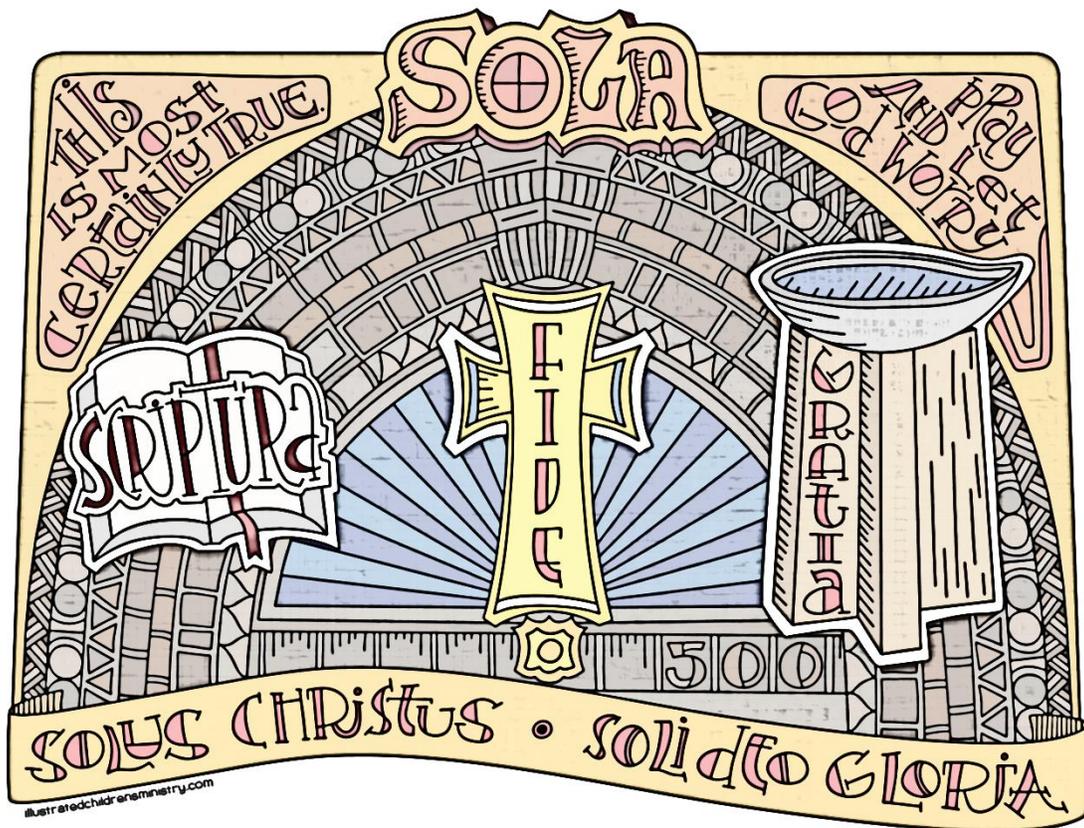


Stewardship Sunday
11/12/17

MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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October 29, 2017 • 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time • 8:15 & 11am

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.

There are five theological principles that unify the various streams of the Reformation:

Sola Scriptura - “Scripture alone” - The Bible alone is our highest authority (not church tradition or the Pope).

Sola Fide - “faith alone” - We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ; not by anything we do.

Sola Gratia - “grace alone” - We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus - “Christ alone” - Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Soli Deo Gloria - “to the glory of God alone” - We live for the glory of God alone.

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach, BWV 545a

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.

Moment for Mission

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

***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 #301**

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

***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.

Gracious God, we say that you are the Lord but then we live our lives as though you have no power. We too easily bow before the powers and authorities of this world. We lack the imagination to envision a world governed by your love. Deliver us, O God, from our limited perception. Capture the imaginations of our hearts and the work of our hands.... (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! (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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.

Anthem

I Saw the Light

Westminster Choir

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 22:34-40

N.T. p. 25

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

Anthem

Jubilate!

Carolee R. Curtright

MPC Chancel Choir

Jubilate Deo

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before his presence, come with a joyful song.

Sing to the Lord with the harp and the voice of a Psalm

Praise with stringed instruments, with timbrel and with dance

Sing praise with the loud cymbals, with the high sounding cymbals, with trumpet and cornet.

Let ev'ry thing that hath breath, Praise the Lord.

Jubilate Deo

Second Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

N.T. p. 127

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

Sermon

Reformed and Always Reforming

Kathryn Johnston

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



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.

Centering Prayer

***** How do you think the church needs to reform? *****

Write your thoughts on the post-it note in your bulletin, come forward, and place it on the door.

***Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

***A Litany for Reformation Sunday (insert)**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

debts/debtors

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

Offertory

Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us

J. S. Bach, BWV 632

Imagine singing your favorite hymn, enthusiastically and joyfully on a Sunday morning, surrounded by your church family. This arrangement is based on a hymn that would have been a true favorite of those whom Bach served, and also a favorite hymn of the great composer himself. Bach composed several settings of the hymn as chorale preludes and chorale variations.

***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 #361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

***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**

Fugue

J. S. Bach, BWV 565

I wanted a big, well known, Bach piece to close our celebration of Reformation 500. Here it is! Although Bach was born 168 years after the start of the Reformation, he is a significant voice of the movement. For the kids, and the young at heart, a very slight nod to Halloween, too. In celebration of the Reformation, here is the Fugue from Bach’s Toccata and Fugue in D minor.

