



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.

Christian Formation Sunday

September 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping 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).

John and Carol Groff have given this morning's flowers in honor of Phyllis Bollinger, who is moving to Allentown next week.

The rose on the small communion table is in honor of Randy and Pam Gale's newest grandson, Colin Christopher Gale.

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

He Folds and Guides Me
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

G. Martin

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Holy one,

P: As we gather this morning to worship you,

L: May we speak truth,

P: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

L: May we pray in faith,

P: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

L: May we sing with joy,

P: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

L: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

P: So that your words may give grace to us who hear.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 188

Jesus Loves Me!

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

*Call to Confession

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins and the sin of our world before God and one another, first in silence and then with one voice using our common prayer of confession. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all are fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek the ways of justice and peace, but we are satisfied with the way things are. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your shalom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news that, through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.**

Children's Message

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

First Scripture Reading (NIV)

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared. Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good. How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing
The Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.20)

Matthew 18:15-20

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Hymn 472

Kum ba Yah

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Andante Religioso
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

R. Shultz

*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

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and, finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 762

When the Poor Ones

*Benediction

Postlude

We Give Thee Thanks
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

M. Lawrence

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Today is Rally Day! To celebrate, there will be an **old-fashioned fried chicken luncheon after worship today in Fellowship Hall**. Please join us!
- It's not too late to sign up for the **Fall Book Study**. We'll be reading "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman, and there will be two sessions: **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. Please call Andrea in the office at (717) 737-0488 to obtain a free copy of the book. Week 1 will be an introduction, and we'll read and discuss individual chapters as the study progresses.
- Join us for the **Fall Book Study kickoff at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Midtown Cinema**, when the film "Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story" will be shown for our group. An introductory conversation to the study will follow. Please contact Pastor Nancy if you're interested in carpooling or need a ride.
- It's time for a **Women's Retreat!** There will be an **informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 24, immediately after worship on the window-side area of Fellowship Hall**. To assist in choosing a time and place, Pastor Nancy would find it helpful to have an initial conversation with anyone who might be interested in attending the retreat. Grab your coffee after worship and join us!
- Our choirs rehearse on **Wednesday evenings: the CHPC Handbell Choir meets at 6 p.m. and the Chancel Choir meets at 7 p.m.** Please consider joining — few in the groups 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.
- **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.
- **Quilters and Crafters for Mission meet every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Quilters and Crafters Room** off Fellowship Hall. Work is done on a variety of projects such as quilting, knitting, crocheting, and crafting. New members to the group are always welcome.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 11

First Day of School for Preschool

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

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

Tuesday, September 12

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

7 p.m. — Fall Book Study Kickoff Movie; Midtown Cinema

7 p.m. — Kirk Families Team Meeting; Blue Room and via Zoom

Wednesday, September 13

9:30 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, September 14

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

5 p.m. — Mission Outreach Team Meeting; Blue Room and via Zoom

Sunday, September 17

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

11:30 a.m. — Fellowship; Fellowship Hall

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