



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.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 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 chancel flowers are given this morning in loving memory of Duane Heidecker by
wife, Ida May, and family.*

*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

Where'er You Walk
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

G.F. Handel

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Paul the Apostle commends to us whatever is true, honorable, and just.

P: Let us hear these words that we might be challenged.

L: Paul also offers us whatever is pure and lovely and gracious.

P: Let us seek these ways that we might be blessed.

L: We are to set before ourselves whatever is excellent and worthy of praise.

P: Let us think about these deeds in our time of worship together.

L: And the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep our hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus.

*Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, who has the power to create the whirlwind and the wisdom to speak to us in the still small voice, we ask that you bring your love to us today. We are in need of the strength of your Spirit. We live in the hope of your call. We depend on your presence to live the life you desire for us. Be with us now that our worship might glorify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, we pray. 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. 571)

Psalm 122

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 198)

Philippians 4:1-9

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Summer Splash: Our Cause for Rejoicing”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House

Moment for Stewardship: Dedication of Our B.A.S.S. Gifts

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Roger Wilson

Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

*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

Spirit of God, move among us and free us to love and serve you and all people. Refresh our spirits, that we may not be weary in seeking your ways. Whisper to us in a still small voice; show us what you would have us do for you. Guide us to others with whom we may share the labors of peace and justice; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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 765

May the God of Hope Go With Us

*Benediction

Postlude

American Hymn
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

J. Mansfield

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **The Fall Book Study is changing meeting times!** In order to meet the needs of those interested in participating in the Fall Book Study of “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman, we’ll be holding two sessions. We no longer will be meeting on Sunday mornings. Instead the studies will be held on **Wednesday mornings, beginning Sept. 13, at 9:30 a.m., and Tuesday evenings, beginning Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.** Both groups will meet in the Blue Room, and a Zoom option will be available. Don’t forget to attend **the study kickoff on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Midtown Cinema, when the film “Bucks Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story” will be shown** for our group. An introductory conversation to the study will follow. The time for the movie will be confirmed next week. Please call or email the office to obtain **a free book for the study.**
- 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.
- There will be **a Kirk Families Back-to-School Barbecue at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25,** at the Harner family’s house. All families with preschool- and elementary-aged children are welcome. Please contact Pastor Stuart at sseelman@thechpc.com for more info and to RSVP.
- **Rally Day** is almost here! The **worship service time changes to 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school classes resume on Sunday, Sept. 10.** To celebrate, **there will be an old-fashioned fried chicken luncheon after worship in Fellowship Hall.** Please sides and/or desserts to share; chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided.
- 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.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 21

Preschool Camp Crayon Week 2 Begins

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

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

7 p.m. — Church Administration Ministry Meeting; Pastor's Study

Wednesday, August 23

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

Friday, August 25

4 p.m. — Back-to-School Barbecue for Kirk Families; Harners' House

Sunday, August 27

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

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