



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 10, 2017 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • 10:30 AM

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.

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

Centering Prayer

***Introit**

God Welcomes All

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

and its circuit to the end of them;

and nothing is hid from its heat.

***Song**

Earth and All Stars!

***Prayer of Confession**

Garden of Eden: Genesis 3:8-9

During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden's trees. The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"
(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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.

Lesson

Elijah in the Cave: 1 Kings 11-13

The Lord said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the Lord. But the Lord wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

Moment with the Children

All children are welcome to stay in worship. There is a playground available for children up to age 5.

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers and Youth Advisors

Jonah and the Whale: Jonah 1:4, 7, 11-12, 14-15, 17

Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you." Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson

Loaves and Fishes: Matthew 14:15-21

That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to me." He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

*Song

For the Fruit of All Creation

Responding to the Word

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

*Declaration of Faith

Disciples and Storm: Matthew 14:23-33

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

***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.*

The Lord’s Supper – See Insert

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Please use the center aisle to come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip the bread into the cup.
For those with dietary restrictions there will be a gluten/lactose/wheat-free station on the right.
If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.*

After you partake of the Lord’s Supper, we invite you to move to the pavilion for lunch.

The flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of Paxton G. and Margie F. Wolfe by Margie and Barry Fealtman; and in memory of Jim Zerbe by his family. The yellow rose symbolizes the Holy Spirit in our midst.

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

Charlene Bojalad – ManorCare, Camp Hill

Beverly Coleman – Hershey Medical Center

The rose is placed in celebration of the birth of Elijah Rain Roush on August 31, 2017 to Marcy Weigel Roush. Elijah is the grandson of Karen Weigel. Congratulations!

Our Christian love and sympathy to Dean and Ruth Flinchbaugh on the unexpected death of their son, Scott Alan Flinchbaugh, on September 7, 2017. *Blessed are those who see the Lord face to face.*

2017-18 Sunday School Teachers

- Toddler – 2’s & 3’s:** Carrie Allio, Shannon Hammel, Susan McCurdy
- Pre K & Kindergarten:** Barbara Bell
- 1st & 2nd Grades:** Janice Daft, Kim Parent
- 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades:** Larry Lichty, Margaret Mielke, Amy Zullo
- Confirmation Class:** Mark Allio, Lori Heenan, Tim Wonder
- Sr. High:** Kelli Scurfield, Jennifer Thomson
- Joyful Hearts:** Suzy Brenner
- Dave Petko Class:** Class members
- Youth Group Advisors:** Kelli Fry, Joanne Neimer, Kevin Moyer

Ministers.....All members of the congregation

Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.....Rev. Kathryn Z. Johnston.....kjohnston@mechpresby.org

Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults Rev. Mark A. Allio mallio@mechpresby.org

Director of MusicMark G. McKeever mmckeever@mechpresby.org

Director of Christian EducationCathay L. Snyder csnyder@mechpresby.org

Playful Beginnings Director Karen P. Taylor ktaylor@mechpresby.org

Session . (2017) Beverly Coleman, Jeremy Fry, Lori Heenan, Ken Kleinert, Margaret Mielke, Kevin Moyer, Missy Rulapaugh
(Class of 2018) Frank Coffey, Ted Foor, Cindy Gorski, Mike Kostelac, Jaci Scott, Lorrie Weber, Tim Wonder
(2019) Kathie Carmines, Donna Fleetwood, Jim Honafius, Mike Martin, Nickie Shaddock, Deb Williams, Wayne Yost

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More People Caring

Participating in Worship:
Greeters: Jill Lepley, Barry & Margie Fealtman
Ushers: Nancy Craine, Jim Honafius, Jason Devey, Ken Kleinert
Reader: Mike Daft
Liturgy: Engage Worship
Church to Pray for: Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, PA

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



Today – Senior High planning meeting at Marzoni’s, 6 PM
September 17 – Progressive dinner, 5-8 PM
September 24 – Youth Group, 6-8 PM

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

The Chancel Choir (high school, college students and above) directed by Mark McKeever, has begun rehearsals on **Wednesdays, from 7:45-9:15 PM**. An invitation is extended to anyone interested in singing for worship to come to choir practice. **Bells of Celebration**, directed by Eileen House, also began practices on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**.

