

MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 1, 2017 • 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time • 8:15 & 11am

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.

Quiet Meditation

"[God] has, through the hand of his only-begotten Son, given to his church another sacrament, that is, a spiritual banquet, wherein Christ attests himself to be the life-giving bread, upon which our souls feed unto true and blessed immortality [John 6:51]." *Institutes, 4.17.1*

"While our entrance into the church and adoption as children of God is marked by baptism, the Lord's Supper nurtures our faith in ongoing ways. We participate often in the Lord's Supper because we always need Jesus Christ, the life-giving bread. The Supper is a spiritual banquet in which we receive Jesus Christ himself... The Lord's Supper is a joyful feast, a spiritual banquet giving us life – in Jesus Christ."

Coffee with Calvin Daily Devotions, p. 31

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Prelude

Elevation in A Flat Major

A. Guilman, Op. 25, No. 2

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

*During this time, please take a moment to **put on the name tag given to you by the greeters** and 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. Please wear the tag during Fellowship Hour so others can learn your name.*

Centering Prayer

*Introit #405, v. 2

Praise God for This Holy Ground

Praise God in whose word we find food for body, soul, and mind.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.

*Call to Worship

Come! Weak-kneed and tongue-tied; you who are feeling hassled and harried; all you with shattered dreams and punctured hopes, come. For here is the water of life and the springs of joy.

We come as we are!

Gather round! All you with lonely hearts and worried brows, all you fragile vessels bearing the hurt of the world, all you carrying the wounds of rejections, all you knowing the ambushes of life, come. For here is the love of a community gathered around a table.

We come with our needs.

Here is a banquet for your soul, a vision of peace and harmony, a feast of hope and healing.

We come to be fed.

Come close; gather in. God is here. Christ is present. Hear the whispers of grace. Feel the warmth of love. Know the healing of wounds. Sense the hope and embrace the joy.

We come together. God's love makes us one.

*Hymn #503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

*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, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only for us and not for "them." We respond hesitantly, not trusting or believing that you really want and invite us. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready.

Tender God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, to serve. Make us open to receiving what you give and to risking something new for you. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives... (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!*

God encourages us to do better and yet there is nothing that will keep God from loving and forgiving us.

Thank you God, alleluia. Amen!

***Response #581**

*Glory be to the Father
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.*

***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

Matthew 21:28-32

N.T. p. 23

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

Hymn #372 (8:15)

O for a World

AZMON

Anthem (11:00)

The Mind is a Garden
Chancel Choir

P. Choplin

*The mind is a garden we nourish and sow.
Whatever we plant will flourish and grow.
So plant what is noble, honest and true,
And the God of peace will live in you.*

*Protect your mind’s garden from weeds and vines
That creep in to smother the joy of your mind.
But plant for the spring when seeds will awake
And up from the ground new joy will break.*

*Whatever is good, whatever is right,
Whatever is pure and loving and light.
Plant all of these things and tend them with care,
And the God of peace will live with you there.*

*Let your mind be a garden of goodness and light,
And live what is noble and loving and right.
For all the good thoughts will produce the good fruit,
And the God of peace will live through you.*

May the God of peace, of joy and peace now live with you.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

N.T. p. 197

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

Communion Meditation

Why Today is the Best Day

Kathryn Z. Johnston



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

Responding to the Word

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

***Hymn #373**

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

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

Offertory

Communion

W. Faulkes

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.*

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

- *Hymn #762 *When the Poor Ones* EL CAMINO
- *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 *Sonatina for Worship No. 1 Postlude* R. Jones
- *** Please greet one another in Christ's name ***
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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 God in loving memory of Pete Shandruk by Margie Shandruk and family and in honor of our wonderful pastoral and church staff by Mary Polson. The yellow rose on the communion table symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

***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).

Pastor Mark and the Confirmation Class are off site at a group building exercise this morning.



The children's Sunday School classes are also using the lectionary. In worship we will be including a word that they highlighted in their classrooms and let them know where to look for it using the symbol of the liturgical season. The footprints symbolize Ordinary Time.

Attention Grades K – 5th Graders – Westminster Choir, directed by Kelli Fry, **begins TODAY** at 9 AM in the Choir Room. Don't miss out on the fun and being with your friends!!!

Financial Statements for the third quarter are available in the Gathering Area. Please pick up your statement on your way home this morning.

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.


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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More People Caring

Participating in Worship:
Greeters: Joanne Walton, Carolyn Wepfer (8:15); Janet Meredith, Kay Nix (11:00)
Ushers: Marian Eichinger, Sue Karakantas, Rick Whitcomb, Ken Kleinert (8:15); Ed Rogers, Scott Rogers, Alan Vandrew, Pat Schaal (11:00)
Readers: Carolyn Wepfer (8:15); Scott Rogers (11)
Nursery: Randy & Missy Rulapaugh (8:15); Larry Lichty, Danielle Martin, Jessica Antenucci (11:00)
Fellowship Hours: Kim Savidge (8:15); Dan Hajnik (11:00)
Church to Pray for: St. James Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsburg, PA

Giant Gift Cards – Orders will be taken this morning for Giant gift cards in the Gathering Area. Proceeds will go to support the 2018 mission trip to Habitat for Humanity in Huntington, WV.



