

Liturgy for Zoom and In-Person Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Piano Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on High, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

(brief silence follows)

P: Generous and faithful God,

C: WE CONFESS TO YOU ALL THE WAYS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, THAT WE REJECT AND UNDERMINE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE. THOUGH YOU MADE US YOUR PEOPLE, WE TREAT STRANGERS WITH SUSPICION.

THOUGH YOU FORGAVE OUR DEBTS, WE COLLECT WITHOUT MERCY AND WE ARE QUICK TO PASS JUDGMENT ON OTHERS.

HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD, AND REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE TO US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

P: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, Jesus Christ, God forgives our every debt, our every sin, and gives us a new heart and a new spirit.

C: AMEN.

Opening Hymn #812 "Faith of Our Fathers" (verses 1 and 3)

Apostolic Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms: 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

8:30 Only – Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us And, at 11:00, Share in God's

Supper

We Proclaim Our Faith – Apostles' Creed:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

Piano Anthem

Prayers

11:00 Only – Words of Institution:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Our 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 TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

11:00 Only – We Partake of Our Lord's Supper

11:00 Only – Post Communion Blessing:

P: The bodily presence of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

All: AMEN

11:00 Only – Post Communion Prayer:

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Benediction:

P: The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon and remain with us always.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (all verses)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Piano Postlude and Silent Prayer

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.

Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Keyboardist
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

The **October Celebrate Inserts**, **Tree 4 Hope**, and **Konde Diocese Pastor's Salary** ministry gifts are in honor of the October wedding anniversaries of Courtney & Rob Forman, Matt & Olivia Williard and Barry & Kim Williard.

Today, Sunday, October 25

8:30am Worship via Zoom
9:45am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)
11:00am Worship In-Person ***in the Church Building***, Including Holy Communion (We continue to have plenty of room for more folks to join in this worship opportunity – please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship in any fashion if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19.)

Monday, October 26

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm Property Committee Meeting (In-Person in the Pavilion – please be sure to bring along your mask and a comfortable chair for safe spacing)
7:00pm Book Discussion Group Gathering on Zoom (Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can pick up a copy of the current book on the bench under the bulletin board in

the foyer: **Murder at the Vicarage** by Agatha Christie. Please give Ann Bruner a call with any questions – 717.362.7895.)

Tuesday, October 27

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting on Zoom to Prepare 2021 Current Fund and Other Budgets

Wednesday, October 28

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study on Zoom
7:00pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/ Students/ Families and 2. for Our Health Professionals
(Please make use of the list of health care professionals at the end of this bulletin information, taking a few minutes to lift each person up to God by name. To add names to the list, please contact Pastor Tom with their information.)

Thursday, October 29

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, October 30

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Members Meet in the Pavilion to Prepare for ***Trunk or Treat***

Saturday, October 31

Reformation Day/Halloween
Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
2:30-4:30pm ***Drive Thru Trunk or Treat*** on the Ballfield, hosted by our Girl Scout Troop 10010, led by Nicole Radel (Please see our congregational website or the October ***St. John's Epistle*** for details!)

Before going to bed next Saturday night, please be sure to set your clocks back one hour, as we return to Standard Time early Sunday morning.

Next Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day
8:30am Worship via Zoom
9:45am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)
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4:00pm Congregational Council October/November Meeting on Zoom

Looking Ahead

The November gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, November 4, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

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As we make plans for continuing with the Zoom platform as a part of our worship for the foreseeable future, we are trying to form a **Video Ministry Team**, which would be coordinated by Rachel & Roy Henry, our faithful Zoom hosts, but which would allow them to share those duties with our congregational family members on a regular schedule. Basic familiarity with the internet and with Zoom is helpful, but the Henrys will help all interested folks to get up to speed, which is easily done. Please contact Roy or Rachel with any questions or to serve!

As another heating season gets underway, please do your part to help your congregational family be a good steward of heating oil and heating dollars. If you turn up a thermostat for any reason, please be sure to turn it back down again when you leave. All areas of the church other than our nave – which is automatically kept at 55 degrees – are normally kept at 60 degrees when no one is present. Thank you!

