

Worship in the Sanctuary

With the colder weather upon us we are worshiping in our sanctuary with a 30 minute service at 10:00 am. Of course we must deal with the reality of the pandemic so particular restrictions will be observed.

Worshippers will need to send an RSVP **EACH WEEK**, either by email to officescpc@gmail.com or leave a voice mail at the church office (814-238-2422), preferably by Thursday prior to service. The reason for this is that if we have more worshippers than can be accommodated at a single service, we will need to make arrangements for an additional service.

Up to thirty worshippers will be widely spaced in the downstairs area of the sanctuary and an overflow of five additional worshippers in the balcony. **We ask that anyone with a temperature or any suspicious symptoms not attend and that everyone wear a mask and maintain proper distance from others.** As without our outdoor service, the worship will last for thirty minutes. The heat will be on in the sanctuary but there will also be outside air ventilation, so dress accordingly.

The recorded YouTube service will continue for the foreseeable future.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Give—Share your financial blessings to help disaster survivors throughout the world.

Act—Get involved with disaster recovery ministry.

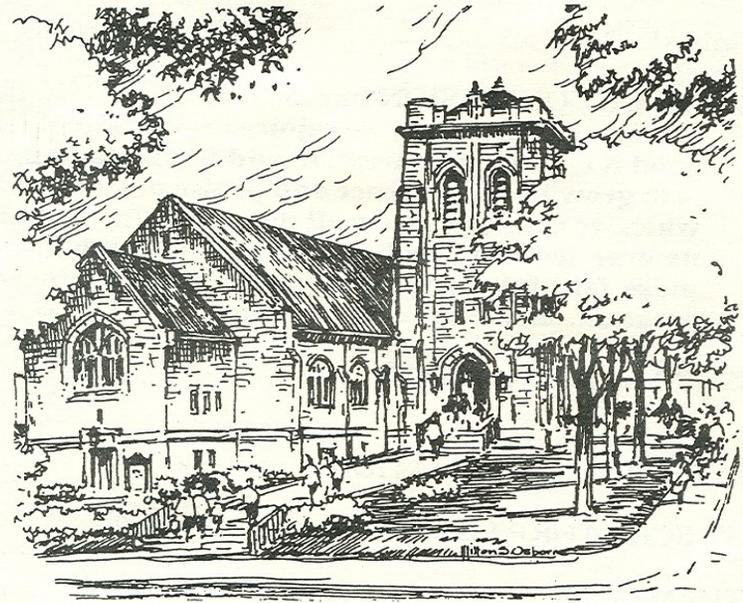
Pray—Our best response is prayer. Seek God's presence on behalf of disaster survivors

Give online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

By mail: Presbyterian Church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

By Phone—call (800)872-3283 to give by credit card.

Text to Give: Text "PDA" to 20222 to give \$25 to our General Relief account



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November 15, 2020

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE

“Fantasy on ‘Kinsgfold’”
The Handbell Choir
Arranged by H. Dean Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jaxon Rounsville

God of heaven and earth,
in praise and worship,
we celebrate the freedom that you grant us.
Help us now to see more clearly your grace among us,
love more dearly those around us,
and follow more nearly your will for our lives.
Day by day, give us strength and courage
to be your people, freely sharing your grace
in the church, and in your world.

HYMN No. 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Cantors: Cheryl Price and Bill Lukens

- 1) Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
- 2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3) Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4) Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Advent Devotionals

Awaken “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10

Advent is a time of anticipation, but so often we are not quite sure how God will show up. So we must be ready for anything! We hope to be as Samuel, hearing God calling to us in the night, responding with ears open to how God is leading each of us. To ready ourselves to hear God’s nudgings we can reflect together on the noticings of God we have experienced before. We will share stories of Aha! moments and new beginnings as well as processing feelings of dread or being held back. We invite you to participate in our daily Advent devotional reflections this season, starting November 29th. You can do so in different ways, as a contributor, writing a reflection to share with others, or receiving and connecting through reading the reflections of others. Please email Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) to make sure you’re on the list or if you have any questions.

Centering Prayer—Via Zoom—Mondays at 7:00 pm

The regular weekly Centering Prayer group offering is meeting via Zoom. It will continue to be offered on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to be added to the email invitation list and receive an access code, please contact Mary Boutselis or Mary Jane Kistler.

