



Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius  
Villa Sacred Heart  
Danville PA

# Flea Market+

Saturday,

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

12:30 to 4:30 pm

Auditorium: Flea Market  
Garages: Furniture, Book Nook  
Maria Hall: Crafts, Religious Articles

Worship Participants:  
Steve Engelhardt, Guest Pastor  
Mike Doll, Worship Assistant  
Jackie Titus, Guest Organist



## The First Presbyterian Church

IS ANYONE AMONG YOU SUFFERING?

LET HIM PRAY.

IS ANYONE CHEERFUL?

LET HIM SING PRAISE.

JAMES 5:13

Berwick, PA

The Order of Worship Sunday September 29th, 2024

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick! We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Sometimes, you have to step outside of the person you've been and remember the person you were meant to be. The person you want to be. The person you are.”

H. G. Wells

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One When the storms of life are raging, stand by, Lord.

**All Stand by me, by creation, by neighbors, by victims and victors alike.**

One Your arc of justice reaches across the world's history;

**All it seems slow in our time but it is perfect for all time.**

One Let our trust in Love's surety in these moments of worship be felt and seen and known.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #286 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

None are above their fears, from children to the aged. They target our points of vulnerability, taking us by surprise or in relentless fashion. Faith is our bulwark, ever standing, so let us confess where we desert the Christ and the creed. Let us pray:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Fear's blanket has been over us the whole of our lives. It pokes holes in our bravado, and we cry out for help. Lord, deliver us from the habits of hatred which become weapons and hurtful words. Forgive us, when we turn from life's challenges, worried we will mess up or miss the mark. Return us, Living Christ, to the cross, where**

Matt Gabel  
Wilhelmina Hoover  
Tom & Barb Huntington  
Kishbaugh family  
Joann Magners  
Paul Moskaluk  
Tammy Platukis  
Alison Powlus  
Nancy Raber  
Lauren Sadock  
Jason Seltzer  
Clio Strausser  
Martha Yost

The Peace & Global Witness Offering affirms that the peace of God, which is central to the gospel, starts with us. We are there to sow seeds of peace by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

25% of this Offering stays with your congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in your own community.

25% of this Offering goes to your mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in your region.

50% of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Peace begins with each of us.

**Our 25% of the offering will be donated to the ongoing efforts of Beyond Violence. Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.**

#### **BELATED BIRTHDAYS**

Nancy Raber  
Bill DAngelo

Celebrated their birthday last week!

Happy belated birthday!

#### **IN THE PULPIT**

**September 29** Steve Engelhardt

**October 6** Sally Dries

**October 13** Steve Engelhardt

**October 20** Nancy Hardy

**October 27** John Polhill

#### **COMMUNION**

October 6

November 24

December 24

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Matthew Boggs  
Wade Casaldi and family  
DAngelo family  
Bob Feick Family

**the fear of death by whatever means was reclaimed for good. Hear us now in these moments of silence as we confess our sins to You, Loving God...**

*(Silence for people to examine their hearts in prayer)*

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

James' words lift us beyond the shackles of fear: "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed." Shape your practice of following Christ on this path.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** It's In Every One of Us

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Esther 4: 14 – 17  
James 5: 13 – 20  
Mark 9: 38 - 50

\*GLORIA PATRI

**SERMON** For Such Times As This

\*HYMN #272 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale  
( Jim Ross sings vs. 3 – 5)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER**

\*CLOSING HYMN Perhaps You Have Been Chosen  
*Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. A hymn based on Esther and its implications for today. Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation") Lyrics are on the screen and printed in the bulletin.*

"Perhaps you have been chosen for such a time as this!"  
So Mordecai told Esther to serve as she'd been blessed.  
Their people were in danger and needed someone brave —  
A queen who knew her calling to risk and act and save.

She stood up for her people and dared approach the king  
although he might have killed her for doing such a thing.  
Inviting him to dinner — a feast to satisfy —

she asked of him a favor: "Don't let my people die!"

The king gave what she wanted and let her people live, and all because Queen Esther used what she had to give. She faced her fear with courage, she changed the things she could, she chose to make a difference — to use her life for good.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Writer H. G. Wells words are fit for this benediction: *“Sometimes, you have to step outside of the person you've been and remember the person you were meant to be. The person you want to be. The person you are.”* The Creator, Christ and Spirit blesses and sends each of us from here to be the persons God made us, Christ saved us, and the Spirit fills us, to be. May it be so.

**\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION**

O God, we look around us and see a world in need. There's violence and injustice, there's prejudice and greed. Remind us of our calling to bravely use our gifts. Perhaps we have been chosen for such a time as this.

\*Will those who are able please stand

## Announcements

**THANK YOU!**

This morning we welcome back Steve Engelhardt to the pulpit. Welcome back Steve and thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

**THANK YOU!**

This morning we welcome back Jackie Titus as our guest organist. Welcome back Jackie and thank you for leading our voices in worship!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

**LOOSE OFFERING AND FELLOWSHIP**

The loose offering collected today is in support of the continuing efforts of the Deacons. Please join us following worship for fellowship in the lounge!

**FALL PICNIC**

We hope you will join us for our fall picnic “Friendsgiving” **Sunday, November 3rd following worship**. Friends, family and guests are welcome to attend. This is the perfect time to try out some new recipes ahead of the holidays! We are looking for side dishes, salads etc. and lets not forget the star of the meal, **DESSERT!** Please bring your dish(es) to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. A head count is requested so enough meat can be provided. **Please use the insert in your bulletin or call/ email the church with your headcount by Sunday October 27th.**

**PEACEMAKING**

*Every time the world is troubled, and we dare to wake and see;  
every time our neighbors call us, and we stand with those in  
need; and every time we are peacemakers, and the fearful are set  
free, In our living, in our giving, we are there.*

***We Are There***