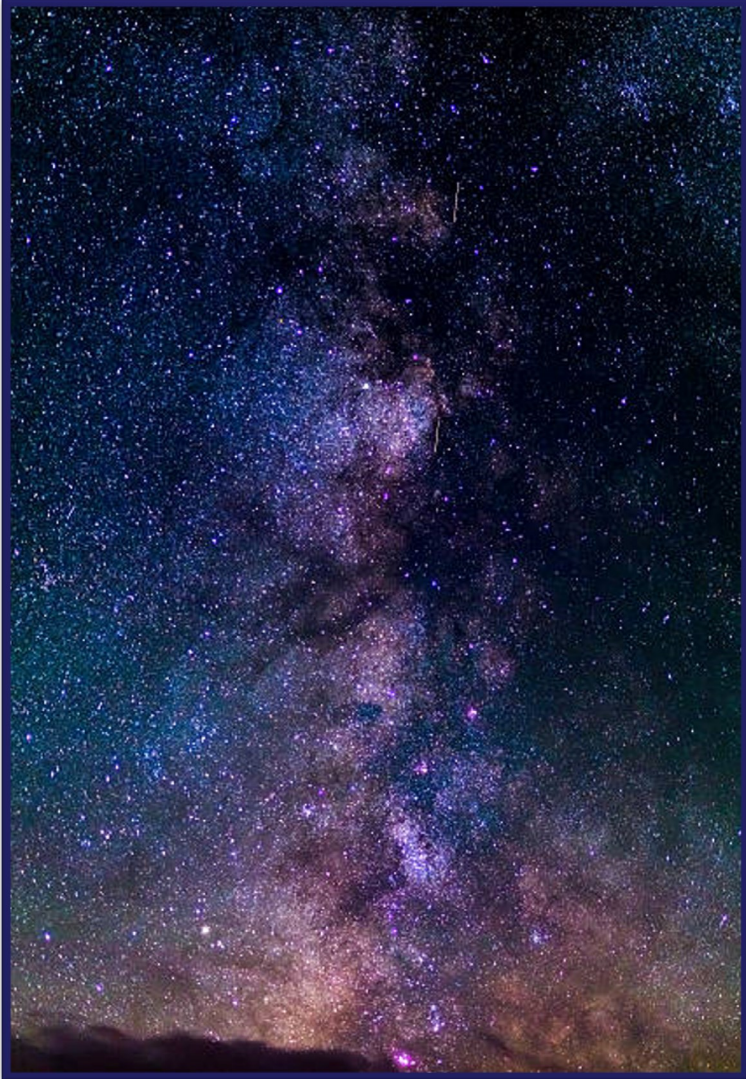


CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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).

*The Keller and Miller families have provided the flowers this morning in loving memory of
their parents, the Rev. James and Lila Miller.*

*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

Come, Christians Join to Sing!
The Handbell Choir

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome

*Call to Worship (“The Walk” by Ann Weems, Presbyterian Poet Laureate)

Those of us who walk along this road
do so reluctantly.

Lent is not our favorite time of year
we’d rather be more active –
planning and scurrying around.

All this is too contemplative to suit us.
Besides, we don’t know what to do
with piousness and prayer.

Perhaps we’re afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.

Perhaps we’re afraid to face our future
knowing our past.

Give us the courage, O God,
to hear your word
and to read our living into it,

Give us the trust to know we’re forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

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

*Call to Confession

In all humility and faith, let us confess our sin and the sin of our world before God and one another. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession/Silent Prayers

God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives. God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us:

for our lack of trust;

for our faithless living;

for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus.

Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silence is kept.)

*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

This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us; God redeems us. God does not withhold love; God pours it into our barren lives. Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another, we are a new people. Thanks be to God. 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!

First Scripture Reading (OT, p.13)

Genesis 17:1-16

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee
The Handbell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.44)

Mark 8:31-38

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Fall in Faith: God’s Covenant With Abraham”

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Moment for Stewardship

John Groff

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

We Walk By Faith
The Chancel Choir

Marty Haugen

*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

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, so others might be blessed by your grace, your peace, as well as your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 738

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

L: Walk before me and be blameless, said God to Abram, “and I shall make my covenant between me and you.” Quite openly, we’ve measured that distance.

P: **Quite openly, we’ve strayed away.**

L: Quite openly, we’ve distanced ourselves.

P: **Quite openly, we didn’t want to be closer.**

L: We extinguish this candle as a confession of our tendency to wander from God’s ways.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Postlude

Triumphal March

Theodore Dubois

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 26

- 10 a.m. – Staff Meeting; Pastor’s Study
- 1 p.m. – Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room
- 7 p.m. – Session Meeting; Blue Room

Tuesday, February 27

- 6 p.m. – West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. – “Creation Care” Lenten Study; Blue Room

Wednesday, February 28

- 10 a.m. – Popcorn Hat Players Performance; Fellowship Hll
- 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

Saturday, March 2

- 2 p.m. – Harrisburg Choral Society Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Sunday, March 3

- 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 with Communion; Sanctuary
- 11:45 a.m. – Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary
- 3 p.m. – Harrisburg Choral Society Concert; Sanctuary

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Pastor Nancy will lead our weekly Lenten study, “Creation Care,” on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., through March 20 in the Blue Room. Join in via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/92295225239>, Meeting ID 922 9522 5239.
- 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.
- **Registration for our annual trip to Mission at the Eastward (MATE) opens Friday, March 1.** The mission trip will be held Saturday, July 20, through Saturday, July 27, to work with the MATE Housing Ministry in Farmington, Maine. Join us for a fantastic week of faith, service, friendship, and fun! Registration forms are available in the Gathering Place, and are **due by Tuesday, April 30**. For more info, contact Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com or (717) 576-1513.
- The Harrisburg Choral Society presents “Songs of Celebration” on Sunday, March 3, at 3 p.m. **in the Sanctuary**. The program is reflective, as is appropriate for the Lenten season, and also includes pieces highlighted during the recent coronation of King Charles III. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$20 for general admission, \$17 for seniors, and \$5 for students.
- Our next **Noonday Organ Recital is set for Wednesday, March 6, at 12:15 p.m. (A free luncheon takes place at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.)** Our guest organist will be Ethan Draper, an organ performance and sacred music major at Lebanon Valley College and the organ scholar at Market Square Presbyterian Church. Join us in supporting the future of organ performance!
- 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. On **Sunday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m., CHPC will host the Rev. Adrian White as we explore “Justice in Gender & Sexuality.”** Pastor White, visiting us from Tennessee, will present a history of the church’s relationship with the LGBTQ+ community and introduce topics related to queer theology. They also will preach during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For more information about Courageous Conversations, contact Pastor Stuart.
- “**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>.

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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