



CAMP HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

Welcome!

- The Quiet Corner (which has turned out to not be as quiet as we had hoped) has been relocated to the Little Kirk room behind the stage in Fellowship Hall. This room is now set up as a cozy space for families to retreat to if your little ones need a break from the service.
 - Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of Sanctuary).
 - The flowers have been given in loving memory of Thomas and Mary Beckley on what would have been their 68th wedding anniversary by the Beckley children.
 - Greeting you today are Vonny Getz, Lisa Love, Sandy McBride and Judy Thompson.
 - 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.
- * Please stand.

Prelude: This is the Threefold Truth

Jack Schrader

Welcome

*Call to Worship

What shall we render to the Lord for all the Lord's bounty to us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Let us magnify the Lord together as with one voice.

We seek to follow by faith in the steps of Him who called us into relationship.

*Hymn 5 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

*Prayer of Confession

God of peace and judgment, you sent Jesus to be our pioneer, to blaze for us the path that leads to life and blessing. But we are afraid to follow his way of the cross; we are more eager to avoid suffering than to embrace the joy of his rewards. Forgive us for heeding our fears, rather than Christ's call to service. Enable us by your Spirit to set aside the weights that hold us back; strengthen us to persevere in following Jesus, trusting our destiny into your good hands, whether in life or in death. Hear our personal confession of sin we pray through Jesus Christ.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, remember that in all things we are more than conquerors because of God's love for each of us.

We are assured that nothing in life or in death, has any power to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In his name our sins are forgiven! Amen.

*Glory to God (Hymn 583)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Conversation with the children

Hannah Harner, DCE

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Lisa Love

Inspiring God, as we again hear your Word let us apply it to the living of our lives. Let your Spirit move in and among us as we give our attention to what you say to us this day, that we will follow with resolve in the steps of Jesus. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19 (OT, pp 540-541)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Music: Living for Jesus C Harold Lowden, arr. Gene Roberson (Seneca Mikesell, cello)

New Testament Scripture

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NT, p 226)

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Sermon Running With Perseverance

Rev. Don Potter

*Hymn 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (Hymnal page 17 in small print at the beginning of the hymnal) Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

I believe in God.....

Offering

Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Music: Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

Daniel Kallman (Dave Getz, Clarinet)

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 606)

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**

Ever-present God, you have entrusted us with so many blessings--too many to count. As we now give our lives anew, our tithes and offerings, help us to know that you accept with joy, what we bring. Increase our capacity to be cheerful givers: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 719 Come, Labor On**

***Benediction**

Postlude: Preludium Nr. 1, BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Don Potter is the preacher today and serves as CHPC's Pastor of Visitation. He is a graduate of Spring Arbor University (MI) and Princeton Theological Seminary (NJ). He is retired after 40 years of parish ministry and lives at Presbyterian Senior Living in Dillsburg.

Back-to-School Brunch – September 7

Before we jump back into the busy rhythms of fall, I'd love for the Arise families to gather for a time of fellowship to discuss your hopes and dreams for the new season. Please join us for a Back to School Brunch on Sunday, Sept.

7th immediately following worship. Joe and I will host (2216 Logan Street, Camp Hill) and will prepare quiches, sausage cups, and stuffed french toast. Feel free to bring a dish to share if you'd like.

Arise Resumes — September 14

I'm excited to begin and lead a new year of Arise on Sunday, September 14 at

8:30 AM. This fall, we'll use the Generations of Grace curriculum. I am looking forward to diving into Scripture with you and your families once again.

— Hannah Harner DCE



CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

9:30am—Worship

Monday, August 18

1pm—Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

7pm—Deacon Meeting; Blue Room

7pm—Pax Christi Meeting; Reception Room

Tuesday, August 19

7pm—CAM Meeting; Zoom

Wednesday, August 20

10am—Prayer Fellowship; Fellowship Hall

6:30pm—Communications Commission Meeting; Blue Room

Sunday, August 24

9:30am—Worship

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- The Card Ministry at CHPC is a heartfelt outreach that helps keep us connected as a church family. Through cards sent for birthdays, anniversaries, and times of need or encouragement, we remind one another that we are continually thought of and cared for—especially during special moments. Currently, each stamp costs \$0.78, and we send approximately 20 cards each month. To help sustain this meaningful ministry, we are inviting members of the congregation to consider donating a sheet of stamps. If you feel led to support us in this way, you can simply place a sheet of stamps in the offering plate on any Sunday or place them directly in Peggy Heiss's church mailbox. Thank you for helping us continue this ministry of connection and care here at CHPC.
- Preaching Schedule: Aug. 17 and 24 — Rev. Don Potter Aug. 31 — Elder Beth Fine
- Backpack Collection: School is just around the corner and children know that means new backpacks and we're collecting them over the next few weeks for the Steelton—Highspire School District! We thank you for being generous in donating school supplies and backpacks. Financial donations will also be collected.
- Important Choir Dates: August 27th—Choir picnic at 6:30p here at church. This picnic is for choir, bell choir, and brass choir and their families. And anyone interested in joining one of our choirs is also welcome join us! Burgers and hot dogs will be provided and each family attending should plan to bring a casserole or side dish along to the picnic.
September 3rd—First practice
September 7th—First Sunday back in worship at 10:30am.
- AED training—August 23rd 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Cost \$37. Contact Carol Staz to sign-up.
- As a Community Aid partner, we receive checks reflecting the amount of donations made to our two bins. Those funds support CHPC Preschool scholarships for families in need. Drop clothing items you are donating in the bins; take household items to the Community Aid store/donation center and tell them our Partner Number is 10220.
- 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.

CHPC LEADERSHIP

Our leadership structure exists to create ministry opportunities for congregants to share the gifts endowed upon them by the Holy Spirit.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

Elder Dave Getz, Chair; Elder David Watts, Treasurer;
Elder Joe Harner, Clerk of Session; Jeffrey Heiss, Communications Commission Staff
Commission

Elder John Zazworsky, Chair

Property & Maintenance Commission

Elder Carol Helsel, Chair; Elder Bryan Kostukovich

Nominating Committee

Elder John Groff, Chair

WORSHIP & FINE ARTS MINISTRY

Elder Abby Tierney, Chair

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY

Kirk Families Team

Elder Nancy Nilson, Chair

Mission Outreach Team

Elder E.J. Barben, Chair; Deacons: Susan Ault, Sandy Bogden, Molly McBride,

Moderator Cathy Snively, Carol Staz, Linda Zimmerman

Adult Discipleship Team

Elder Jeff Thompson, Chair

Membership Team

Elders, Sue Rothman, Lisa Love; Deacons: Susan Ault, Roberta Brown, Chris Forbrich,

Peggy Heiss, CeCe Rothman, Carol Staz, Susan Steele, Cindy Thompson,

Linda Zimmerman

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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