



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).

Greeting you today are Lisa Love and Rick Woodard.

Manning the audio/video booth and streaming the service are Bud Swartz, Jeff Heiss,

and Dale Meadowcroft.

Hosting fellowship is Ellen Hopkins.

The chancel flowers are given by Valerie Ahnell in loving memory of John Romei.

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

Praise Him! Praise Him!

arr. Janelle A. Clark

Welcome

- *Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)
- L: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said, "Let there be light."
- P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!
- L: Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said, "When you pass through the waters I will be with you."
- P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!
- L: When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened. The Spirit of God said, "You are my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."
- P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!
- L: May we who have been baptized in Jesus' name gather at the font of new life.

*Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

*Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through our communion with Christ, who came to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In all humility and faith, let us confess our sin 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

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves and separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promise of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*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.

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.672)

Isaiah 43:1-7

This is the word of the Lord. L:

Thanks be to God! P:

Anthem

The Prayers I Make The Chancel Choir

Jane M. Marshall

Matthew 3:13-17

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.3) This is the word of the Lord. L:

P: Thanks be to God!

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Sermon

^{*}Assurance of Forgiveness

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Sentences of Scripture

- L: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.
- P: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

Profession of Faith

- L: Do you trust in Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?
- P: I do.
- L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
- P: I will.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

- L: Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks for the crashing waters of creation,
- P: Calmed by your spirit soaring by.
- L: For the high waves of the Red Sea,
- P: A pathway from slavery to freedom.
- L: For the reedy banks of the River Jordan,
- P: Where for us Jesus was baptized, whom you claimed as your Son, the Beloved.
- L: For the Galilean Sea,
- P: Where Jesus called his disciples.
- L: For the well where a woman learned to thirst for living water,
- P: And to call Jesus "the Christ."
- L: For the water that rushed from Jesus' side on the cross.
- P: For the gentle waves on the beach where he appeared again.
- L: For the crystal sea where we shall praise you eternally.
- P: God, your faithfulness is ever-flowing, a river that never runs dry.

- L: Through the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection,
- P: You set us free from the chains of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.
- L: In baptism you give us your Holy Spirit,
- P: Our teacher and truth-teller, who unfolds in us a variety of gifts, that we might share your good news with all people and serve you as a royal priesthood.

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Holy Spirit, pour yourself out upon me and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May I who now pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. May I feel always the power of your grace. Bind me to the household of faith, guard me from all evil. Strengthen me to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new.

Charge

Welcome of New Members: Don Jackle (Barbara); Bruce & Nancy Nilson (William, Alden)

*Hymn 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Moment for Stewardship

John Zazworsky

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Chancel Choir (v. 1-2)

Seneca Mikesell, cello (interlude)

The Chancel Choir and the Congregation (v. 3)

O to grace how great a debt-or daily I'm con-strained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove

*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.

Seal it for thy courts a-bove!

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will, that we live as your people bringing Life and Light to all 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 314

Christ, Be Our Light

*Benediction

Postlude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Reprise
Seneca Mikesell, cello

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.

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Christian Churches United is co-hosting the fifth annual MLK Anti- Racism Event at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 2339 N. Sixth St., Harrisburg, at 3 p.m. today. A worship service will be followed by a panel discussion on "Building Beloved Community: A Theology of Doing." All are invited to gather, to worship, and to imagine ways to be active in loving our neighbors and combating racism.
- Due to HVAC repairs in the Kuhn Education Wing, all meetings scheduled for the Blue Room this week instead will be held in the window-side area of Fellowship Hall.
- "The Bible and Race," a Presbytery-wide Bible study, will be held on Tuesdays, Jan. 16 through March 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Pastors from congregations throughout the Presbytery will lead each session; Pastor Nancy will teach on Feb. 13. To participate, use the Zoom Meeting ID 825 0227 3234, Passcode 226366 at this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoduqqTgoGdAXsaVlAqz02WwJsOnXC6ng.
- Join us after worship next Sunday, Jan. 21, for lunch and the live performance art known as "Chalk Talk." Elva Hurst will share stories for all ages through the use of fluorescent chalk, music, and sound effects. Her program finishes with a light show that brings her artwork to life. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, Jan. 17, so that we can make sure we have plenty of food!
- Through Monday, Feb. 12, the Deacons will be collecting over-the-counter medicines and other needed items for the Christ Lutheran Church Free Medical Clinic in Harrisburg's Allison Hill neighborhood. Items can be placed in the boxes in the Gathering Place and outside the church office. See the insert in today's bulletin for a list of most-needed items.
- 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.

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 15

Office and Preschool Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

5:30 p.m. – Mission Team Meeting; Green Room

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

7 p.m. — Congregational Care Team Meeting; Green Room

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Fellowship Hall

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

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

Sunday, January 21

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

11:30 a.m. — Music, Art & Drama Luncheon and "Chalk Talk" Event; Fellowship Hall

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