The purpose of today's congregational meeting is to elect church officers for the Class of 2020.

SLATE OF NOMINEES:

Deacons
Anita Ashbaugh
Rita Beck
Bob Read
Judie Read

Elders
Dick Darr
Frank Meehan
Deb Ryerson
Fred Seltzer

SERVING TODAY:
Reader: Ellen Darr
Ushers: John, Elizabeth, Jack & Sarah Martin
Flowers: Ellen Darr (chair) & Sandra Ilgenfritz
Fellowship Hosts: Bill & Rita Beck; Earlene Heckendorn
Counters: John & Elizabeth Martin; Earlene Heckendorn
Service Recorder: Ray Thomas
Sunday School Teachers:
~ Age 3-K: Barb Crum & Lynne Hofferica
~ Grades 1-5: Bob Davis
~ Youth (pre-confirmed): Rita Beck & Debby Madden
~ Youth (post-confirmed): Heather Thompson & Joe Shane
~ Adults: Bill Beck

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:
*** in the presbytery:** Honduras Partnership
*** in the congregation (at random):** Bruce & Kathy Mulvey; Jarl Uilkema

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:
~ Monday, 7 PM: Space for God
~ Tuesday, 6:30 PM: Bible Study
~ Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal
~ Thursday, 7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast (Kimberly's, W. High St.)
~ Saturday, 9 AM–Noon: PW Coordinating Team (Fell. Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY—24th Sunday after Pentecost—Nov. 19th
– 9:15 AM: Prayer, sanctuary
– 9:30 AM: Education hour; classes for all
– 10:45 AM: Worship; Stewardship Sunday; PW Thank Offering; Scripture, Matthew 25: 14-30
– After worship: Conversation & light refreshments
~ After worship: Prayer Community meets

NEXT SUNDAY, please bring your 2018 commitment cards to Stewardship Sunday. We will also receive the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering, which you can learn more about from today's bulletin insert.

COMING SOON:

+ Fri., Nov. 17	December newsletter items due
+ Mon., Nov. 20	Advent devotionals due
+ Tue., Nov. 21, 7 PM	Session Meeting
+ Wed., Nov. 22, 7 PM	Community Thanksgiving Service The Meeting House, Walnut Bottom Road
+ Sun., Nov. 26, after worship	Advent Luncheon and Hanging of the Greens

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available on the literature table in Fellowship Hall.

♪ "Ten Bridesmaids Waited for the Time"
- Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2014 (Matthew 25: 1-13)
- Tune FOREST GREEN, traditional English melody, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
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Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Order for Worship

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 10:45 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Steal Away	Callahan
Fairest Lord Jesus	Page
Antioch	Wood

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please sign and pass the pew registration pads.)

Were I a Perfect Child of God
GINI WEREA BARON'SHEIR
Traditional Scottish melody
arr. Alonso & Mahler

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way!

* HYMN #223 "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now,
we share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Forgive our wrongs. Give us true repentance.
Transform us by your Spirit
so that we may live for your glory,
and learn to serve each other
more and more each day,
until, through the grace of Jesus Christ,
we come at last to your kingdom. AMEN
(silent confession . . .)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

* PASSING THE PEACE
Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus,
let us also forgive one another and offer signs
of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.
(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, help us to know your ways;
teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all day long.
We pray through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON "Waiting" Debby Madden

FIRST LESSON Amos 5: 18-24 (O.T., p. 17)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Praise the Lord with Jubilant Song"
Lightfoot

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25: 1-13 (N.T., p. 13)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN *(insert)* "Ten Bridesmaids Waited for the Time"

* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) (Blue Hymnal, p. 14)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Blue Hymnal, p. 16)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES
Offertory *A Hymn of Praise* Miller

* Response - #592 "Praise God"

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves
to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all
that you have made,
for the sake of him who gave himself for us –
Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

SENDING

* HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* RESPONSE #586 "Amen"

~ ~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ ~

* POSTLUDE *St. Anthony's Chorale* Hayden

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BOLD indicates ALL read
***** indicates please stand if able

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY:
~ You are invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments.
~ The Finance Committee will provide a "3rd Quarter Update" in the Gathering Room for all interested.
~ Scheduled photo sessions are being held in the Library (2nd floor; elevator-accessible).

TODAY AT 4:30 PM, please come to "Game and Pizza Night" in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite card or board game to share. Hope to see you there!
(Education Committee)

TODAY'S FLOWERS are presented by the Henry Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of L. Roy & Bennett Henry, James B. Henry, Sr., Bettie Henry, and William J. Henry.