



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 13, 2017 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 9:30 AM

Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church is a marvelous mixture of God's people. We are strong and weak, sad and joyful, faithful and sinful, graced and searching, young and old, married, single, divorced and widowed. Regardless of who we are, we need one another and we need to celebrate Jesus Christ who lives within us. We're glad you're here!



If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastors, please fill out a card from the pew rack and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it during the first hymn. The Prayer Chain and staff pray for those you have mentioned and others throughout the week. Please let us know of any changes.

Gathering Around the Word

We gather knowing God is with us.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

~~ Romans 10:5-15

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Prelude

Mass For Use In The Convents

François Couperin

First Verse of the *Lord Have Mercy*, Full Organ

Occasionally in worship I like to offer music of the French Classic Period. The French Classic period, also referred to as the early French Baroque, took place during the second half of the 17th Century. The solo organ music we know today began to develop during this time, used mostly as background during elements of the mass, and in alteration with the choir. Organs were very different in design. There was not much of a pedal board to speak of for the feet. These instruments had very short, small pedals. The sound of the organ was very different, as well. Yet music of this period, mostly improvised, featured beautiful melody in long, flowing, smooth phrases and was highly ornamented. The widely used practice of “notes inégales” (unequal notes) was commonly employed. We experience “notes inégales” today without even realizing this. Jazz, Gospel, Standards and other popular music makes frequent use of unequal or swung notes. Perhaps this was some of the most beautiful background music ever composed, easy on the ear, and very appropriate to our Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude. François Couperin, 1668-1733, is one of the most well-known and often played composers of this period. Today we hear music from his *Messe Á L’usage Des Couvents* (Mass For Use In The Convents).

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

During this time, please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along the pew, taking note of the persons sitting with you so you can greet them warmly by name.

Centering Prayer

*Introit #413

Come into God’s Presence

COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

*Call to Worship

based on Psalm 105:1-3

Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh!

Praise God’s name and make known God’s deeds to the nations!

Sing to God! Sing praise and tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!

*Hymn #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

CORONATION

*Prayer of Confession

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied Him and abandoned Him.

May we walk in his ways... (time of silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

*We pour the water into the baptismal font to symbolize the faithfulness of God and the washing away of sin.
Remember your baptism!*

Hear the good news!

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

So be at peace. Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***Response #581**

Glory Be to the Father

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.***

Reception of New Members

***The Passing of God's Love and Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the Word

We experience the Word of God.

Moment with the Children

During the summer we will be using the 'Moment with the Children' to teach the children (and adults) about the different parts of the worship service.

All children are welcome to stay in worship. There is a nursery available for children up to age 5.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Romans 10:5-10

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This is the Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #818

By Gracious Powers

INTERCESSOR

We invite children to remain in worship. There is a nursery available for infants through 5 year olds.

Second Lesson

Romans 10:11-15

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This is the Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

By Gracious Powers

Kathryn Z. Johnston

Responding to the Word

We affirm our faith and commitment to the Word of God.

***Declaration of Faith**

***Hymn #481**

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Worshippers: Please place the top sheet of the fellowship pads in the offering plates.

Offertory

Mass For Use In The Convents

François Couperin

Third Verse, *Christ Have Mercy*, for Solo Stop

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

***Hymn #817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choral Response #541, v.1**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

***Postlude**

Mass For Use In The Convents

François Couperin

Second Verse, Lord Have Mercy, Fugue

Deo Gratias, Thanks Be To God

*** Please greet one another in Christ's name ***

VISITORS: Welcome! Information about MPC can be found in the packets in the pews. If you are interested in additional information, please ask anyone around you or contact one of the pastors. Fair trade coffee and snacks are served after worship in the Gathering Area just outside the Sanctuary doors. This is also where you will find the restrooms, including baby changing stations. Children's worship kits are located in the back of the Sanctuary.

The flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of my sister, Lois-Jean (L.J.) Ruth, by Joan K. Ruth. The yellow rose in the Sanctuary symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Pastor Kathryn will be on vacation Monday – Thursday this week. Pastor Mark will be at a conference Aug. 18–23.

We welcome the following new members to the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church this morning. Please take a moment after the service to greet them:

Jan and Lis Hagen-Frederiksen

Pia Y. Hall

Richard and Lucinda (Cindy) Prether

Curtis and Shawna Stover and children, Xander and Sylvie

HEALING & WHOLENESS – If you wish to receive prayers, the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil for you or another, walk up to the waiting church leaders by the prayer room at the left side of the Sanctuary during the postlude and express your need. Petitions are offered for healing and wholeness (physical, mental and spiritual) for ourselves and for others. This time is for concerns, burdens and grief, as well as for the need of feeling God's presence in one's life.

