



TODAY, SERVING IN WORSHIP:

- **Reader:** Deb Richcreek
- **Greeters/Ushers:** Lyn Barr; Tom Sheperd; Ray Thomas
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Ron & Deb Richcreek
- **Video:** Joe Shane
- **Audio:** Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- ~ **Monday, 2 PM:** Faith Circle meets (ALL women of the church invited!)
- ~ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- * **in the presbytery:** First United (Newville); Rev. Dr. Vernon Gauthier
- * **in the community:** Gettysburg College
- * **in the congregation (at random):** Peter Geitner; Peggy & John McKeehen

**NEXT SUNDAY18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....October 1st
~ World Communion Sunday ~**

- > **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary
- > **9:30 AM:** Education hour
- > **10:45 AM:** Worship, with Communion; Sermon, "The Enemies of Gratitude: Nostalgia"; Scripture, Exodus 17:1-7
- > **After worship:** Fellowship time

ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY'S "WORLD COMMUNION" – The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). It was an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When Kerr was asked how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, he replied, "The concept spread very slowly at the start....It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.



ABOUT TODAY'S HYMNS

~ **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"** was written by William Williams, who was known as the "Sweet Singer of Wales" and the "Isaac Watts of Wales." The hymn, full of biblical imagery, was published in 1745. The tune CWM RHONDDA was written by John Hughes (1873-1932) for a singing festival in Wales. It is named for the principal coal town in Glamorganshire.

~ Set to the tune FOREST GREEN (an English folk melody) our middle hymn, **"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought,"** was written in 1960 by Frank von Christierson. On this text, the author wrote, "As pastor of two small churches with small memberships and great financial needs, I have been deeply concerned with stewardship, also because I am deeply concerned about missions and the outreach of the church to 'all the world', also because stewardship is a very important phase of the Christian life. No one is deeply Christian until he/she is a 'good steward.'"

~ **"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"** was written by Robert Edwards. He wrote it for the Hymn Society of America's 1961 competition for stewardship hymns, where it was one of ten chosen. The tune BEACH SPRING first appeared in 1844, and is attributed to B.F. White.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus

Debby Madden, Educator Emerita

Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director

Avis Allen, Secretary; Chuck Adler, Sexton

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Welcome to all who have come to worship!

We bid you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow

Jesus Christ. Please join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:45;

Sunday school precedes worship at 9:30.

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First Presbyterian Church On-the-Square Carlisle, Pennsylvania



September 24, 2023

10:45 a.m.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Voluntary Southard
In dir ist Freude Manz
CWM Rhondda Held

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
~ GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Give Me Jesus Lau

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We will sing to God
and bless God's name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

We will declare God's mighty acts
and celebrate His abundant goodness.
Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.

* HYMN #281 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of miracles and of mercy,
all creation sings your praise.
Like the vineyard owner,
your grace is extravagant and unexpected.
Lead us to repentance
and the acceptance of your grace,
that we may witness to your love,
which embraces both those we call friend
and those we call stranger. AMEN**
(silent confession . . .) AMEN

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* 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

**Holy Spirit,
as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed,
blow through our hearts and minds
with new meaning and insight.
Transform us with your life-giving fire,
that we may be vessels
of your world-changing power. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:10–4:11 (O.T., p. 861)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* Keveren

SECOND LESSON Matthew 20:1-16 (N.T., p. 21)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “A Fair Wage” Rev. Anthony Lorenz

* HYMN #414 – “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES
Offertory *Prelude and Air* Handel

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Creator of all things,
everything on earth is yours.
We have nothing that can make you richer,
for everything comes from your hand.
But what we have we bring –
the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you,
and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing.
Receive and bless our gifts for your holy work,
and bless those who offer them to you. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN #422 – “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #540 (v. 1)–“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**“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 *Fantasia* Pachelbel

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* indicates please stand, if able
BOLD indicates ALL read

Children's Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you

After worship, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and
light refreshments.