



Time of Preparation

When has the church of Jesus Christ become an instrument of alienation, division and dehumanization, serving the vain ambition of people who sought power?



The Presbyterian Church
Coshocton, Ohio
~ founded in 1818 ~



September 24, 2017
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's love is here for you.

Assemble in God's Name

RINGING OF THE CHIMES - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST - Jesus said "*I am the light of the world.*"

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING

(These offerings fight hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Muskingum Valley Presbytery, and our local Meals on Wheels and Community Food Pantry. Extra Cents-ability coin boxes are available in the chapel lobby for your two-cents-a-meal collections. Thank you!)

PRELUDE

Our Father in Heaven

*arranged, Johann Ludwig Krebs
(1713-1780)*

Alice M. Hoover, organ

Martin Luther believed that music was the "living voice of the Gospel." "Vater unser im Himmelreich" was used as the tune for one of Luther's hymns. This morning's prelude is a version of that tune, edited by Michael Burkhardt in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lord has blessed us with a vibrant, active family of faith,

rich in its diversity, diligent in its service. We come to give thanks.

Before us are difficult challenges to be the Church in an age of uncharted seas.

We try our best and sometimes slip into old habits and sinful idols.

We come with our prejudice and fear, encumbered with our arrogance and greed.

May the Lord lighten our load as we pledge obedience.

Let us open our hearts and minds to be reformed by God.

***HYMN** (small blue hymnal)

SING THE FAITH #2061

Creator of Mountains

St. Denio

Sing stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5; Read stanza 3

*All who are able please stand.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, please sign the guestbook in the assembly room and include your email or home address. Thank you! We're glad you are here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

In whom are you trusting? Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, apart from grace we prove each day that we are guilty sinners. Fallen in that first sin in the Garden, we fail to thank you. We break your laws.

We ignore the missions where you have commanded us to go. Looking for life without you, we find only death. Grasping for freedom outside of your law, we trap ourselves in Satan's snares. Pursuing pleasures, we lose the gift of joy. Jesus forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Richard Rohr "Forgiveness")

Faced with the universality of evil, what does God do? Unlike us, God exhibits patience towards sinners. Through faith in Jesus, God offers believers the undeserved grace of forgiveness and new life. Any human attempt to live up to the demands of the law will end in despair or a cynicism that erodes public morality. The church is never a kingdom of righteous people, but a communion of forgiven sinners and as such is always in the process of reformation.

***THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Let the people turn to one another, saying: "The peace of our Lord be with you," and the other responding: "And also with you.")

Proclaim God's Word

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN & LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

The peace candle reminds us to pray for peace in our families and in God's world. Extended church is provided for kids in 2nd grade and younger with Judy Mizer and Linda Hostetler in Rm. 205.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 17:7-10 (pew Bibles, page 719, OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-11 (pew Bibles, page 155, NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Total Depravity?

The Reverend Jonathan T. Carlisle

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:7-8)

This year is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Do we believe in Calvin's "total depravity"?

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** - (from the Confession of 1967, 9.38)

We believe each member is the Church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. Each in turn, in his or her own competence, helps to guide the Church. Amen.

***HYMN 329**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

ANTHEM (Chancel Choir)

Kittery

William Billings

An early American setting of the Lord's Prayer, named after Kittery, Maine.

Kimberly W. Hayes, guest conductor

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (from Questions 49-51 THE STUDY CATECHISM, 1998)

The mission of the Church is to bear witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ, taking a wide variety of forms, including evangelism, work for social justice, and ministries of care. Yet the center is always the same: extending mercy and forgiveness to the needy in ways that point to Jesus Christ. Who are the needy?

The hungry need bread, the homeless need a roof, the oppressed need justice, and the lonely need fellowship. At the same time – on another and deeper level – the hopeless need hope, sinners need forgiveness, and the world needs the gospel. On this level no one is excluded, and all the needy are one. Our mission as the Church is to bring hope to a desperate world by declaring God's undying love – as one beggar tells another where to find bread.

OFFERTORY

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Theodore Dubois/Dorothy Wells

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from the 2017 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study)

Gracious God, give us eyes to see others the way that you do. Prompt us to join with what you are doing in people's lives and in our communities. Empower us, by your Holy Spirit, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Frederictown"

Robert J. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PSALMIST INVITES US to "seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually" (Psalm 105:4). May you sense the Lord's presence here and throughout your days. Welcome! If you are a visitor, please write your e-mail address in the guest book in the assembly room and/or on a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

If you have a prayer concern, fill out a prayer card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Nursery Care for infants and toddlers is available with Judy Mizer & Linda Hostetler in Room 205 on the main floor of the educational building. Blue clipboards with activity pages for kids of all ages are available in the assembly room. Parents are asked to fill out a brief information form about their child and they will receive a pager (similar to those used in restaurants) in case they are needed during the service.

Flowers are given in loving memory of W. Jennings and Lenora Ford Bland.

Greeters: Jennifer Austin, opposite elevator; Cathy Evans, Fourth Street

Liturgist today is Don Harrison. He previously served as a trustee, as a deacon, and as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Small Group Bible Study with Jeff Sycks will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

"Lifting Up Our Schools in Prayer" will be held at the Hopewell School gymnasium at 6 p.m. The Coshocton Ministerial Association is sponsoring a community time of prayer for our local schools. It is our desire to support each of the schools as they seek to build strong men and women of character. We begin by praying for the schools in the county individually: administrators, teachers / aides, support staff and most importantly the students. The Coshocton area community is invited to share together in this time of prayer.