Youth Group

Today – Confirmation Class – Ropes Course at Roundtop.
Oct. 8 – Pretzel making and games! 6-8 PM!
Oct. 14, 8 AM – Donuts and cleaning the Center.
Oct. 15, 6 PM – Movies and Meaning: *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. Everyone is welcome to Upper Fellowship Hall.
 Questions or comments contact Mark Allio (717-697-0351 or mallio@mechpresby.org)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1 - 8, 2017

SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship/Communion
	8:30 AM	Confirmation Class @ Roundtop
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	3 PM	Boy Scout Court of Honor
MON	11:30 AM	Downtown Daily Bread
	1 PM	Love Quilters, McVittys
	7 PM	Board of Deacons
TUE	9:30/12/7	Presbyterian Women Circles
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
WED	9 AM	Presby Peelers
	6:30 PM	Bells of Celebration
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir
THU	12 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	7 PM	Word and Wine, Speedys
	PM	HeBrews/Untapped Miss. Trip
FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	6 PM	Youth Pretzel Making/Games

The Dave Petko Class resumes their study TODAY of the Book of Numbers with Chapter 28 in the Conference Room.



Adult Sunday School

Dave Petko Class – *Numbers*..... Conference Room
 Joyful Hearts – *Book of Acts*..... Parlor
 Adult TopicsFellowship Hall, Stage End
 You are invited to any class at 9:35 AM

ADULT TOPICS: Today - *A Heritage of Wisdom* - We kick-off our Heritage of Wisdom series with Wayne Yost, a member, who has served our MPC family throughout the years with a passion for our youth, Krislund Camp, and the spiritual depth of our congregation. Wayne is currently a member of Session and Chair of the Spiritual Life Committee. Please join us as Wayne shares his faith with us.

A New Member Class will be held October 22 following worship in the Conference Room (lunch will be provided). You will be received into the congregation during the worship service on October 29. Our pastors welcome the opportunity to discuss membership with you. *Please let us know if it would be helpful to provide childcare.*

Pillars of the Church Reception – Every 5 years we are thrilled to recognize the long-term membership of our MPC Pillars of the Church. On Sunday, October 15, we will honor those members who have belonged to our church for 50+ years! Please join us in acknowledging their lifelong membership at a reception following the 11:00 worship service. You will enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and fellowship along with a chance to greet our Pillars. All are welcome!

Word and Wine begins on Thursday, October 5, meeting at Mary Speedy's home at 107 Bluebell Drive, Mechanicsburg. Women of all ages are invited to join us for a lively discussion and Bible study. Check Facebook group for directions and more information.

The Mechanicsburg 46th CROP Walk is October 22. The donations support Mechanicsburg Meals On Wheels, New Hope Ministries, and Church World Service. A Mission Committee member is in the Gathering Area after each service today through October 15 to hand out envelopes for those planning to run/walk and collect donations. The day of the run/walk, registration will begin at 1 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church, with the 5K run/walk to begin at 1:30 PM. Maps will be handed out with the route marked.

Mix 'n Mingle/Pep Set - The October 18th event has been cancelled due to a schedule problem. Our next event will be in November. More information will follow or contact Rich Trout (717-697-1608).

The sign-up sheet for the group's night at the **Susquehanna Chorale** on December 15th is in the Gathering Area.

Picnic with the residents of Cumberland Vista House: The congregation is invited to attend the Presby Peelers picnic with the residents of Cumberland Vista House on Saturday, October 14th at 5 PM at the House near Dillsburg. This will be a potluck picnic, so please bring along a side dish or dessert to share. If you would like to attend, please call Renee Breen (717-737-5739) to reserve your spot.

Downtown Daily Bread volunteers are invited to an Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, October 21, 9–11 AM, at Pine Street Presbyterian Church (across from DDB), 310 N. Third Street, Harrisburg. There is free parking in the South Street Garage (next to Downtown Daily Bread) for this event. If you plan to attend, please contact Kim Wright by October 11th, (kimsconnection@comcast.net or 717- 737-2028).



Rummage Drop Off	Sun., Oct. 15, 1-8PM
<i>These days only</i>	Mon., Oct. 16, 9AM-8PM
Sale Set-up	Tue., Oct. 17, 9AM-2PM
Sale days	Wed., Oct. 18, 9AM-8PM
	Thur., Oct. 19, 9AM-12PM
Bake Sale	Wed., Oct. 18, 9AM – Sold Out
	(Baked goods available until sold out on Wed. only.)
Clean-up	Thur., Oct. 19, 12-2PM

We will need LOTS OF HELP to make this mission fundraiser a success. Please plan to donate items for the Bake Sale *and your time*. **You can sign up on the clipboard in the Gathering Area.** See the October **Cornerstone** for further details. Contact Paula Logan (717-697-3798) if you can help, need to have rummage picked up, or have any questions. **WANTED: Paper Grocery Bags.** Thank you for your support.

Bakers for Meals on Wheels: Members and friends of MPC have participated the past 5 years in providing dessert once a month to Meals on Wheels. We need to provide enough desserts to feed the 130+ community clients receiving the meals. Typically you would be asked to bake about twice a year and recipes are provided. If you like to bake and would like to add your name to our list of bakers, please contact Pat Heintzelman at (717-766-2001).

Disaster Relief – Atlantic Regional Hurricanes – For those who wish to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and recovery efforts to storm victims, you can give through Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church (Memo Line: PDA) or online.



The Mission Committee appreciates the paper donations made during our recent CROSS Paper Drive! In the near future, we will be taking 223 rolls of toilet paper, 383 rolls of paper towels, 1,420 napkins and a box of tissues out to Cumberland Vista in Dillsburg for their use. Thanks for supporting this mission!