

**MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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November 5, 2017 • 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time • 8:15 & 11am

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*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.*

*All around us and within us; and yet it's only at times we notice  
As real as rain, and soft as stardust; we know deep down, what nobody told us.*

*Can't you feel it ever closer, we breathe it in and then we exhale  
We touch both sides and now eternal; standing closer to the veil*

Carrie Newcomer, "All Saints Day" from her album: *Regulars & Refugees*

## ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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Prelude

*Solemn Melody*

P. Kreckel

### 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.*

\*Hymn #399 (3x)

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

***God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.***

### \*Call to Worship

Saints have gone before us, and saints are with us now.

**They are ordinary people with laughter in their eyes and confidence in their pockets.**

They are common folk with generous hands and listening ears.

**They are tough people with perceptive questions and passion for the truth.**

They are holy ones who radiate love and embody compassion.

**Saints before us and saints around us.**

Thank God for the ones who reflect holy light on our path.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #404

*What Is This Place*

KOMT NU MET ZANG

### Litany for All Saints

Hymn #731

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON

Eternal God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we praise you for the saints of all times and places who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us. For their witness to your love and their commitment to your justice, for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance, we give you thanks and praise.

#### Response: Hymn #731, verse 1

God of all creation, we praise you for all your servants who have witnessed to your truth, who have shown us your love, who have inspired us to have hope. By their example of faith, hope, and love, remind us of your calling to join in making your new creation real in this world and the next.

#### Response: Hymn #731, verse 2

God of grace and peace, we praise you for women and men and children who reflect your love into our world. Guide us to continue their faithful work as we too walk in the light of your love.

#### Response: Hymn #731, verse 3

God of all saints, today we especially remember the saints from among this community who have departed our company over the past year. We thank you for their faithful witness, for their courage amidst strife and their hope in the face of death. Continue to inspire us by their faithful witness that we too might join in bringing your justice, mercy, and peace to our world.

We remember those who have walked this road with us, whom we name before you: Norene Boggs, James Brenner, Richard Brokenshire, Philip Dolson, Sr., Forrest Eggleston, Jennie Fealtman, Darwin Hollinger, William Lackey, Shirley Lauver, Robert Moore, James Naser, Judith Quigley, Hallie Stevens, Douglas Voss, Velma Wollett and all for whom we grieve...

#### Response: Hymn #731, verse 4

Eternal God, as we walk this pilgrim way, make our faith firm, our hope clear, and our love pure, that we might join the saints of all the ages in praise eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*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.*

**Children's Moment**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson**

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

N.T. p. 203

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

**Hymn #834** (8:15)

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

**Anthem** (11:00)

*Set Down Servant*

R. Emerson

MPC Chancel Choir

Set down, servant, I can't set down  
My soul's so happy that I can't set down

My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a pair of shoes  
Go yonder, angel, fetch me some shoes, and place them on-a my servant's feet.

My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a starry crown.  
Go yonder, angel, fetch me a crown, and place it on-a my servant's head.

Now servant, please, set down!

My Lord, you've been so good to me. My soul has been set free!

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 23:1-12

N.T. p. 25

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

**Sermon**

Left Behind?

Kathryn Johnston



**Sunday School Word of the Day: Humility**

The 'word of the day' is used in the Sunday School classrooms and they are encouraged to listen for it during the worship service. The footprints are the symbol they are using for the current liturgical season: Ordinary Time.

**Responding to the Word**

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

**Offering of Tithes & Gifts**

*11am worshipers: Please place the top sheet of the fellowship pads in the offering plates.*

**Offertory**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

W. Held

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

***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.***

**The Lord's Supper – Please see insert**

*Recognizing that we are One Body in Christ,  
we hold the bread until all have received and then partake together.  
Because we also come to God individually, we partake of the cup as we receive it.  
Please place empty cups in the pew rack.*

**For those with dietary restrictions**, please motion to the server coming down the center aisle for a gluten-free, lactose-free, wheat-free option that has been prepared separately (Ingredients: rice flour, corn flour, sugar, salt; may contain soy).

**Bearing & Following the Word**

*We declare the Word of God throughout the week.*

**\*Hymn #326**

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

**\*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**

*For All the Saints*

R. Peek

\*\*\* 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. Worship aids are available from the ushers. We're glad you're here!