MONDAY: **Personnel Committee** will meet at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY: **Morning Prayer** will begin at 9 a.m. Staff will meet at 9:30 a.m.
Becky Lerch's new book study, "When Did My Life Become a Game of Twister?", will begin at 10 a.m. in the conference room.

Morning B.F.F. (Bible-Food-Fellowship) **will not meet** this month.

Evening B.F.F. will meet at 7 p.m. in the parlor. The *Horizons* Bible Study is entitled "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." Books are available in the church office for \$10.

Rev. Carlisle will begin Home Communion at 1 p.m.

Christian Education Committee will meet in the Fireside Room at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: **Bible Study** (Gal. 3) at Vonnie Hubble's will begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. Carlisle.

Carol Choir (grades 1-3) will meet at 4:30 p.m. with Miss April in the Huntington Choir Room on the first floor.

Crusaders Choir (grades 4-9) will meet at 4:30 p.m. with Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Leppla in the Schlegel Choir Room on the first floor.

Chancel Choir (grades 9-adult) will meet at 7 p.m. in the Schlegel Choir Room.

THURSDAY: **Prayer Fellowship** will meet at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All women are invited to join this time of prayer and fellowship.

Shepherding Ministry will meet at 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Carlisle.

SATURDAY: **TOPS** will meet from 9-10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Youth will meet from 4-10 p.m. for an "Around the world in 360 minutes" with Erin Jobes. There will be food, activities and fun from across the globe!

NEXT SUNDAY:

Church School will be held from 9:15-10:10 a.m.

The Breakfast Club in room 305 is for students in K-3rd grade. Enjoy a morning snack, game, and a cool lesson about the Bible. Participants receive a sash and earn badges for all they learn.

Bible Explorers is for students in 4th-8th grades meets in room 301. As you explore the Bible you will earn badges and other cool swag!


The Bethel Class is spending the fall examining God's promises for us in the Bible and life. This class is taught by Sharon Sutton, Debbie Clark, Jeff Sycks, Loran Fry, Stewart Henderson and Jan Kobel. Next week: "God's Promise to Abraham" will also remind us of his promise to us!

The Pathfinders Class is exploring "Let Your Light Shine - Faith and Leadership" - if some one follows you, you're a leader! How can you "let your light shine" in all you do in your life? This six-week class is being led by Erin Jobes. Next week: "Listen - easier said than done."

Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Rev. Carlisle will preach on *Give Us Water to Drink!* Please read Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; and John 4:1-15 in preparation. Musical leadership will be provided by Alice Hoover, organ, and the Chancel Choir with Kim Hayes directing. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated for Owen Willison, son of Alison Miller and Tyler Willison.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available on the table in the parlor.
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND FIRST STEP items can be placed in the boxes in the chapel lobby. Thank you for your contributions!

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: Church School - 20 adults; 17 children & youth; Worship - 147

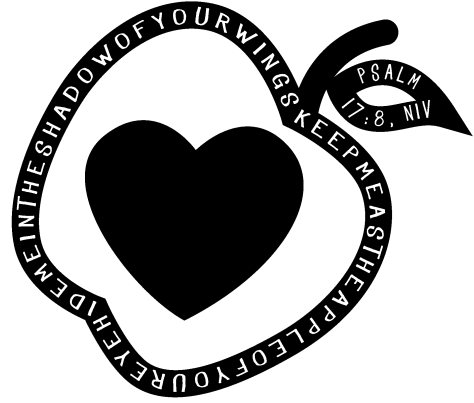


PUZZLE

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.




“ _____
 _____;
 _____.”

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

Please include in your prayers:

Tim & Jody Cox following the recent death of her brother, Jeff, in Tennessee
Paul Hunt - CRMC, Rm. #427
Jack & Janet Ashman - Hilliard Assisted Living, 4303 Trueman Blvd. #236, Hilliard 43026
Charles Helt - c/o Sharon Strouse, 8955 CR 393, Millersburg, Ohio 44654
Nonabel Lyon - Coshocton Springs Hlth. & Rehab. Center, Rm. #113, 1991 Otsego Ave.
Cloyd Campbell - Echoing Hills, Rm. #205, 36272 CR 79, Warsaw, Ohio 43844
Joyce Dasher - Friendship Village Med. Center, 5675 Ponderosa Drive, Rm. 145, Columbus 43231
Lois Lee - 6620 Worthington-Galena Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085-2640
Joyce Brenly, Dan Cochran, Lawanda Getz, Richard Hoffman, Mary Ellen Landschulz, Marion Phillips, Janice Sycks, Duke Walters - home

Each week we will highlight four of our younger members who have been part of Youth Confirmation Classes. Please keep them in prayer, rejoicing as they have new jobs, go to college, make life decisions and continue in their Christian walk.

Kayla Cowden (working at Organic Technologies)
Emily Simpson (graduate work at University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee)
Alex Taylor (graduated and looking for work)
Nathan Leavengood (OSU-Newark as social worker)

Pastor

Jonathan T. Carlisle

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Erin R. Jobes, Director of Christian Education
Nancy Cox, Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday School Teachers

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John Addy, Custodian
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Steve Leavengood, Sound System
Barb Wheeler, Head Usher

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April L. King, Carol Choir Director
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Sunday School

9:15 - 10:10 a.m.

Worship - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.