



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.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

*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).

Carol Staz has provided this morning's flowers in loving memory of her husband, Robert, and in honor of the two Presbyterian churches that meant so much to their families. Robert's father, John Sr., served Camp Hill Presbyterian for more than 25 years as Sunday School Superintendent. Her parents, Avanelle and Robert Burns, served the Plain Grove Presbyterian Church in many ways for many years.

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

Pastoral on "Manoah"
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Robert Hughes

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

P: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

L: Here, you will find nourishment and hope.

P: May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

L: Here, you will find rest from your struggles.

P: Our hearts are prepared to receive God's Word, that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be God's people.

L: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

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

*Prayer of Approach

Lord, from the mountaintop in ancient Israel, you gave your people ways in which to live in harmony with all creation. As time has progressed, the power of those words seems to have faded in our lives, and we often succumb to base temptations of power and greed. Bring us back to your words of compassion and hope, offered to all creation by your Son, Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your love and your direction in our lives. Amen.

*Congregational Response 695 *Change My Heart, O God*

*Passing of the Peace

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

P: **And also with you.**

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 Scripture Reading (OT, p.634)

Isaiah 5:1-7

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing?
The Chancel Choir

John Barnard

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.24)

Matthew 21:33-46

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Worship
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

G.H. Richolson

*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

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail, and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. 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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Benediction

Postlude

Majesty
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Jack Hanford

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- CHPC's **Blessing of the Animals** will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in the Peace Garden.
- The church office and the preschool will be closed Monday, Oct. 9, for Indigenous Peoples Day.
- **Dorcas Circle** will meet Thursday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend this time of Bible study and fellowship.
- The Rev. Don Potter will be out of town **through Friday, Oct. 13**. During this time, please contact the office for any visitation or pastoral needs.
- **We need your help!** Please consider sharing some of your time and talents as a Kirk Kids teacher, Church World Service volunteer, fellowship host, worship service welcomer, handbell ringer, or choir member. Please contact the office at (717) 737-0488 for information on signing up.
- We are once again supporting Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties' Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. These fresh, long-lasting 22-inch wreaths are \$35. **Orders are due by Thursday, Oct. 26, and wreaths will be delivered Friday, Nov. 17.** Please sign up in the Gathering Place; make checks to "DVSCP" and turn them into the office or place them in the offering plate. For more info, reach out to Bobbie Kitzmiller.
- **The Harrisburg Area Food Pantry (formerly Ecumenical Food Pantry) is in need of toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant. HAFP also needs empty egg cartons,** as it is getting eggs by the crate and needs to break them down into dozens. Please leave these items, as well as non-perishable food items, in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.
- **PW collects new and gently used blankets year-round for the Downtown Daily Bread Emergency Shelter.** Please put your donations in the designated boxes in the Donation Station area of the Gathering Place.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 9

Office and Preschool Closed

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

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

Tuesday, October 10

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

7 p.m. — Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, October 11

10 a.m. — Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

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

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

Thursday, October 12

10 a.m. — Dorcas Circle Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 14

9:30 a.m. — PW Second Saturday Breakfast; Silver Spring Diner

3 p.m. — Silvis/Cook Wedding

Sunday, October 15

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; Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. — Kirk Kids Class; Little Kirk

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

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