



CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

*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).

This morning's flowers are from Carol Staz, in memory of her father.

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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Virginia Halberg

Welcome

*Call to Worship (“Walking Rainbows” by Ann Weems, Presbyterian Poet Laureate)

A rainbow is not just a symphony of colors
sent to calm the storm in our souls;
it is a talk with God,
a mysterious, miraculous conversation with God,
heart to heart,
the very heart of God saying to our hearts:
“I remember I am your God.
Be my walking rainbows,
so that the whole world
will know to whom you belong,
for I am the God who keeps promises,
and I have not forgotten our covenant.”

This is the hope of the church:
that God keeps promises.

The mission of the church is to
walk among the suffering and give,
for we are covenant keepers,
walking rainbows,
bringing the hope of the good news to the poor.

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

*Call to Confession

Sisters and Brothers, in our daily lives we need the gift of the season of Lent. These 40 days can help us restore right relationships with God and with others. This is a fine time to focus, clear our hearts and minds of distractions, and reorient and restore our whole selves. May God be with us. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession/Silent Prayers

As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see and know your signs, and hear your voice again, directing us to the places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you, God, for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off our distractions, obsessions, and self-pity, so that we don't feel helpless. Reorient our heads and hearts, so we may be filled with life-affirming activities and thoughts, and live in right relationship with you and with all your creation. Hear now our silent personal prayers of confession.

*Kyrie Eleison 578

*Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son; Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son; Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son; Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Chri-ste e-le-i-son; Chri-ste e-le-i-son.*

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Observe, find comfort, and offer with courage to restore and build relationships among God's people. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope. Amen.

*Congregational Response 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This
What wondrous love is this, o my soul, o my soul,
What wondrous love is this, o my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

Scripture Reading (OT, p.5)

Genesis 6-9, selected readings

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

God's Promises
The Chancel Choir

arr. Dave Schmidt

Sermon

“A Flood of Promises: God’s Covenant With Noah”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Hymn 223 (v.1-3)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Moment for Stewardship

John Groff

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days
The Chancel Choir

C.F. Hernaman

*Lenten Doxology (v.4, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*)

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

*Prayer of Dedication

God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and our gifts to be bounty and blessings to you, our church, and the world. 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 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

The Lenten candles have been lit, but over the next six weeks the light will slowly fade into darkness. For we are retelling the story of Jesus’ betrayal and suffering and death. We do this not to be morbid, but because in the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection,

God is revealed – in the amazing transformation of death into life, in endings transformed into beginnings, and in dead-ends that become a source for new possibilities.

This is the sacred center of our faith – the truth made manifest in Jesus Christ – that God is in each and every one of us, quietly transforming us and the world. In his pain and suffering, Jesus speaks to every pain and loss you have endured and offers you the promise of transformation. It's an old story, but it still has the power to reveal, to heal, and to redeem. Jesus is at the heart of our faith, in the depth of our souls. He is waiting for us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and follow along with him on the journey that brought him to the Cross. As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injustice in the world.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray.

All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence, and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

Postlude

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Edward Mote

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 19

Office and Preschool Closed

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

7 p.m. — Board of Deacons Meeting; Blue Room

7 p.m. — Pax Christi Meeting; Reception Room

Tuesday, February 20

9:45 a.m. — Preschool Library Storytime; Fellowship Hall

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

7 p.m. — “Creation Care” Lenten Study; Blue Room

Wednesday, February 21

10 a.m. — “Creation Care” Lenten Study; Blue Room

Noon — Preschool Choir Rehearsal; Fellowship Hall

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

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

Sunday, February 25

8:30 a.m. — ARISE Worship Service; Sanctuary

9 a.m. — Kirk Kids Sunday School Class; Little Kirk

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

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Pastor Nancy will lead our **five-week Lenten study, "Creation Care,"** on **Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 20 at 7 p.m., and Wednesday mornings, beginning Feb. 21 at 10 a.m., in the Blue Room.** Join in via Zoom by using Meeting ID 983 4721 0383 (Passcode chpc) at <https://zoom.us/j/98347210383?pwd=Sll5N1k5Z1BYRDJjdzJoYjRNeXh0dz09>
- The **Popcorn Hat Players'** performance of "The Little Mermaid" will take place **Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.** All our Preschool students will be attending, and our CHPC family is invited to bring the young children in their lives to the show, too.
- CHPC and other area churches are participating in "**Courageous Conversations,**" a monthly education series that aims to get people talking about important topics related to our Christian faith and our commitment to living out Matthew 25. **CHPC will host the series on Sunday, March 17.** For more information, see one of the flyers hanging in the church.
- "**The Bible and Race,**" a Presbytery-wide Bible study, **is being held on Tuesdays through March 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.** Pastors from congregations throughout the Presbytery will lead each session. To participate, use the Zoom Meeting ID 825 0227 3234, Passcode 226366 at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduqqTgoGdAXsaVlAqz02WwJsOnXC6ng>.
- Pastor Stuart leads our new **ARISE** service on **Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** Our children's Sunday school class, **Kirk Kids, follows at 9 a.m. in the Little Kirk.**
- **The Harrisburg Area Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant.** 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.
- As a Community Aid partner, we receive checks reflecting the amount of donations made to our two bins (located in the parking lot). **Those funds are used to support CHPC Preschool scholarships for families in need.** Please drop clothing items you are donating in the bins; if you have household items, please take them to the Community Aid store/donation center and tell them our **Partner Number is 10220.**

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.

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