

Liturgy for Zoom and In-Person Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

8:30 Only – 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.**

8:30 Only – Opening Hymn #835 “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” (verses 1 & 6)

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: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms: 80:7-15

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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.

8:30 Only – 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**

8:30 Only – Closing Hymn #545 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (all verses)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

8:30 Only – 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.
Laurie Little
Judy Ferree
Jamie Doyle
Roy Henry

Pastor
Young Christians Minister
Keyboardist
Lector
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 4

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 Our Pavilion, Including Holy Communion (We continue to have plenty of room for more folks to join in this worship opportunity – simply be sure to bring along your own comfortable chair for safe spacing and a mask covering both nose and mouth for every worshipper over the age of two, for which there are 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.)

From this afternoon until the morning of Wednesday, October 21, Pastor Tom is planning to take time away. In his absence, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119. (In these times of COVID-19 precautions, please remember that he, like Pastor Tom, would be responding to any emergency needs via the telephone instead of in-person as would normally be the case.) For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will return to the office on the morning of October 21.

Wednesday, October 7

6:30-8pm October **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** (In-person at the Church)
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.**)

Friday, October 9

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

Next Sunday, October 11

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Worship via Zoom (Guest Leader – Mr. James Watson)
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Looking Ahead

Thursday, October 15, will be the deadline to submit items for inclusion in the November **St. John's Epistle**. Please email them to our new secretary, Rachel Henry, at: henryfamily2004@gmail.com.

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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!

We are in need of sponsors for the altar flowers on All Saints Day, November 1. Please sign up in the foyer, or contact Yalonda Rabenold directly, to sponsor this ministry gift in honor or in memory of a loved one or event.

Our autumn session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, October 21** – after Pastor Tom returns from his planned time away – and, in light of all of our very changed schedules in these pandemic times, will then continue each Wednesday through December 16, except for Thanksgiving Eve, when we will take the evening off.

We will meet each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. and, as the COVID-19 case count continues to rise in northern Dauphin County, we will tentatively plan to gather again on Zoom. The topic of our autumn study will be **The Book of Revelation**. Living as we are in a time of global pandemic in particular and global and national upheaval in general brings to mind thoughts of this final book of the Bible and its many strange images and allusions to the End of All Things. Together, we will take an in-depth look at what God might be – and might not be – trying to tell us in this powerful book, a book which, it turns out, has a whole lot to say to us about our Amazing God right here in the present, as well as in The End. No previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and (as you are comfortable doing so) discuss God’s Word together! So that the correct number of study books can be ordered for our study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) THIS MORNING.

Katie Gessner, still living with her mother in Alberta, Canada, far from her former home and family and friends here in Pennsylvania, will be celebrating her 16th birthday on October 24. Her grandfather, **Larry Gessner**, is requesting that we might send her birthday greetings as her day approaches at:

Katie Gessner
 6 Greystone Close
 Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada
 T7X2A6

Larry reminds everyone that postage will vary from the first class rates we are used to within the United States and that it might be a good idea to not include a return address, in order to prevent a costly return-to-sender if anything should go awry with your mailing. Please speak with him with any questions.

Book Discussion Group is continuing with monthly times of reading and sharing via Zoom – next up on **Monday, October 26, at 7:00 P.M.** (later than the usual first Monday of the month because of Pastor Tom and Ann’s planned time away). 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, just inside the main doors. (That selection for October, **Murder at the Vicarage** by Agatha Christie, is available there, but please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she’ll order more. Also, please give her a call if you have any other questions – 717-362-7895.)

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.

Please be sure to pick up your copy of the new quarter of the devotional **Christ in Our Home**, in either large or regular print, in the foyer. This devotional is provided by our Sunday School treasury for all interested persons.

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

A large box is located in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the box fills up, deliveries will be made to the pantry. Thank you!

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – on the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. Please place your aluminum in the barrel outside of the door. Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

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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
- Sue Lebo** – Rm. #5, Stonebridge Health and Rehab. Center, 102 Chandra Drive, Duncannon, 17020 (On Hospice Care)
- Cora Mace** – Rm. #1847, Lafayette West, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022

Our Faith Active in Worship – September 27, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806.00
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 2,745.00
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 250
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 35
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 185
8:30am Zoom Worship Attendance	64
11:00am In-Person Worship Attendance	18

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**
- **Whitni Rudisill, RN**
- **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***
- **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**

Updated 6/8/20