

CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

11:00A.M.

June 10, 2018

WE GATHER

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Pastorale* Marius Monnikendam

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 8

O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what are mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.
O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 757** *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when we are put to the test we do not quickly respond. If called upon to decide, we lack the courage of faith. Confessing commitment, we confuse your will with our own. Seeking security, we turn to devices that we control. Your voice comes from heaven to chasten and discipline. Your commandments Jesus proclaimed as the course we should take. Forgive us when we deviate from the truth you deliver, and increase our trust in you... (Silent, personal confession)

KYRIE 575 KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

As Jesus met his disciples on the mountain, he is with us today, even to the close of the age.
With authority he commissions us to service; with redeeming love he sets us aright when we fall.
All who humbly approach him seeking forgiveness for their sins can live with assurance, since Christ died for all.

***RESPONSE 581**

GLORIA PATRI

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.

WE NURTURE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING *Matthew 28:16-20*

LESSON *Acts 4:13-21*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Discipleship Covenants: Witness Boldly*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of Belbar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

***HYMN 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord...

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. Amen.

WE GIVE THANKS

M4M Grace Café Bruce Fletcher

OFFERING *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light to you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

***DOXOLOGY 606** 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

You call us to labor, O God, and to be about the tasks you design.
You equip us to serve you, and care for all of our needs. The gifts we offer are but a portion of the treasures you heap upon us.
May the work that we do be worthy of your name.
Take what we bring and all that we are and fashion our responses to meet your standards for faith. Amen.

WE REACH OUT

***HYMN 296** *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* WONDROUS LIGHT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March* William Walton

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

*All who are able may stand.
Bold Type indicates a congregational response.

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 4:13-21

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴ When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶ They said, “What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; ²⁰ for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.” ²¹ After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened.

Welcome. We’re glad you joined us for worship today. We are an engaged community of faith called to deliver God’s word, grow in faith and serve all people. We worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall and at 11:00 in the main sanctuary. We pray that you experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. For families who prefer, child care is available for birth through age 5 in rooms 119 & 120. During the service, parents with young children are welcome, if they prefer, to adjourn to the downstairs conference room and continue listening to the service.

If you are a visitor we hope you will make Chester Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *Connections@CPC*, our church newsletter in the narthex. It is full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in our ministries. Our pastor, staff and officers would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience.

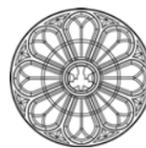
Serving Today

Liturgist	Mary Owens
Sanctuary Guild	Bobby and Elizabeth Johnson
Ushers	Bill and Diana Martyn; Bill and Susan Hastings
Greeters	Cecil and Brita Simmons; David Hendler

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**God’s Call to Chester Presbyterian Church is:
*Deliver God’s Word, Grow in Faith, Serve All People.***



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This Week at CPC

Sunday, June 10

8:45A.M. AWE – FH
9:30A.M. Joyful Noise Rehearsal – Rm 213
9:45A.M. Church School, K-G12 – Various
Protestant Reformations – 2nd Fl CR
10:15A.M. Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
11:00A.M. Worship – Sanctuary
12:00P.M. Lemonade on the Lawn – Campus
1:00P.M. Lunch Bunch – Offsite
2:00P.M. Baby Shower (Facility Rental) – FH

Monday, June 11

6:00P.M. Finance Committee – 1st Fl CR
7:00P.M. Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr

Tuesday, June 12

5:30P.M. Grace Café – FH
7:00P.M. Circle 1 – Offsite

Wednesday, June 13

7:00A.M. Wednesday Men’s Breakfast – FH
3:00P.M. Happy Quilters – FH
7:00P.M. Liturgical Movement – Sanctuary
AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr

