

MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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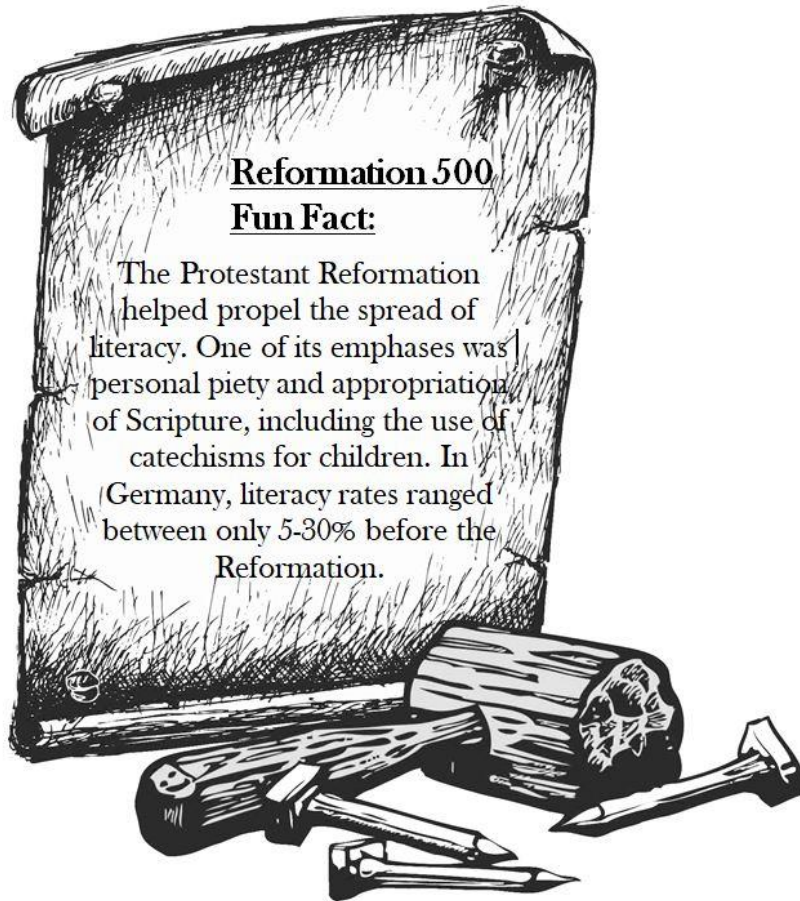
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October 8, 2017 • 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time • 8:15 & 11am

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!



Gathering Around the Word

We gather knowing God is with us.

Quiet Meditation

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

The Constitution of the PCUSA Part II, Book of Order, F-1.01

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Prelude

Ode to Joy

ReGifted

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. 3

Praise God for This Holy Ground

Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own.

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 God's kingdom fully comes,

God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to God!

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

Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

*Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*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 Grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our relationships with you and with one another. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord... (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!*

*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

Philippians 3:4b-14

N.T. p. 198

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

Hymn #630 (8:15)

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Anthem (11:00)

Reformation Medley

ReGifted

Second Lesson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

O.T. p. 66

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

Sermon

Soli Deo Gloria: to the glory of God alone

Kathryn Z. Johnston



Sunday School Word of the Day: Rejection

Responding to the Word

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

*Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Declaration of Faith

The Scots Confession, 3.01

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 Scots Confession which was written when Scotland was declared a Protestant nation (1560).

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

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

Offertory

Fugue for the Harpsichord

J. Pachelbel

*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 #275**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

***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**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

J. Pachelbel, P. 106

*** 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 loving memory of Sylvia Walters Gray, mother of Catherine Gray, and Clifford E. Gray, father of Catherine. The yellow rose on the communion table symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The white rose on the communion is placed in memory of Hallie E. Stevens. Hallie joined MPC in 1941 and entered the Church Triumphant October 3, 2017. She is survived by daughters Brenda, Coral and Doreen. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

Pastor Mark, Mike Martin and Tim Wonder are at the Pittsburgh Mission Project this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe trip home today.

