

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

AUGUST 20, 2023 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Every sense is bombarded daily with the sound of hurtful words and the touch of polluted air and water.

ALL: God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

One: Every sense is bombarded daily, with the taste of food that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption.

ALL: God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

One: Every sense is bombarded daily with sights that disturb and distract.

ALL: God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

One: Let us praise our maker while we have breath.

ALL: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE..... "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!"#142
(vss. 1 and 2 only)

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We are so much like Peter. Jesus tells us what it will take to follow him, and we want to argue. Jesus shows us the way to the Kingdom and we look for another path. Let us put down all that keeps us from following Jesus, as we confess our lives to God, praying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)

God of grace, you invite us to draw near and embrace the circle of your love. We come in anguish at our broken relationships, our alienation from one another, our resistance to reconciliation, our readiness to be the blind following the blind, and our readiness to give up when persistence is called for. Gather us in, and make a place to heal our anguish, ease our alienation, and end our resistance. Ready us for reconciliation, forbearance, and persistence. Turn our gaze to the one who calls our name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: It is so easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

ALL: Not only our minds, but may God transform our hearts and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI..... "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 KINGS 19:32-35

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 2:8-12

SERMON..... "ANGELS" ED KERLIN

*HYMN "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!"#142
(vss. 3 and 4 only)

CONFESSION OF FAITH – "The Apostle's Creed"

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was 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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*PASTORAL PRAYER 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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.

*PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN..... “JESUS LOVES ME”#304

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE – “A-men, A-men, A--men”

*POSTLUDE

* - PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE **BLUE HYMNAL**

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

SEPTEMBER 3 – Ed Kerlin
AUGUST 27, SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24 – Rev. Pat Roller

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

PEACE AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN UKRAINE & RUSSIA

The Family and Co-Workers of Trooper Jacques Rougeau Trooper Lieutenant James Wagner	Bryan Haines Shaleen Herus
Students and Teachers and Staff returning to the classroom Joel Blank Mark Coons Derek Corwell Dick & Gail Corwell Erma Crouse Ann Darrow Bobby Dunn Beth Farmer Flo Fegan Barb Foster Lucy Goshorn Harry “Hoppy” & Bonnie Goshorn Lena Goshorn	Tony & Virginia Hockenberry Trudy Hockenberry Mary Frances Jaymes Cressa Kerlin Pat LeMay Iva Mae Love Paul & Edie McClure Curt Shaw Maxine Stewart John Swarner Anderson White Jim Yarnell Louise Yohn

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