Men’s Bible Study

Our Men’s Bible Study is continuing study of the book of Ecclesiastes. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday’s of the month and we meet in the Martin Room at 7:00 pm. If anyone is interested in our group, please contact Bob Igo at (814)280-0437.

Wednesday in the Word

Wednesday in the Word is continuing with the study, “A Deeper Look at the Sermon on the Mount—Living out the Way of Jesus” by John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom Wednesdays at 12:30 for lunch then 12:45 to 1:45 pm for the study and 1:45 to 2:00 for sharing and prayer. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 15

10:00 am **Worship Service, Sanctuary**

11:00 am Adult Ed—Zoom

11:00 am High School Sunday School—Zoom

Monday, November 16

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Zoom

7:30 pm Scouts, Westminster Hall

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—Zoom

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Building and Property—Zoom

9:15 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom

5:30 pm Geckos, “Thanks—giving Theme”

6:30 pm Chrysalis—Zoom

7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, November 18

12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom

6:30 pm FISH

Thursday, November 19

9:15 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

“Still Here!” - Stewardship Emphasis

Because of the many uncertainties that surround us these days, it's sometimes hard to make plans even a few days ahead much less months or more from now. Yet, that is what we must do in the church! We are still here, serving our community and offering our witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ, and this important work must continue. That is why we need you to think ahead with us and help the Session plan for the coming year by making a financial pledge to support the ongoing ministries of our church in 2021. Stewardship materials have been sent out to all members and friends. If you have not already done so, please mail your pledge form back to the church office or you may send an email to Michelle Fortin, our Financial Administrator finadmscpc@gmail.com.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Ozaki

Almighty God you have called us to freedom, but we are tempted to misuse that freedom. We do things that are self-indulgent, simply because we can. We tie ourselves to old habits, forgetting there is a new and better way. We avoid responsibility and expect someone else to take up the slack. By your forgiving love, help us to use our freedom to bring you glory. May you grant us to live fully and responsibly, in joyful communion with our neighbors and with you, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM

“Freedom and Life Are Ours”
Arranged by Ned Wetherald

Text:

1) Freedom and life are ours
for Christ has set us free!
never again submit to powers
that lead to slavery:

Christ is the Lord who breaks
our chains, our bondage ends,
Christ is the Rescuer who makes
the helpless slaves his friends.

2) Called by the Lord to use
our freedom and be strong,
not letting liberty excuse
a life of blatant wrong:
freed from the law's stern hand
God's gift of grace to prove,
know that the law's entire demand
is gladly met by love.

3) Spirit of God, come, fill,
emancipate us all!
speak to us, Word of truth, until
before your feet we fall:

glory and liberty
our Father has decreed,
and if the Son shall make us free
we shall be free indeed!

Choir:

Hayden Carpenter, Emily-Margaret Ceres, Katrina Cole,
Connie Curilla, Laura Essinger-Hileman, Don Hartzell,
Bill Lukens, Shelby Luther, Jack McKinley, Karen Neff,
Cheryl Price, Lynne Verity, Michael West, Ann Wheeler,
Jim Wheeler

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:1

“For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm, there-
fore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

SERMON “Freedom” Dean Lindsey

Hymn No. 772 “Live into Hope”

- 1) Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained,
the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to
see the year of God’s own jubilee!
- 2) Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and
with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a
vision of our God brought near.
- 3) Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right
to be, the right to have one’s daily bread, to hear
God’s word and thus be fed.
- 4) Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or
want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to
faith and hope and joy and peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Allison Maus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

BENEDICTION

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” -Andre Campra

Adult Ed for November 15
via Zoom—11:00 am

Presented by Laura and Emily Robinson

“Living With Autism—A family Perspective”

One in fifty-four children in the United States are
diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder each year.

Boys are four times more likely than girls to be
diagnosed. But what does the diagnosis really mean?
How does a family with Autism work? How successful
are the interventions for the young ones on the
spectrum and what happens to adults on the spectrum
when the social services run out? Join Laura Robinson
and her daughter Emily, a young woman on the
spectrum, to discuss the facts, fallacies, and realities
of living day to day with Autism. Parents, youth, and
grandparents are all encouraged to zoom in and hear
how they can help a person with Autism in their family,
church family, or in their community.

Let us all be in prayer for our church, our
community, and our world, seeking out God’s
healing and strength as we move through these days,
and please keep in touch with the church
and with your neighbors!