



CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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 flowers this morning are from Jim and Carol Helsel in loving memory of Carol's father,
Gail Weinrich.*

*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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Seneca Mikesell, cello

S. Francis, T. Williams

Welcome

*Call to Worship (“A Listening” by Ann Weems, Presbyterian Poet Laureate)

Going through Lent
is a listening.
When we listen
to the Word,
we hear
where we are so
blatantly
unliving.
If we listen to the Word,
and hallow it
into our lives,
we hear
how we can so
abundantly
live again.

*Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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

***Call to Confession**

Perhaps we have spoken words which harm another. It may be we have failed to honor another of God's children. Maybe we have let our fears, our worries, our desires come between us and God. Whatever we might have done, God waits to listen to us, to offer us grace and healing. Join me as we confess our sin together.

***Prayer of Confession/Silent Prayers**

Even with your simple commandments, Eternal Love, we manage to get it wrong. We misuse your name on an almost daily basis, and dishonor our friends and neighbors by talking behind their backs. We hunger for what others have, and think we can put you in a box, storing you away on a shelf. We find little enough time for our families, for ourselves, you – much less setting aside an entire day for that rest you call Sabbath. Forgive us, Abiding Love. We think we are so wise with the choices we make, only to end up with all that keeps us from you. Your Word has come, to fill our speech with grace, with hope, with peace. As we journey to Jerusalem, may we invite others to join us as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

(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**

L: Day to day, God offers us mercy and hope. Moment to moment, we are surrounded by God's never-ending love. Friends, trust this good news for you!
P: God takes our brokenhearted prayers and crafts them into words of grace, of joy, of peace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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.65)

Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-17

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

The Chancel Choir

(Congregation, please use Hymn 43 to sing along with refrain.)

Second Scripture Reading (OT, p.361)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Merciful Freedom: God’s Covenant With Moses”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Search Me, O God

Heather Sorenson

*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 compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire new life for us in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us into the depths of your love for us and our love for one another. Take our offerings and use them, and us, for your purposes, we pray in the name of the crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering Hymn 494, v.1-3

Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving/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.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer After Communion

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; in his name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 494, v.4-5

Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

One day, a man ran up to Jesus, knelt before him, and asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good? Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments do not commit murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not accuse anyone falsely, do not cheat, respect your father and mother.”

“Teacher,” said the man, “ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments.”

Jesus looked straight at the man with love and said, “You need only one thing more. Go and sell all you have and give your money to the poor, then come and follow me.”

When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

When Jesus spoke the truth, there were those who could not face its light and they turned away. Every time one of these turned away, a little of the Light that had come into the world was put out.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Postlude

Selected

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

- 10 a.m. — Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study
- 1 p.m. — Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

- 10 a.m. — "Creation Care" Lenten Study; Fellowship Hall (window-side)
- 11:45 a.m. — Noonday Organ Recital Luncheon; Fellowship Hall (stage-side)
- Noon — Preschool Choir Rehearsal; Fellowship Hall (window-side)
- 12:15 p.m. — Noonday Organ Recital; Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room
- 7 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

Saturday, March 9

- 9:30 a.m. — PW Second Saturday Breakfast; Silver Spring Diner

Sunday, March 10

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

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- Honor loved ones with a dedication in the Easter bulletin. **Purchase an Easter lily or make a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing.** More information is available in today's bulletin inserts.
- The **Harrisburg Choral Society** presents **"Songs of Celebration"** today 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 final **Noonday Organ Recital of the season** 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>.
- Pastor Nancy is leading 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 (this Wednesday's session will be in Fellowship Hall).** Join in via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/92295225239>, Meeting ID 922 9522 5239.
- **Registration for our annual trip to Mission at the Eastward (MATE) is now open!** 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.

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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