***The Anonymous People
Addiction and Recovery***

Panel Discussion: Local experts will discuss the journey to recovery on **Friday, September 22 at 6 PM** in Upper Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10 - 17, 2017		
SUN	10:30 AM	Outdoor Worship, Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg CROSS Paper Drive
	3 PM	Boy Scouts, LFH
	6 PM	Sr. High Youth Group Planning
MON	9:30 AM	Playful Beginnings
	1 PM	LOVE Quilters
	7 PM	Session Committees
TUE	11:30 AM	PW Kick-Off Luncheon
	12 PM	Ecumenical Food Pantry
WED	9 AM	Presby Peelers
	6:30 PM	Bells of Celebration
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
THU		CROP Walk Fundraiser, Hoss’s
	12 PM	Pastor’s Bible Study
	7 PM	Untapped Conversations
FRI	6:15 AM	Men’s Bible Fellowship
SUN	8:15/11 AM	Worship
	8:15/11 AM	Bible Presentation
	9:35 AM	Sunday School
	5 PM	Youth Group Progressive Dinner
		CROSS Paper Drive
		Cornerstone Deadline

Sunday School News! Come one, come all! Join us in Upper Fellowship Hall for this special class on September 17th as we discuss changes and plans for the upcoming year! We will be discussing Children, Youth, and Adult ministries and classes. There will be opportunities for all to share ideas and ask questions. Please don’t miss this opportunity.

REGULAR

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE RESUMES

September 17
Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM
Sunday School at 9:35 AM

Bible Sunday - September 17, 2016 - Do you remember the day you got your first Bible? If you still have that Bible bring it with you on September 17 or bring your favorite Bible. This year we will be giving Bibles to 3rd and 6th graders. Presentation will be at both services so families can come to their favorite service.

Pastor's Bible Study – Join Pastor Kathryn Thursdays at noon in the Conference Room for lunch (BYO) and Bible study. We will spend about an hour with the time divided between discussing the Scriptures from the previous Sunday and the Scriptures for the next Sunday.

Joyful Hearts begins their study of the Book of Acts on **Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 AM**. They meet in the parlor.

Women's Ministry – Please plan to join us this Tuesday, September 12, at 11:30 AM for our Fall Kick-Off Luncheon and introduction to this year's study, *Cloud of Witnesses – The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. If you have not been a participant in one of our circle groups, come check us out! There is friendship, fellowship, and so much to learn. Sign-up TODAY so we may plan for the luncheon. You may also contact Sharon Chizar at sechizar@aol.com or Margie Fealtman at mfealtman@juno.com. Hope to see you there.

Attention MechPresby: We are in desperate need of 8:15 nursery volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer in our early morning nursery, please contact Laura Martin.

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The new photo directories are here! See a member of the Fellowship Committee in the Gathering Area to pick up your copy. Members who were photographed receive a free directory. Directories are available for \$5.

Annual Paper Drive for CROSS is continuing through September 17. **CROSS** (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) provides a homelike environment for adults with developmental disabilities. We are collecting toilet paper and napkins will also be accepted. Please bring in these paper items and help our friends at CROSS. Donations can be dropped off at the front of the stage in Upper Fellowship Hall.

Untapped Conversations, a social group for anyone 21 and older, will meet THIS THURSDAY at 7 PM at Troegs.

HeBrews – We'll meet at 7 PM on Thursday, September 21, at Al's of Hampden. We will begin our study in October. Send Pastor Mark any ideas you have that you'd like to discuss.

Mix 'n Mingle/Pep Set, the 55+ social group, will be going to Boiling Springs Tavern for lunch on Wednesday, September 20, at 12:30 PM. Meet at the church to carpool. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area – contact Rich Trout (717-697-1608) if you have any questions.

Adult Mission Trip Opportunity – The members of HeBrews and Untapped Conversations have planned a mission trip to Pittsburgh October 5-8, 2017. We will be working with the Pittsburgh Project, who will house us and assign us with mission work around the city. The cost is \$135 per person plus food cost. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Pastor Mark.



Harvey Help – Here are some ways to give assistance to those impacted by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey:

For those who wish to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and recovery efforts, **gifts can be designated online:**

(<http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/prayer-hurricane-harvey/>) to **DR000169-Harvey**, or you can mail a check to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
(DR000169-Harvey in the memo line)

The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Fundraiser Banquet will be held Saturday, October 7, 5:30 PM, at the New Fairview Church of the Brethren, York, PA. The evening features a silent auction, full-course dinner, the musical group, *Harmony*, an update of the ministry and door prizes. Tickets are \$12 and available at carlisletruckstopministry.org until September 23.