In these unique times, instead of a World Hunger Ingathering Sunday in mid-October as we would have observed in the past, with everyone bringing their offerings forward in person to the altar, we are all simply encouraged to instead make that usual annual World Hunger Appeal gift using – if it happens to be handy – the designated World Hunger envelope in the 2020 offering envelope boxes and passing it along to the offering in one of the ways mentioned below.

For as long as may be needed, if you will not be attending in-person worship there are three very simple options for giving your tithes and offerings. As has been the case all the way along, you are welcome to 1. mail your offering to the church (PO Box 270, Berrysburg, 17005-0270) or 2. drop it by the church and place it in the red plastic tub that is prominently visible in the Sunday School Room, on the table just outside Pastor Tom's office door. Pastor Tom will then see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters. ***In addition, 3. if neither of those is easily done, you may wish to contact your bank about setting up an automatic payment, as some of our congregational family members already have done, whereby the offering you direct is sent by your bank as a check mailed directly to the church.*** In all cases, Pastor Tom will then see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters.

Youth Meeting/Trunk or Treat

On **Saturday, October 31st**, the Girl Scouts will be hosting a trunk or treat on church property. We are looking for youth group volunteers to help hand out voting ballots at the beginning of the line or hand out goody bags at the end of the line. The trunk or treat is from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are required to wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing!

Before the trunk or treat, we will have a very quick youth group meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. We will be playing some fun fall games and catching up on all things youth group / school / life. Remember to bring your own water bottle if you like since we cannot share drink. We are required to wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing! (Note to parents: I will be wearing gloves to set up the games and during the games to keep everyone safe.)

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Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

Warren Hassinger – Rm. #107, Providence Place, 24 Hikes Hollow Road, Pine Grove, 17963

Lorraine Henninger – At Home on Hospice Care

Marzette Hoffman – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg

Cora Mace – Rm. #1847, Lafayette West, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022

Our Faith Active in Worship - October 11, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 1,620
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 295
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 80
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 375
8:30 A.M. Worship Attendance	55
11:00 A.M. Worship Attendance	17

Our Faith Active in Worship - October 18, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 1,435
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 185
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 15
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 55
8:30 A.M. Worship Attendance	67
11:00 A.M. Worship Attendance	23

Medical Professionals in our Prayers in this time of COVID-19:

- **Paulette Warner** (Serving in Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- **Jenna Troutman, RN**
- **Jodi Thompson, CCMA**
- **Gwen Switzer, RTR**
- **Payton Stutzman, Hospital Clinical Assistant**
- **Kristen Spicher, RN**
- **Sara Shaffer, RN**
- **Steven Schlegel, Paramedic**
- **Joanne Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **David Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **Alayna Peters, Doctor of Pharmacy**
- **Courtney Peifer*, Psych Technician**
- **Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist**
- **Bobby Paul, BS**
- **Cindy Nicholson, RN***
- **Whitni Ney, RN**
- **Shannon Motter, RN**
- **Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT).**
- **Roni Mace, RN**
- **Heidi Lehman, RT (R)**
- **Alexis Lehman, EMT*** (Professional Firefighter and EMT in Metro Washington, DC Area)
- **Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)**
- **Nichole Holman, RN***
- **Dr. Tonya Henninger** and Her Spouse **Dr. Sarah Bork*** (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- **Robert Foreman, Paramedic**
- **Courtney Foreman, RN**
- **Glenn Fontaine, RN***
- **Ann Fontaine, PA-C***
- **Olivia Enders, CNA**
- **Dr. Seth Eisenberg*** (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- **Rachel Denlinger, RN***
- **Terri Daniels, BS, RRT**
- **Gary Daniels, EMT** (Serving in Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- **Timothy Bruner, Doctor of Physical Therapy**
- **Daniel Bruner, Doctor of Chiropractic** and His Spouse **Richelle Demers*, Doctor of Chiropractic**
- **Dr. Jerrel Boyer*** (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- **Brett Bellis*, Doctor of Chiropractic**

* denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family

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