



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.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping 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).

Alice and Dennis Lebo present today's flowers in honor of loved ones.

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

Autumn Song

Roy Norte

Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

Welcome

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 106)

Elder John Robinson

L: Both we and our ancestors have sinned. How can we remember our heritage?
How can we enjoy our prosperity?

P: **Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.**

L: We forget that God has done great things. We've built idols and images, fantasies and delusions.

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

L: God's chosen one stands in the breach for us.

P: **Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*Prayer of Approach

Lord, you are a refuge for the poor, a storehouse for the needy, and a shelter for the vulnerable. Yet, in our world we find a minefield of temptations, a famine of grace, and a tempest of suffering. Your word is a life-giving feast. Yet, we struggle to share it with those who are vulnerable and those who have been assailed. So this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit to receive it ever anew, that we might follow Jesus and speak your peace like we believe it is true. Amen.

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

*Congregational Response 695 *Change My Heart, O God*

*Passing of the Peace

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

P: **And also with you.**

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.652)

Isaiah 25:1-9

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.24)

Matthew 22:1-14

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

*Hymn 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Laud

E. Broughton

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

Lord God, you sent your Son to bring us fully to your reign. As we leave our offerings and our prayers at the banquet table, send us to welcome all to the feast you have prepared. 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 757

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

*Benediction

Postlude

More Than Anything
Diane Rutzler, Guest Organist

arr. D. Rutzler

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Our Congregational Care Team is sponsoring a **Pumpkin Carving Contest on Sunday, Oct. 29, to support New Hope Ministries**. More details will be in the bulletin next Sunday.
- The Kirk Families Team is piloting an exciting **Sunday morning service for families, "Arise," on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. It will feature contemporary and contemplative elements, conversation and laughter, reflection and prayer, and more, with the hope of offering it regularly beginning in the spring. Please join us!
- **We need your help!** Please consider sharing some of your time and talents as a Kirk Kids teacher, Church World Service volunteer, fellowship host, worship service welcomer, borough event helper (including handing out treats on Tuesday, Oct. 31), handbell ringer, or choir member. Please contact the office at (717) 737-0488 for information on signing up.
- We are once again supporting Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties' Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. These fresh, long-lasting 22-inch wreaths are \$35. **Orders are due by Thursday, Oct. 26, and wreaths will be delivered Friday, Nov. 17**. Please sign up in the Gathering Place; make checks to "DVSCP" and turn them into the office or place them in the offering plate. For more info, reach out to Bobbie Kitzmiller.
- **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.
- 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, October 16

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

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

7 p.m. — Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

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

Wednesday, October 18

10 a.m. — Fall Book Study; Blue Room and via Zoom

Noon — Preschool Choir Practice; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. — Property and Maintenance Commission Meeting; Blue Room

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

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

Sunday, October 15

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

11:45 a.m. — Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

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