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| Ministers | All members of the congregation |
| Senior Pastor/Head of Staff..... | Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston..... |
| Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults..... | Rev. Mark A. Allio..... |
| Director of Music | Mark G. McKeever |
| Playful Beginnings Director | Karen P. Taylor..... |
| Mission Relations..... | www.pcusa.org/missionconnections |
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More People Caring

WEEK OF AUGUST 13 - 20, 2017

Participating in Worship:
Greeters: Barbara Bell, Kristina Bell, Eileen House
Ushers: Joyce Lackey, Mark Irvin, Rick & Bev Coleman
Reader: Debby Williams
Nursery: Sunny Padolak, Riley Nelson, Lucy Martin
Fellowship Host: Tom & Patti Hinkson
Church to Pray for: Perry Valley Presbyterian Church, Millerstown, PA

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| SUN | 9:30 AM | Worship |
| | 9:30 AM | Reception of New Members |
| | 10:30 AM | Peace & Justice Com., Rm. 210 |
| MON | 7 PM | Session Committees |
| TUE | 7 PM | Boy Scout Committee |
| WED | 9 AM | Presby Peelers |
| | 6 PM | Boy Scout Leaders |
| THU | 7 PM | He Brews, Marzoni's |
| FRI | 6:15 AM | Men's Friday Fellowship |
| SUN | 9:30 AM | Worship/Blessing Backpacks |
| | | Cornerstone Deadline |

Blessing of the Backpacks – On Sunday, August 20, we will be blessing backpacks before the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Students (and teachers!) are invited to bring backpacks, book bags, etc., to receive a blessing as they begin the journey of another school year.

Thank you! What a turnout! I was blessed to see so many children from VBS return to sing our selections at Sunday's worship. Thank you so much, parents, for making the effort to be here... and to all the children, thank you for your voices, and song. We were all blessed by your musical contribution to Sunday's VBS Celebration, 2017.

– Mark McKeever

You're Invited: MPC Caring Teams Meet & Greet Sunday, August 27th at 10:30 – This past spring, all MPC members were contacted to join a Caring Team. The purpose of these groups is to develop caring relationships to treasure our connection to each other in the body of Christ. **Join your MPC Caring Team on Sunday, August 27th after the 9:30 service for a special fellowship opportunity.** Through these groups, we will grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, following his commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) Join us on the 27th and connect with your Caring Team.

Special Worship Service:

September 10th at 10:30 AM – As summer comes to end, we are moving outside! We will have worship and a picnic at Memorial Park. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share! We'll have chairs available, but you might want to bring a chair of your own! A special thank you to the Fellowship Committee for providing the hot dogs and drinks!



Giant Gift Cards – If you ordered Giant gift cards last week, you may pick them up this morning from Cathay Snyder or Bob Bell in the Gathering Area or in the office through the week.

He Brews men's Bible study group will meet Thursday, August 17 at 7 PM, at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. on Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg.

Address changes – MPC does a lot of communication with our members via email. We are receiving many emails returned as "nondeliverable." If your address has changed, please inform the office of your new address.



Peach Festival Saturday, August 26, 4-6:30 PM Pre-Peach Festival Help Needed

SIGN-UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER with Peach Festival preparations and/or help the day of the Festival.

Tuesday, August 22 – 1 PM in the church kitchen – chicken pickin’

Friday, August 25 – beginning at 9 AM in the church kitchen – pare peaches and bake pies

Saturday, August 26 – 3:45 - 6:45 PM – shifts of an hour and a half to serve, clean tables, etc.

Prior to Friday, August 25 – Make pie shells at home (tin pie plates provided in kitchen) and return by **9 AM**

Friday. Any questions call Pat Heintzeman (717-766-2001 or 717-802-2880).

If you are interested in helping, PLEASE just “**SHOW UP!**” Any questions – contact Suzy Brenner (717-497-2745 or email suzy2745@gmail.com).

Soup sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area.

We are taking **Pre-Orders** for the Chicken Corn Soup. The cost is \$6/quart (limit 2 qts.). You may pre-order soup today and August 20 following services or contact Suzy Brenner. Let us know if you are bringing a container (marked with your name) for your soup or if we need to provide containers. ***Due to limited refrigerator space, orders MUST be picked up at the Peach Festival by 6 PM.*** You may also call **Suzy Brenner (717-497-2745)** to place your order. Soup **will NOT** be sold by the quart at the Peach Festival.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S PROGRAMS!
