

## MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 15, 2017 • 28<sup>th</sup> 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!*



The Reformation was embraced quickly by the middle and lower classes of the day, who had been burdened by taxes as well as paying for indulgences and tithing. The last straw was when butter, pork and beef were not permitted for fasting during Lent. The Pope ruled that fish and olive oil were allowed, and since he and other church elites were in Italy, that was not a sacrifice for them. In response, legend has it that during the Reformation, Swiss Reformer Ulrich Zwingli (pictured), drove a meat wagon to poor neighborhoods handing out free sausages during the Lenten fast.

*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**

PRIESTS AND PRIESTHOOD. Surely in the new covenant of Christ there is no longer any such priesthood as was under the ancient people; which had an external anointing, holy garments, and very many ceremonies which were types of Christ, who abolished them all by his coming and fulfilling them. But he himself remains the only priest forever, and lest we derogate anything from him, we do not impart the name of priest to any minister. For the Lord himself did not appoint any priests in the Church of the New Testament who, having received authority from the suffragan, may daily offer up the sacrifice, that is, the very flesh and blood of the Lord, for the living and the dead, but ministers who may teach and administer the sacraments.

*The Constitution of the PCUSA Part I, Book of Confessions, The Second Helvetic Confession (1561) 5.154*

# ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

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## Prelude

*By Waterside in Babylon*

J. Pachelbel, p. 20

Today's Prelude and Postlude are Choral Preludes, and while their use during the Baroque period is debated, most likely, they were used as introductions to hymns. Hymn singing as we know it today began during the Reformation. Much in the same way that the Bible was made available to the people, so were the psalms and hymns of the Church. In today's world the organist will introduce a hymn by playing it once over, but back in the time of the Choral Prelude, the once over was much more elaborate. We are blessed that composers of this era wrote these beautiful music moments down considering how much improvisation took place in the early church.

## 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 #405, v. 1

*Praise God for This Holy Ground*

HEYMONYSTRAAT

***Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.***

### \*Call to Worship

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which some seek to control, but which others view with despair – we declare with joy and trust:

**Our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes,

**God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to God!**

God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

**Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

### \*Hymn #363

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

### \*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.

**God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We confess that we often falter in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make an attempt to understand. We confess that fear and anger too often surround us and our actions become based on those fears and that anger. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and slow us down. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Remind us of our call to be strong voices that reflect your hope and your courage for this world, your creation. We pray in Jesus' name... (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!*

For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing;

**it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Beloved children of God, rejoice!

**We are forgiven!**

**\*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**

Psalm 106:1-5

O.T. p. 557

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

**Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Irish melody, arr. Hal Hopson

Bells of Celebration

**Second Lesson**

Philippians 4:1-9

N.T. p. 198

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

**Sermon**

Priests without Robes

Mark Allio



Sunday School Word of the Day: Encouragement

**Responding to the Word**

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

**\*Hymn #372**

*O for a World*

AZMON

**\*Declaration of Faith**

The Second Helvetic, 5.107

*Our church states its faith and bears witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ by using twelve creeds and confessions. In these confessional statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes and what it resolves to do. These confessional statements are subject to the authority of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.  
The following is taken from the Second Helvetic Confession, written after Ulrich Zwingli was killed in battle (1561).*

**WE ARE JUSTIFIED ON ACCOUNT OF CHRIST.** Now it is most certain that all of us are by nature sinners and godless, and before God's judgment seat are convicted of godlessness and are guilty of death, but that, solely by the grace of Christ and not from any merit of ours or consideration for us, we are justified, that is, absolved from sin and death by God the Judge. For what is clearer than what Paul said: "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:23 f.).

**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**

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

**Offertory**

*Ring Alleluia*  
Bells of Celebration

Howard F. Starks

**\*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 #757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Recessional**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Bells of Celebration

Peter Lutkin, arr. Ann Kerr

**\*Postlude**

*In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord*

J. Pachelbel, P. 14

\*\*\* 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!

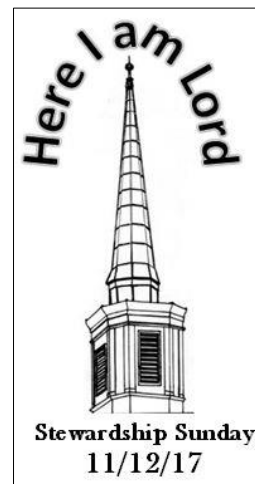
The flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration for the gift of family by Gary and Pat Heintzelman; by Larry and Shanon Lichty in honor of our son Kellen's tenth birthday. The yellow rose on the communion table symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Dick and Kay McDonald on the death of Kay's sister, Mary Miller, on October 8. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

Special thank you to Eileen House and MPC Bells of Celebration for their tremendous effort, dedication, and enhancement to our worship services today.



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.



**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED**

Dorothy Sanford – Messiah, #20 Wagner

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.