Cathay Snyder will be out of the office this week.

We are happy to welcome back ReGifted (David Walters, Kevin Walters, Suzi Souder and Susan Miller) to our service this morning. We are grateful to have you share your talent with us 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.

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 for you or another walk up to prayer room at the left side of the Sanctuary during the postlude. 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: Bonnie Savage, Jim Kesler (8:15); Kim Wright, Larry Stoner (11:00)
Ushers: Gary & Holly Andersen, Wayne Yost, Bob Bell (8:15); Joyce Lackey, Jeff Mahood, Chuck & Pat Schaal (11:00)
Worship Assistants: Wayne Yost (8:15); Ted Foor (11:00)
Nursery: Greg & Shannon Andersen (8:15); Kristina Bell, Lyn & Mollie Blessing (11:00)
Fellowship Hours: Ran & Andrea Singiser (8:15); Karen Vandrew (11:00)
Church to Pray for: Upper West Conococheaque Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, PA

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



Youth Group

Today – Pretzel making and games! 6-8 PM!
Oct. 14, 8 AM– Donuts & cleaning the Youth Center.
Oct. 15, 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!
 Questions or comments contact Mark Allio (717-697-0351 or mallio@mechpresby.org)


ADULT TOPICS: Today – *Reformation 500 – Start Your Engines*. What (or who) sparked a religious rebellion that changed history? Join Pastor Kathryn for the first in a series of four presentations in Fellowship Hall.

The Joyful Hearts class will not be meeting this morning.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 - 15, 2017

SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
MON	6 PM	Las Vegas Prayer Vigil
	7 PM	Session Committees
TUE	9:30 AM	Play. Beg. Fire Safety Program
	12 PM	Ecumenical Food Pantry
	7 PM	Boy Scout Committee
WED	9 AM	Presby Peelers
	6:30 PM	Bells of Celebration
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir
THU	12 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Boy Scout Roundtable
	7 PM	Untapped Conversations
	7 PM	PW Coordinating Team
FRI	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
SAT	8 AM	PYC Youth Center Cleaning
	8 AM	Bells of Celebration
	5 PM	CROSS Picnic
SUN	Cornerstone Deadline	
	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	9 AM	Westminster Choir
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	11 AM	Pillars/Church Reception
	1 – 8 PM	Rummage Collection
	6 PM	Youth Movie Night

A New Member Class will be held Sunday, 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.*



PRAYER VIGIL

There will be a Prayer Vigil for Las Vegas at 6 PM on Monday, October 6, 2017, and October 9th in the Sanctuary.

Pillars of the Church Reception Next Sunday – Every five 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!

Movies with Meaning – Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World on Sunday, October 15 at 6 PM. 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.

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.

Untapped Conversations is for people in the church to get to know one another better. This Thursday the 12th at 7 PM, we'll meet at Desperate Times Brewery in Carlisle by the Fair Grounds (1201 Carlisle Springs Rd). Join us!

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).

Prison Ministries Christmas/Greeting Cards and Calendar Collection: Please put new Christmas and greeting cards and 2018 calendars in the bin marked "Prison Ministry Card / Calendar Collection" in the Gathering Area by December 1st so they can be given out for this year's holiday season.



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.

Picnic with residents of Cumberland Vista House this Saturday: 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 – 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.

Trick or Treat Open House – The Welcome Committee will host an open house at the Youth Center on October 26, 6–8 PM. "Treats" and hot chocolate and will be served. Please consider donating a bag of candy....last year we had over 200 visitors! The candy can be left 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!

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

Mix 'n Mingle/Pep Set – The Susquehanna Chorale on Friday, December 15 – The Chorale will present their Christmas program *A Candlelight Christmas* on Friday, December 15, 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.