*** 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 in memory of Frances and Donald Schminky by their family. The special flower arrangement is placed in honor of James and Shirley Nelson joining MPC from their family. The yellow rose on the communion table symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The white rose on the communion table is placed in memory of Darwin S. Hollinger. Our Christian love and sympathy to his wife Diane and family. Darwin joined MPC May 1983; served as a Deacon from 2000 – 2005, volunteered at New Hope Ministries, and entered the Church Triumphant on October 24, 2017. Darwin’s funeral will be take place here Wednesday, November 1, at 11:00 with visitation at 10:00. 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

We welcome James and Shirley Nelson into the fellowship of the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church at the 11:00 Service this morning. Please take a moment after the service to greet them.

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.

Ministers.....	All members of the congregation
Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.....	Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston.....kjohnton@mechpresby.org
Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults	Rev. Mark A. Allio.....mallio@mechpresby.org
Director of Music	Mark McKeever
Christian Education Director	Cathay Snyder
Playful Beginnings Director	Karen P. Taylor.....playfulbeginnings.mpc@gmail.com

More People Caring

Participating in Worship:
Greeters: Joanne Neimer, Anne Partridge (8:15); Nickie Shaddock, Millie Skelly (11:00)
Ushers: Mark Irvin, Rich & Becky Trout, Ken Kleinert (8:15); Esther Mullen, Gary Heintzelman, Chuck & Pat Schaal (11:00)
Readers: Sydney Gray (8:15); Justin Rulapaugh (11:00)
Westminster Choir Director: Kelli Fry
Nursery: Taylor Eisenberger, Sue Karakantas (8:15); Sunny Podolak, Riley Nelson, Lucy Martin (11:00)
Fellowship Hours: Terry Cornish (8:15); Larry Lichty (11:00)
Church to Pray for: Wells Valley Presbyterian Church, Wells Tannery, PA

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5, 2017

SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	3 PM	Boy Scouts
	5 PM	Youth Pumpkin Party
MON	9:30 AM	Playful Beginnings
TUE	9-12 PM	Staff Retreat
	12 PM	Ecumenical Food Pantry
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
WED	7 AM	Playful Beginnings Exec. Com.
	9 AM	Presby Peelers
	6:30 PM	Bells of Celebration
	7 PM	Hbg. Bike Club
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir
THU	12 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	7 PM	Word & Wine
FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
	6 PM	Sr. High Retreat
	6 PM	LGBTQ Discussion & Movie
SAT	TURN CLOCKS BACK	
SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship/Communion
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	1 PM	Adopt a Highway
	3 PM	Boy Scouts



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Clocks
Back

SATURDAY
NIGHT



Today – Pumpkin Party, 5 PM! We'll be carving and painting pumpkins. Wear old clothes and bring your favorite pumpkin or pumpkin spiced food to share!

Nov. 3 – 5 – Reality Retreat for Sr. High – Meet at the church at 6 PM - returning at 1:45 PM on Sunday. On Friday, please either bring a dinner or eat before you arrive. On Sunday, we'll stop for lunch on the way home (please bring money for lunch).

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

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.

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

- November 5** – *Heritage of Wisdom: Phyllis Weber*
- November 12** – Stewardship Sunday Celebration
- November 19** – Mission Spotlight: Truckstop Ministries

The **Dave Petko class** (Conference Room) is beginning a study of Philippians today.



MPC Blood Drive – donors are needed to give blood on Sunday, November 12, 9 – 11:30 AM. Sign up in the Gathering Area to give the gift of life. Call Randy Rulapaugh (717-728-4401) for further information.

The Tree of Warmth is at the back of the Sanctuary through 11/5 ready to receive cozy hats, scarves & gloves for clients of Stop the Violence. If you have any questions please contact Sue Karakantas (717-790-9354) or Joanne Neimer (717-691-0882). Thank you!

The annual roasted peanut and cashew sale is TODAY through 11/5. 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 & 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 an Adopt-a-Highway clean-up on Sunday, November 5, at 1 PM. PennDot provides bags and vests. Our route is Hogestown Road from the borough line to the Carlisle Pike. Please contact Laura Martin (717-691-3627 or mburgmom@verizon.net) to volunteer.

Word & Wine is a monthly gathering for all women on the first Thursday of the month. It is a time of fellowship and sharing. Mary Speedy has agreed to be our leader. Our next meeting is November 2 at 7 PM at Sue Karakantas' home. Please RSVP to Sue at (skarakantas@msn.com or 215-859-8959) or Mary Speedy (mspeedy@comcast.net or 717-580-1986 or just come if you decide at the last minute.

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 info.

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).

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 15th, 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.



Sunday, November 12 – after worship

There is a new PCUSA mission co-worker serving in Honduras, Dori Hjalmarson. Dori will be visiting our Presbytery the weekend of November 3-5 and there are two opportunities for MPC members to meet her: Saturday, November 4 - an open house in Palmyra at Derry Presbyterian members, Greg and Lois Harris, from Noon to 3. The second is dinner at the Carlisle Pizza Grille at 6 PM. If interested and/or for directions, please contact Mike Kostelec (717.732.1202) or Cathay Snyder (717.766.5899) by Thursday, November 2.