

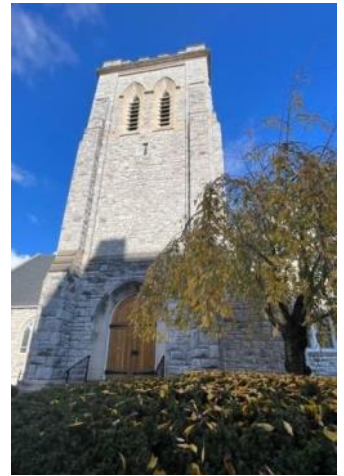


Welcome to Worship

September 24, 2023

9:00 am

Gathering Around the Word



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Deannine Shipman

Introit Hymn No. 613

“O Lord, Our Lord”

*Call to Worship

Reed Dressler

Leader: God called forth and delivered the children of Israel from captivity

People: And brought them out richly blessed not in rags

Leader: No tripping no stumbling, not in fear but feared by their oppressors

People: God shielded them from the heat of the day and lit up the dark nights along the way

Leader: They received water equal to their thirst, food equal to their hunger

People: God was not just faithful to the promise

Leader: God went above and beyond

People: We will celebrate what God has done, and remember who God is;

Leader: A trustworthy covenant keeper,

People: a wise and extravagantly gracious keeper of promises.

*Hymn No. 31

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

*Call to Confession

John Porter

*Prayer of Confession

John Porter

God of all grace, we count on your mercy for ourselves and yet expect you to punish our enemies.

We serve you in faith, but when others don't, we forget the joy of doing your work. We look down our noses when you distribute your generosity outside of our judgment. Forgive us for the ways we are stuck in our privilege and shaped by our biases. Take away our bitterness and fill our hearts with gratitude. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

John Porter

*Passing of the Peace

John Porter

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Amy Sten

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Amy Sten

Anthem

Pslam 23

Arranged by Phil Spangler

Children's Time

Deannine Shipman

Song After Children's Time Hymn No. 487, verse 2 "These Treasured Children"

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Allison Maus

Sermon

Allison Maus

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

*Affirmation of Faith - Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

John Porter

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Reed Dressler

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Call to Offering

Reed Dressler

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology Hymn No. 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Amy Sten

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

John Porter

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

John Porter

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.

*Hymn No. 71

"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

*Charge & Benediction

Allison Maus & John Porter

Postlude

Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Carrie Miller

Ushers: Sharon Manno, Tracy Massaglia, Margaret Van Fossan, and Melanie Wassom

Information Desk: Rob Huffard

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Wendy Huffard

Parking Lot: Linda Finley

Coffee Hour:

Host: Jerry Sawyer

Assistant: Reed Miller

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Sandy Essinger-Hileman, given by her daughter Laura.

MEN'S RETREAT
The Return of the Prodigal Son

October 6-8th @ Krislund

Small Groups,
Personal Reflection,
and Service.



Registration
and more info
on our website

Crop Walk—October 22nd

Every fall, the CROP Walk raises money for our local food bank, and for the food and hunger work of the Church World Service (the same folks who deliver the storm cleanup buckets we make to where they are needed, quickly). Watch for a signup and donation table at Coffee Hours this month or you can use the QR Code. This year, the walk starts at Grace Lutheran Church (205 S. Garner St.). Check in and welcome is at 1:30, step-off is at 2:00. Traditionally the weather is excellent, and friendly canine members of our congregation are welcome to join the team!



Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am

Reed Dressler will be leading a discussion called “The God of Ecology.” In this discussion we will ask how Christians can understand God in the face of ecological disruptions and species extinctions. Furthermore, it will tackle how Christians may be able to address and mitigate these hardships. This discussion will take place in Westminster Hall today after service.

Connect - Room 10 is another adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

Parking Vouchers for Today!

Today, those who park in the Beaver Avenue parking garage while attending the Sunday worship service can stop by the information desk to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking (can only be used Sunday morning in the Beaver Avenue garage). Someone is at the desk for 15 minutes before and after the worship service.

Chrysalis Fall Retreat

Chrysalis youth - join us for the Fall Retreat from Friday evening 9/29 to Sunday morning 10/1! Our weekend together at camp will help us build stronger connections to one another and God. We'll play, pray, talk, worship, enjoy God's gift of nature, have adventures, and experience God's peacefulness intended for all creation. Sign ups are open via the Google Form found by following the QR code.



PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP
college student ministry

support our students by providing a meal



Student gathering every Thursday 6-8pm
Free meal and friendship!

During September, National Suicide Prevention Month, we pray for all who are coping with or who have experienced thoughts of suicide, and we give thanks for all who answer calls and texts at the National Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 988.

Juniper Village Block Party

Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing.

NEXT Sunday
🌸 **October 1, 1:45-4:00**
and first Sundays of every other month.

Sign up here: 



Sunday, September 24th

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 3:00 pm Spiritual Life Retreat—ReFarm

Monday, September 25th

Stay and Play Closed

- 5:00 pm Congregational Fellowship Committee Meeting—Martin Rm
- 7:00 pm Education Ministry Unit—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, September 26th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 6:00 pm Nominating Committee—Martin Rm

Wednesday, September 27th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom & Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 8:00 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, September 28th

- 1:00 pm Presbytery Visioning Team Meeting—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

Friday, September 29th

Chrysalis Retreat

Saturday, September 30th

Chrysalis Retreat

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting—Krislund
- 2:00 pm JoAnn Miller Memorial Service and Reception

Sunday, October 1st

Chrysalis Retreat

World Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
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- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
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- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Rm
- 1:45 pm Juniper Block Party—Juniper Village

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 102 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song** which meets in Room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5) - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in the Fireside Room on the lower level. Oasis is a loving place where youth from grades 6-12 can have fun, feel accepted, and grow.

Adult Education—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

Connect—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Room 10 on the lower level. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

YoPro Bible Study—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the what's next season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