The flowers are placed to the glory of our loving God by Gary and Holly Andersen and in loving memory of David M. Catarious by his wife Beatrice and loving family. The yellow rose on the communion table symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

This morning we remember the following members of our congregation who have entered the Church Triumphant since November 1, 2016:

Norene Boggs	Forrest Eggleston	Shirley Lauver	Hallie Stevens
James Brenner	Jennie Fealtman	Robert Moore	Douglas Voss
Richard Brokenshire	Darwin Hollinger	James Naser	Velma Wollett
Philip Dolson, Sr.	William Lackey	Judith Quigley	

The white roses on the communion table are placed in memory of Judith K. Quigley, who entered the Church Triumphant on October 25, 2017. Our Christian love and sympathy to her husband, Stephen, and family. Judy and Steve joined MPC August 2012 where she served as an Elder from 2014 – 16. Cards may be sent to the Quigley family at: 419 Adee Ave., Horsham, PA 19044.

Sympathy also to Glenn and Beth Naser and families on the recent death of their father, Dr. James E. Naser. Jim joined MPC 61 years ago and served as an Elder from 1963 – 66. Jesus said: *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*

**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED**      John Worth – Hershey Medical Center

**If you or a family member are hospitalized** or in need of pastoral care, please call 717-896-0131 at any time to connect with one of the pastors.

**A time of personal prayer** is offered following both services. If you would like to pray with a pastor and one of the officers of the church, please meet them by the prayer room near the pulpit following the worship service.

<b>Ministers</b> .....	<b>All members of the congregation</b>
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# More People Caring

**Participating in Worship:**  
**Greeters:** (8:15); Kay Nix (11:00)  
**Ushers:** Tom Pepper, Jim Honafius, Wayne Yost, Pat Schaal (8:15); Doris Siebener, Gary & Pat Heintzelman, Rich Heeter (11:00)  
**Readers:** Amy Zullo (8:15); Jim Speedy (11:00)  
**Worship Assistants:** The Rev. Dr. Kent Carter (8:15), Cathay Snyder (11)  
**Nursery:** Mary Speedy, Marcy Roush (8:15); Sunny Podolak, Laura & Lucy Martin (11:00)  
**Fellowship Hours:** Carolyn Wepfer (8:15); Bob & Barb Bell (11:00)  
**Church to Pray for:** Westminster Presbyterian Church, Mifflintown, PA

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5 - 12, 2017**

SUN	8:15/11 AM 9 AM 9:35 AM 1 PM 3 PM	Worship/Communion Westminster Choir Sunday School Adopt a Highway Boy Scouts
MON	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 1 PM 7 PM	Playful Beginnings Downtown Daily Bread Love Quilters Deacons
TUE	7 A – 8 P 9:30 AM 9:30/12/7 6:30 PM 7 PM	Election NO Playful Beginnings P W Circles Girl Scouts ReGifted
WED	11 AM 1:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:45 PM	Staff Meeting Playful Beg. Staff Bells of Celebration Chancel Choir
THU	12 PM 6:30 PM 7 PM	Pastor’s Bible Study Boy Scouts Roundtable Untapped Conversations
FRI	6:15 AM	Men’s Bible Fellowship
SUN	8:15/11 AM 9 AM 9 – 11:30 A 9:35 AM 12 PM 6 PM	Stewardship Sunday Westminster Choir Blood Drive Sunday School Fall Clean-Up Event Movie with Meaning

The **Tree of Warmth** is at the back of the Sanctuary through TODAY receiving hats, scarves and gloves for families of Stop the Violence. Thank you!



**Today – Reality Retreat for Sr. High – Youth** will be returning around 2 PM today.

**Nov. 18 – Youth Cooking at CROSS – 2-7 PM –** Learning to cook with Jeremy Fry and Presby Peelers. We will also dine with the residents of CROSS.

