



## CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00A.M.

September 9, 2018

### WE GATHER

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PEACE

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**VOLUNTARY** *Morceau de Concert* for Horn and Piano Camille Saint-Saëns

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Proverbs 22, Mark 7

Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

**Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 45** *I to the Hills Will Lift My Voice* DUNDEE

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Many people brought their greatest need to Jesus, certain that he would help them.

**With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name...(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

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,  
**Our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life.**  
We are forgiven. May we walk in peace. Amen.

**\*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** *James 2:1-17*

**LESSON** *Mark 7:24-37*

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

**SERMON** *Christianity 101*

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 346** *For the Healing of the Nations* ST. THOMAS

#### 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** Food Pantry Nancy Muller

**OFFERING** *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

**\*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**

Receive our thanks, O God, for your gifts of life, means and time.  
**We treasure your offerings and, small as our return giving may be, welcome it for the sake of those in need and for the furtherance of your witness in this world.**  
Make us daily more grateful for all we have been given, in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### WE REACH OUT

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens

*The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service*

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

## Scripture

*James 2:1-17*

**2** My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? **2** For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, **3** and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," **4** have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? **7** Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

**8** You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **9** But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. **11** For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **12** So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. **13** For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

**14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? **15** If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? **17** So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead

*Mark 7:24-37*

**24** From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, **25** but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. **26** Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." **28** But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." **29** Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." **30** So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**31** Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. **34** Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." **35** And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**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 10:00 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 and 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

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| Liturgist       | Steve Entwistle  |
| Sanctuary Guild | Pam and Cliff Dameron                                    |
| Ushers          | Bill and Diana Martyn; AZ and Akong Ndingwan             |
| Greeters        | Cecil and Brita Simmons; Robert Brown, Sr.; Linda Taylor |
| French Horn     | Michael Harrah   |

**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

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| <b>Sunday, Sept 9</b>         | 9:15A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary<br>10:00A.M. Worship – Sanctuary<br>11:15A.M. Food Stories – FH   |
| <b>Monday, Sept 10</b>        | Preschool first Day<br>6:00P.M. Finance Committee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR<br>6:30P.M. Membership Developmt – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR<br>7:00P.M. Property Committee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR<br>Boy/Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept 11</b>       | 10:00A.M. Shepherd Center – Rudy Ctr<br>1:00P.M. CPC Staff – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR<br>5:30P.M. Grace Café – FH<br>6:30P.M. Mission Committee – Rm 214<br>7:00P.M. Circle 1 – Offsite                                   |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept 12</b>     | 7:00A.M. Wednesday Men's Breakfast – FH<br>10:00A.M. Pastor's Bible Study – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR<br>2:00P.M. Circle 2 – Rudy Ctr<br>3:00P.M. Happy Quilters – FH<br>7:00P.M. AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr                |
| <b>Thursday, Sept 13</b>      | 7:30P.M. Chancel Choir – Trevvett Music Rm   |
| <b>Friday, Sept 14</b>        | 8:00P.M. AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr  |
| <b>Saturday, September 15</b> | 11:00A.M. AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr   |

**Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of their grandparents, and in honor of CPC grandparents, by Diana and Bill Martyn.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Sharon Entwistle; Dan Hale; Andrew Rudy; Bob Lynn; Larry Turner, Sr.; Ani Martin; Mark Rich's brother-in-law, George Okaty; Becky Lang's nephew, Grayson Strickland; Mary Schiano's friend, Bobby Rawls; Bridget Lehman's father, Robert Roach; Bob and Marnie Brown's sister-in-law, Nancy Brown; Liz Fletcher's brother, David Whigham; 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; 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; Ann Miranian, Nancy Porterfield; Jean Oliver; and our military, especially members and friends serving overseas, Shane Johnston-Fisher; Christopher Noe.

**Two Sunday services**, 8:45 and 11:00A.M., resumes next Sunday, September 16, and Sunday School at 9:45A.M.

The **Chancel Choir** begins rehearsal this Thursday, September 13 at 7:30P.M. in the Trevvett Music Room 213. New members are welcome, and altos are especially needed. **Joyful Noise** Children's Choir will begin next Sunday, September 16 at 9:30A.M. in the Trevett Music Room.

