are available at no cost to those interested in participating in book study, which **begins Sunday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** (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.
- Just a reminder ... CHPC's new fiscal year started July 1. **If you've not yet returned your Estimate of Giving Card, please do so ASAP.** You may mail in your card, place it in the offering plate, or simply send an email to the church office (aebeling@thechpc.com) to indicate your pledge amount. Additional pledge cards are available in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!
- **Prayer Fellowship will be on hiatus until Wednesday, Aug. 16.** All are welcome to join us then and every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Green Room.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 24

Preschool Closed for Week

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

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

5:30 p.m. — Camp Hill Borough StormFest; Parking Lot

Sunday, July 30

8 a.m. — Men's Bible Study; Room 14

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

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