**Nov. 26 – Youth Cookie Baking for College Students – 5-8 PM –** Join us in Upper Fellowship Hall as we bake cookies to send to our college students. We'll get pizza! Please bring nut free cookie dough!  
 Questions or comments contact Mark Allio (717-697-0351 or [mallio@mechpresby.org](mailto:mallio@mechpresby.org))

**MPC Blood Drive –** donors are needed to give blood NEXT SUNDAY from 9 – 11:30 AM. Sign up in the Gathering Area for a time to give the gift of life. Call Randy Rulapaugh (717-728-4401) for further information.

**Adult Topics** (Upper Fellowship Hall)  
**Today - Heritage of Wisdom:**  
*Phyllis Weber*  
**November 12 –** Stewardship Sunday Party  
**November 19 –** Mission Spotlight: Truckstop Ministries



**The Dave Petko class** (Conference Room) is continuing the study of Philipians.

**Joyful Hearts class** (Parlor) studying Acts.

**TODAY- Annual Roasted Peanut and Cashew Sale**— Sign up for your supply of these deliciously healthy homemade snacks in the Gathering Area. Peanuts are \$5/lb. and whole cashews are \$7/half pound – salted or unsalted. They will be ready for pick up November 19 and 26. Profits benefit the church's bottom line!

**Election Day Soup Sale** – November 7 – Women of MPC will be making chili and hamburger vegetable soup for sale on Election Day (Qts: \$6/ Bowls: \$2). This year we will also sell BBQ and drinks.

**Volunteers are needed for the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up TODAY**, at 1 PM. PennDot provides bags and vests. Our route is Hogestown Road from the borough line to the Carlisle Pike. Please meet at the church to volunteer.

**Movies with Meaning - Hasan Minaj: Homecoming King** - Meet in Upper Fellowship Hall at 6 PM on NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. Comic Hasan Minhaj shares personal stories about racism, immigrant parents, prom night horrors and more in this stand-up special. In his routine, Hasan will have you laughing one moment and in tears the next but always ends in laughter. Parental Warning: This TV special is rated TV-MA for language. The TV parental guidelines state that "TV-MA" may be unsuitable for children under 17.

**MPC's Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner – Thursday, November 23, 12 – 3 PM.** MPC's FREE Thanksgiving Community Dinner offers many opportunities for food, fellowship, and service. **Volunteers needed** to prep veggies, carve turkeys, bake desserts, set tables, serve and bus tables, wash dishes and clean-up. **Sign-up sheets** are in the Gathering Area **today**. Contact Suzy Brenner (717-497-2745) to volunteer or for more information.

**Untapped Conversations:** We are a fellowship group that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 7-9 PM. This is for **anyone** 21 and older! Our next meeting is **Thursday** at Al's of Hampden!

**Christmas & Greeting Cards, and Calendar Collection for Prison Ministry:** Please put new Christmas cards, greeting cards, and 2018 calendars to the bin marked "Prison Ministry Card and Calendar Collection" by December 1<sup>st</sup> so they can be given out for this year's holiday season.

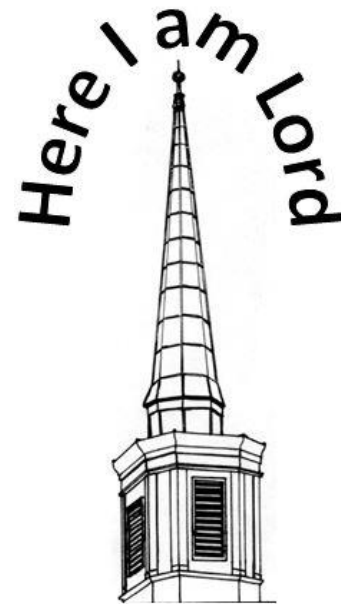
**Mix 'n Mingle/Pep Set – November 15** – Christmas Sing Along and Lunch here at MPC. We will meet at 11 AM in the Conference Room. Contact Rich Trout (717-697-1608) for further details. Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

**Mix 'n Mingle/Pep Set – The Susquehanna Chorale on Friday, December 15** – The Susquehanna Chorale will present their Christmas program *A Candlelight Christmas* on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 8–9:30 PM, at Messiah College. Tickets are available from Michael or Karen Zang for \$12.50. Please contact the Zangs (717-790-9103) – sign-up in the Gathering Area.

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## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK!!!

*Please bring your pledge cards  
and Time & Talent Forms!*



**Also including...**



**Sunday, November 12 – after worship**