**Food Stories!** Each of us has a food story that is continuously written with memories and lessons about that which satisfies and sustains us. Please join Stuart Mapes today **at 11:15 in the fellowship hall** for a locally sourced lunch, a time for sharing food stories, and a conversation about food justice in our community!

**Hearing assistance** aids are available. If you have a need, please ask an usher.

**Sunday School** begins for all ages next Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 9:45A.M. Preschool-Grade 5 will meet with Jim Dorn in the upstairs choir room to begin with singing before transitioning to classrooms. Adult Options: World Religions led by Don and Jude Osborne will meet in the Rudy Center with Jr/Sr. High Youth to explore the world religions, including many facets of Christianity. Participants will explore the differences and similarities of religions. Visitors from other faiths will be invited pending a minimum level of attendees. This class will continue until December. Grace and Gratitude led by Heidi Campbell and Jackie Wade will meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room for 6 weeks. Join the journey of faith seeking understanding. Be stimulated and challenged by fresh insights!

**Lunch Bunch** will gather at the Crazy Greek on Hull Street Rd next Sunday, September 16, 12:45P.M. Bring a friend – or someone new! If you would like a ride, please let us know and, as always, please let us know if you will be joining us so we can give a count to the restaurant. – *Marnie and Bob Brown, forestend@verizon.net*

**Financial Peace University** returns to CPC. Starting Tuesday, September 18, and running for 9 weeks, the course provides Dave Ramsey's step-by-step plan to take control of your money and your future. Please contact Rusty Hopkins (804-393-7180), or Cathy Sebastian (704-920-2391).

**Property committee** will meet tomorrow, September 10, 7-9:00P.M. in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room.

**CPC Supper Club?** Exploring interest in a supper club for individuals and couples. Groups would meet in homes with each participant bringing a portion of the meal. A great way to meet new friends, and visit with those you already know in a relaxed, casual setting. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex this month, or you may send an e-mail to *lcoghill@chesterpres.org*.

**Happy Quilters** has provided a beautiful quilt for the church to raffle off. This year the proceeds will go to the Music program. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25. Drawing to be held Sunday, November 18. Please see Kathy Peebles, Pam Danford or Sally Noe to purchase tickets.

**After School Tutoring starts its 26th year:** *We Need You . . . You can make a difference.*

On Tuesday, October 2, After-School Tutoring begins: this year, due to the change in school start times, our program has a new start time. We will start tutoring at 4:15P.M., and the parents will pick up their children at 5:30.

We will tutor on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and this year we will meet in the Rudy Center.

***We need tutors.*** It is important to keep a one-on-one tutoring relationship with the children. We will work with Second and Third graders, helping them with reading, math, and homework.

Please consider tutoring. If you have questions or can tutor please contact Todd Woerner, 908-310-1191; [tpwoerner@comcast.net](mailto:tpwoerner@comcast.net).

**Grace Café** welcomes you for dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30P.M. in the fellowship hall. September 11 menu: lasagna; spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; garlic bread; brownies with ice cream. Come out and unwind with good friends.

**The Food Pantry** thanks you for your generosity. Our shelves are no longer bare. Current needs are: peas, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles and jelly. We always need Kroger gift cards. Your help is much appreciated.

**Backpack Buddies** begins its seventh year providing food for 20 children from Marguerite Christian Elementary School. We need weekly folks to pack food in backpacks: 1-2 volunteers each Wednesday or Thursday. We need shoppers – this is a one-month commitment to plan menus and shop for food at the Chester Food Bank and at stores of your choice to stock the shelves. No experience needed—we'll show you how it's done. Please consider helping out with this vital ministry by contacting Jana Wood at 796-9110 or email [dtwood2@verizon.net](mailto:dtwood2@verizon.net). You can volunteer using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a44aea8283-cpcback>

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