Friday, June 15

8:00P.M. AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr

Saturday, June 16

11:00A.M. AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Jean and John Jabe.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lamar Lockhart and family on the death of his sister, Gloria L. Stephens, June 6, in Stone Mountain, GA.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Andrew Rudy, Carrie Black, Bob Lynn; Cynthia Woerner; Peter Lehman; Larry Turner, Sr.; Ani Martin; Brad Peebles; Bob and Marnie Brown’s sister-in-law, Nancy Brown; Brita Simmons and Marnie Brown’s friend, Judy Hood; Liz Fletcher’s brother, David Whigham; Sharlee LaBrecque’s mother, Sharon Harold; Susan Johnson’s father, James McCormack; Cynthia and Todd Woerner’s daughter, Rebecca Hodell, and Cynthia’s friend Susan Huntington; Deborah Regal’s sister, Cherrill, and her nephew, Billy Regal; Frank Brownlee’s stepson-in-law, Gordon Hailey; Beverly Crute’s daughter, Cathy Toney; Bob and Marnie Brown’s son-in-law, Guy Champ; shut-ins; those in assisted living facilities, especially Tim Williams; Catherine Spence; Larry Grina; Helen Hines; Nancy Porterfield; Jean Oliver; and our military, especially members and friends serving overseas.

Summer worship schedule begins June 17. Through September 9, CPC will gather in a single Sunday service at 10:00A.M. in the sanctuary.

Today’s Affirmation is taken from the Belhar Confession. Created by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church of South Africa in the 1980’s and approved by the 222nd General Assembly of the PC(USA), the confession seeks to address unjust systems in society. It is also the first adopted confession from a sub-equatorial country.

As we welcome in the summer with a new schedule on June 17, we continue to honor and praise God in our Sunday worship. We come to experience God’s grace and to discern the presence and activity of God in our midst. Using the words in the Apostle’s Creed “Maker of Heaven and Earth,” as inspiration, the hymn, All Things Bright and Beautiful, was originally published in a children’s hymnal in Ireland in the mid-19th century. On June 17, our choir and Liturgical Movement group will bring the words of the hymn to life. Let us be renewed as God’s grace ‘falls afresh’ through this familiar hymn and interpretive, liturgical movement. Come and worship.

Lunch Bunch: Today at 1:00P.M., we will gather at Tazza Kitchen at Alverser Plaza for lunch. See you there! *-Bob and Marnie Brown*

CPC's Community Garden has been tilled and is ready for planting!

Summer Choir has begun! All are welcome, and there are no Thursday rehearsals. Today we meet in the sanctuary for rehearsal at 10:15 and sing for the 11:00 service. Beginning on Sunday, June 17, we will rehearse at 9:15 in the sanctuary, and sing for the 10:00 service.

Joyful Noise rehearsals will continue through Sunday, June 10. Thank you for sharing your angelic voices, and thank you to the parents and grand-parents for their support and assistance.

Summer Tradition Returns! Lemonade and cookies will be served each Sunday, beginning today. Stay after the 11:00A.M. worship service today, and June 17 – August 26 following 10:00A.M. worship. Church members will host. Take this opportunity to fellowship with your CPC friends.

Theology On Tap: Food, fellowship and conversation at the intersection of life and faith. Wednesday, June 20, 7:30P.M. Trapezium, 423 3rd Street, Petersburg.

VBS 2018: Rolling River Rampage is July 16-20! See our website or Facebook page, or use this link: <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/chesterpresbyterianchurch> to register your child to attend or yourself as a volunteer today! Online registration ends next Sunday.

Grace Café welcomes you for dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30P.M. in the fellowship hall. June 12 menu: hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, dessert. Come out and unwind with good friends.

This is HAMBURGER HELPER / MAC AND CHEESE week for our Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the hallway. *\$10 Kroger gift cards are needed and appreciated. We currently have none.* Thank you.

Today is CAN Sunday. Please bring your clean, crushed cans to the area behind the dumpster to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Chester Presbyterian Preschool is now enrolling for the 2018/2019 school year! We offer a half-day socialization and educational program for children ages 2 ½ - 5. Please visit our website at cpcpreschool.org for more details; or contact Kim Hopkins at 804-748-9465 or preschool@chesterpres.org.

Richmond Brass and Percussion Consort will present a Concert in Honor of America Tuesday, July 3, at 7:00P.M. in the sanctuary. Save the date!