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

**Participating in Worship:**  
**Greeters:** Keni Melphis, Missy Rulapaugh (8:15); Frank & Kathy Coffey (11:00)  
**Ushers:** John & Kelli Scurfield, Mike Zang, Ken Kleinert (8:15); Lynne Zerbe, Amy Zullo, Tim Wonder, Pat Schaal (11:00)  
**Readers:** Larry Lichty (8:15); Adrian Murray (11:00)  
**Nursery:** Sue Karakantas (8:15); Sunny Podolak, Riley Nelson, Danielle Martin (11:00)  
**Fellowship Hours:** Becky Trout (8:15); Fellowship Committee (11:00)  
**Church to Pray for:** Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church, Warfordsburg, PA

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



**Today** – 6 PM – Movies and Meaning: *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. Everyone is welcome to Upper Fellowship Hall.

**Oct. 22** – GaGa Ball and Make Your Own Pizza – Bring your favorite pizza toppings!

**Oct. 29** – Pumpkin Party! We'll be carving and painting pumpkins. Wear old clothes and bring your favorite pumpkin or pumpkin spiced food to share!

Questions or comments contact Mark Allio  
 (717-697-0351 or [mallio@mechpresby.org](mailto:mallio@mechpresby.org))

**A New Member Class** will be held **NEXT SUNDAY** following 11:00 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.*

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15 - 22, 2017		
SUN	8:15/11 AM	<b>Cornerstone</b> Deadline
	9 AM	Worship
	9:35 AM	Westminster Choir
	11 AM	Sunday School
	1 – 8 PM	Pillars/Church Reception
	6 PM	Rummage Collection
		Movie with Meaning Night
MON	9 AM/7 PM	Joy Stitchers
	9 AM – 8 PM	Rummage Collection
	11:30 AM	Downtown Daily Bread
TUE	9 AM – 2 PM	Rummage Set-Up
	1:45 PM	Playful Beginnings Staff
	7 PM	P. B. Pin Meeting
WED	9 AM	Presby Peelers
	9 AM – 8 PM	Rummage/Bake Sale
	6:30 PM	Bells of Celebration
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir
THU	9 A – 12 P	Rummage Sale
	12 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	7 PM	He Brews
FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
SUN		<b>Tree/Warmth – Nut Sale</b>
	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:30-11 AM	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Peace & Justice Com.
	11 AM	Infant Baptism
	12 PM	New Member Class
	1:30 PM	CROP Walk
	6 PM	Youth Group

**ADULT TOPICS: Today** – *Reformation 500: Pole Position* "I got 95 problems but God ain't one." In this second session, Pastor Kathryn will explore the theology of the early reformers during the Protestant Reformation (location: Sanctuary).

**October 22** – *Reformation 500: Pit Crew* Pastor Kathryn will introduce a few of the numerous women who helped shape the Reformation (location: Upper Fellowship Hall).

## ADULT TOPICS (Continued)

**October 29** – *Reformation 500: Victory Lane* It's Reformation trivia-palooza! Grab some friends and come win prizes!

**TONIGHT: 6 PM** – **Movies with Meaning** – *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* – In 1517, power was in the hands of a few, thought was controlled by the chosen, and common people lived lives without hope. A penniless monk named Martin Luther sparked the revolution that would change everything. Everyone is welcome to view this thought-provoking movie.

**Trick or Treat Open House** – The Welcoming Committee will host an open house at the Youth Center on October 26, 6 to 8 PM. "Treats" and hot chocolate will be served. Please consider donating a bag of candy....last year we had over 200 visitors! The candy can be placed in the back of the kitchen. If any youth would like to help hand out candy, we welcome you in person or in costume!! Thank you!

**The Mechanicsburg 46<sup>th</sup> 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** 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.

**MPC's Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner** – **Thursday, Nov. 23, 12 – 3 PM. Volunteers needed.**

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.  
Romans 12:10-13

**ATTENTION:** Suzy Brenner is looking for someone to take over the Thanksgiving Dinner leadership position. It is all organized and this person could shadow Suzy during preparations this year. If you are interested, please contact her ASAP to discuss what it entails (717-497-2745).

**He Brews:** All men inside and outside of the church are invited to join us as we wrestle with current topics and the Bible. We'll meet on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** at Harty Brewing, 16 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg at 7 PM.



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

**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.

**Lend A Hand (LAH)** will be traveling, via the LAH vans, to Jacksonville, FL on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> with an overnight stop. We will stay for the week in a dormitory, with breakfast and lunch provided and return Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, arriving back in Camp Hill Sunday afternoon. The total cost of the trip is \$250. A driver is needed and spaces are still open. If interested, complete the online registration form at: [lendahand.net](http://lendahand.net). Any questions can be submitted through this page, which is LAH's website. Additional trips to the area start in January.

## CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH PILLARS



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

Betty Armstrong

Jere Bollinger

Dave and Mary Bressler

Martha Bricker

Marcia Conner

Marian Dunlavy

Marian Eichinger

Ann Fattro

Jane Follweiler

Jane Frey

Phyllis Fry

Don and Audrey Garlitz

Josephine Grable

Sam and Barbara Harvey

Jim Hutchison

Dick and Ann Jackson

John and Nancy Keeler

Mary Kell

Jim Loscher

Janet Meredith

Esther Mullen

Jim Naser

Suzanne Nixon

Anne Partridge

Pauline Pollock

Miriam Porter

Jayne Pyke

Becky Querry

Dorothy Sanford

Tom Sanford

Ranny and Andrea Singiser

Ken and Carole Spahr

Ron and Betsy Steele

Bill and Ramona Steele

Cassie Walker

David Walter

Gary Weber

Phyllis Weber

