

## CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

11:00A.M.

May 13, 2018

### WE GATHER

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PEACE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** *Cantilena Romantica* Thomas F. Dunhill

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
**As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, Giver of every good gift.**  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise and thanksgiving.**  
Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.

**Confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin:**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray...(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

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear – for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

**We believe in the promise of baptism: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*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

#### JOYFUL NOISE

*Hymn Medley: This Joyful Eastertide/ Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**READING** *Exodus 35:20-33*

**LESSON** *Matthew 25:14-30*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Discipleship Covenants: Serve Creatively*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

#### 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.**

Let us pray for the world and ask that we may be given the grace to be faithful disciples of Jesus, saying:

**May we be like trees planted by streams of water.**

**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** *CPC Yard Sale* Sharon Entwistle

**OFFERING** *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord* Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;  
From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne. Psalm 112

**\*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

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further the kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### WE REACH OUT

**\*HYMN 260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

#### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Finale from Petite Suite* Gerald Bales

*The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service*

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold Type** indicates a congregational response.

## Scripture

*Exodus 35:20-33*

<sup>20</sup> Then all the congregation of the Israelites withdrew from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup> And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the LORD's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. <sup>22</sup> So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. <sup>24</sup> Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. <sup>25</sup> All the skillful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; <sup>26</sup> all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. <sup>27</sup> And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, <sup>28</sup> and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.

<sup>30</sup> Then Moses said to the Israelites: See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; <sup>31</sup> he has filled him with divine spirit, with skill, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, <sup>32</sup> to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>33</sup> in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft.

*Matthew 25:14-30*

<sup>14</sup> "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**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.

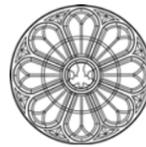
### Serving Today

Liturgist	Brad Peebles
Sanctuary Guild	Trey Taylor
Ushers	Bill and Diana Martyn; Linda Guthrie; Robert Brown, Sr.
Greeters	Tom and Joan Thompson; Maury and Libby Gatewood

**Office Hours:** 9:00A.M. – 4:30P.M. Monday – Friday. Church staff can be reached at 748-4636.

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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

<b>Sunday, May 13</b>	8:45A.M. AWE – FH 9:30A.M. Joyful Noise Rehearsal – Rm 213 9:45A.M. Church School, K-G12 – Various Discipleship: Way of Jesus – P Gallery Protestant Reformations – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR
<b>Monday, May 14</b>	11:00A.M. Worship – Sanctuary 12:30P.M. Preschool Staff – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR 6:00P.M. Strengthen/Fellowship – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR Finance Committee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR
<b>Tuesday, May 15</b>	6:30P.M. Membership Committee – Rm 214 7:00P.M. Boy/Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr
<b>Wednesday, May 16</b>	10:30A.M. CPC Staff – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR 5:30P.M. Grace Café – FH 7:00A.M. Wednesday Men's Breakfast – FH 9:30A.M. CPP Spring Celebration Rehearsal – Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 17</b>	11:45A.M. XYZ Luncheon and Program – FH 6:30P.M. Scout Committee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR POJ Committee – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR 7:00P.M. AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr
<b>Friday, May 18</b>	10:00A.M. CPP Spring Celebration – Sanctuary 6:30P.M. Choir Bible Study – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR 7:30P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Rm 213
<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	10:30A.M. CPP Spring Celebration – Sanctuary 8:00P.M. AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr 8:00A.M. CE and Property Yard Sale – FH 11:00A.M. AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr 4:30P.M. Stated Session Mtg – FH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR 5:30P.M. Confirmation Mtg/Dinner – FH

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Marcia Hale; Peter Lehman; Larry Turner, Sr.; Ani Martin; Brad Peebles; 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 sister-in-law, Barbie Harris; 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 of our congregation serving overseas.

**Congregational Meeting:** The session has called a congregational meeting for May 27, 2018 at 10:30 for the purpose of acting on a report from the Nominating committee and a recommendation from session that incoming diaconate classes be composed of four (4). The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election: For Ruling Elder, Class of 2021 – Tom Coghill, Don Davidson, Sharon Entwistle, John Jabe, Bob Lynn, Dennis Walker; For Deacon, class of 2021 – Pam Dameron, David Hatch, Cathy Marny, Sally Noe; For Trustee Class of 2021 – Sam West; For Nominating Committee, Class of 2019 – Debbie Fountain, Mark Rich, Monte Weaver, Reinhart Reiss, one current ruling elder and one current deacon. Nominations may be made from the floor; however, those being nominated must have been contacted in advance and agree to serve, if elected.

**Seeds!** Have you planted a seed for God's future ministry on this corner? Stop by the table in the narthex and learn about how you can ensure the good work God is doing will continue for generations to come.

**Guest Preacher!** Join us in worship next week as we welcome POJ General Presbyterian, Carson Rhyne. A long-time friend of CPC Carson is retiring in December and is delighted to be with us for Confirmation Sunday.

**Last day:** Graduate Information: Our 2018 graduates will be recognized at a reception on June 3. Graduate information is needed for all high school, college, technical or advanced degree graduates. Please contact Linn Coghill by Sunday, May 13, (lcoghill@chesterpres.org) with the following information:

- Graduate's name and address
- School and type of degree (if applicable) that will be received.

**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](http://cpcpreschool.org) for more details; or contact Kim Hopkins at 804-748-9465 or [preschool@chesterpres.org](mailto:preschool@chesterpres.org).

**Yard Sale:** CE and Property committees will hold a yard sale to support their ministries and projects next Saturday, 8:00A.M.-Noon. Rental spaces outside will be available for \$20. Please text or call Pam Smith at 804-878-9029. Donations will be accepted starting Sunday, May 13 and continue through Friday, May 18. We also need paper bags. (*We regret we cannot accept mattresses or old TVs.*)

**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!

**Grace Café** welcomes you for dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30P.M. in the fellowship hall. May 15 menu: turkey with dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce; green beans with stewed tomatoes; pickled beets; pumpkin soufflé; dessert. Come out and unwind with good friends.

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

**This is CANNED CHICKEN / CANNED TUNA week** for our Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the hallway. *\$10 Kroger gift cards are always needed and appreciated.* Thank you.

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