



# 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.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 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 sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of  
Pastor Nancy Conklin's July 30 birthday by Don Potter and David Binkley.*

*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

*Finlandia, Song of Peace*  
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

J. Sibelius

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

L: God sent the Son into the world,

P: **Not to be its judge, but to be its Savior.**

L: God is love,

P: **And those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

P: **God's love endures forever.**

\*Hymn 410

*God Is Calling Through the Whisper*

\*Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

Why do we confess our sins? Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
In that knowledge, we trust the mercy of God and offer our confession.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, the economy of your love is wondrous, expending goodness and  
extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy  
and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields**

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

gain. We advance blessings we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Hear the prayers of our hearts in silence.

(Silence for personal confession.)

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ our redeemer and savior, God offers steadfast love to save us from guilt and sin.

P: **What was dead is brought to new life; our brokenness is healed and we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*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.*

\*Passing of the Peace

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

P: **And also with you.**

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:1–11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 6: 27-38

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Making the Impossible, Possible”

The Rev. Donald Potter

\*Hymn 753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*In Summer*

C. Simone

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

Merciful and loving God, you have blessed us with so much—more than we even need. You provide for us in all the ups and downs of life, when the sun shines as well as when the torrents of rain descend. Open our hands and hearts to continually give for the advancement of your kingdom. And through our faithfulness help draw others to discipleship in Christ. This we pray in his name. 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 754

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*True Hearted, Whole Hearted*  
Diane Rutzler, guest organist

J. Lorenz

### Prayer List for July 30

**Prayers for healing:** Doris Bair; Lee Burns; Sarah Davies; Pam Gale; Arlene Heintzelman; Carol Jamieson; Dawn Jenkins; Barb Kepner; Natalie King; Brenda Lysle; Don Lysle; Sally Matter; Barb McGeary; Sherry Stout; Pam Thompson; Jenna Zimmerman

**Prayers for those grieving:** The Forbes family on the passing of George Forbes; Jim Long and family on the passing of Hazel Long

**Prayers for support:** Becca and Josh Sholly and grandmother Cathy Snavelly as they welcome baby Adelaide Jeanne to their family

**Prayers for the world:** All those suffering due to war, mass shootings, violence, natural disasters, disease, homelessness, and poverty

*Names will remain on the Prayer List for four weeks. If you wish for a name to remain after that, please contact the church office or a pastor.*

## IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **Pastor Nancy Conklin will be away through Wednesday, Aug. 9.** For pastoral concerns during this time period, please contact Pastor Stuart Seelman or Pastor Don Potter.
- 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.
- For those who still use them, **boxes of offering envelopes are available** on the table outside the church office.
- **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.
- Pax Christi's **"Candles on the Water" will be held Sunday, Aug. 6, at 6:45 p.m. at Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Second St., Harrisburg.** This event remembers the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and says "Never Again" to the use of nuclear weapons. The program will consist of prayer, song, a presentation by Dr. John Reuwer, and an opportunity to take action against nuclear weapons. At 8 p.m., participants walk to Riverfront Park in silence for a prayer/ritual at the river before launching lantern boats at sunset. For more information, contact Ann Marie Judson at (717) 439-6896 or see Rick Woodard or Bobbie Kitzmiller.

## CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Monday, July 31**

10:30 a.m. — Presbtery Pastoral Support Group; Fellowship Hall

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

### **Tuesday, Aug. 1**

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

6:30 p.m. — PW Coordinating Team Meeting; Blue Room

### **Wednesday, Aug. 2**

9:30 p.m. — Preschool Playgroups; Kuhn Education Wing

### **Sunday, Aug. 6**

8 a.m. — Men's Bible Study; Room 14

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

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