



CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Chester, Virginia

11:00A.M.

October 8, 2017

WE GATHER

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Balletto

Bernardo Storace

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

***HYMN 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us boldly confess our sin

Before the One who already knows our errors

And is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation and community... (Silent, personal confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing.
Righteousness comes from God, by faith.
 Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, 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

BLESSING CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING Philippians 3:1-14

LESSON Mark 10:35-45

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Christian Life as Miracle*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and 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.

*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

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

OFFERING

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Gilbert M. Mart

***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**

We give thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior.

Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REACH OUT

***HYMN 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ballo della Battaglia

Storace

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

*All who are able may stand.

Bold Type indicates a congregational response.

Scripture

Philippians 3:1-14

³ Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard.

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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. Worship bags are available from the ushers for children attending the service. 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	Mike Rose
Sanctuary Guild	Pam and Cliff Dameron
Ushers	Janet Griffiths; Rosemary Price; DT and Jana Wood
Greeters	Edith Turner; Sadie Benton; Don Davidson
Blessing Children	Jessie Partridge

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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, October 8	8:45A.M.	AWE – FH
	9:30A.M.	Joyful Noise – Trevvett music room
	9:45A.M.	Sunday School thru G12 – Various Faith and Science – Pastors’ Gallery Temptation in the Desert – 2 nd Fl CR
	11:00A.M.	Worship – Sanctuary
	12:15P.M.	PW Luncheon – FH
	12:45P.M.	Lunch Bunch – Offsite
	6:00P.M.	Youth Group – Rudy Ctr
Monday, October 9	6:00P.M.	Finance Committee – 1 st Fl CR
	6:30P.M.	Membership Committee – Rm 214
	7:00P.M.	Boy / Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr
Tuesday, October 10	10:30A.M.	CPC Staff – 1 st Fl CR
	3:00P.M.	After-School Tutoring – FH
	5:30P.M.	Grace Café – FH
	7:00P.M.	Reformation Series – Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 11	7:00A.M.	Wednesday Men’s Breakfast – FH
	10:00A.M.	Pastor’s Bible Study – 1 st Fl CR
	2:00P.M.	Circle 2 – Rudy Ctr
	3:00P.M.	Happy Quilters – FH
	7:00P.M.	AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr Circle 1 – Jackie Rose’s home
Thursday, October 12	3:00P.M.	After-School Tutoring – FH
	6:30P.M.	Thomas Dale FB Dinner – FH
	7:00P.M.	GS Troop 26 – 2 nd Fl CR
	7:30P.M.	Chancel Choir – Rm 213
Friday, October 13	8:00P.M.	AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr
Saturday, October 14	9:00A.M.	Youth Capitol Trail bike ride-Offsite
	11:00A.M.	AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr

Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jennifer and Tim McDaniel.

Welcome the Rev. Gordon Lindsey to the pulpit today. The Rev. Lindsey is a retired member of the POJ.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jesse Ridout and family on the death of his mother, Minnie Pearl Ridout, October 1, 2017; and to Edith Turner on the death of her granddaughter, Chelsea Haddon, October 3, 2017.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Jacqueline Poliquin; Evelyn Peebles; Rusty Hopkins; Frank Dunbar; Bud Wilson; Cheryl Beam; Larry Turner, Sr.; Nancy Muller family; Marlene Grentzer; Ani Martin; Elizabeth Jones; Kelly Cahill, Brad Peebles; Roger Bothe; Janice Kraft; Nancy Gefvert’s sister-in-law, Debbie Vincent; Bobby Sherrill’s father, Bob Sherrill; Mark LaFratta’s granddaughter, Eleanor Brooks; Becky Lang’s friend, Pat Holdren; Joe Gee’s friends, Ed and Rose Bradley; Sarah Smith’s friend’s father, Robert Davenport; Frank Brownlee’s stepson-in-law, Gordon Hailey; Lee Farman’s cousin, Ronnie Blair, and her best friend’s husband Chris Sprole; Cliff Noe’s uncle, Phil Clark; Beverly and Charles Crute and their daughter, Cathy Toney; Deborah Regal’s sister, Cherrill Regal; Wanda Gentry’s daughter, Mary Gentry; Bob and Marnie Brown’s son-in-law, Guy Champ; shut-ins; those in assisted living facilities, especially Larry Grina; Nancy Porterfield; Frances Hopkins; Walter Beam; and our military, especially members and friends of our congregation serving overseas.

Reformation 500! This fall marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To commemorate that transforming event, CPC is hosting an evening series “A Sustainable Presbyterian Future,” featuring The Rev. Dr. Louis Weeks, President Emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Each evening includes worship, reflection and conversation centered on his book of the same title. The series continues Tuesdays, October 10, 17 and 24. Dr. Weeks has made advance copies of his book available at the author’s price, \$8.50. Purchase yours in the church office.

Today’s Offertory:

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, Binding all the Church as one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness Hear thy people as they pray,
And your fullest benediction, Shed within these walls away.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you forever with blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory, While unending ages run. Amen.

Angularis fundamentum 7th C. Latin Hymn tr. John Mason Neale

Women of the church are invited to a Potluck Luncheon – today at 12:15P.M. Meat and bread will be provided and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contributions will go to Presbyterian Women 2017 Thank Offering to support grants to creative ministries that serve people in need in the US and internationally. This has been a project of the PW since 1888. We hope you can join us.

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

Continuing through October, two adult CE opportunities:

Faith and Science – Dan Robbins, instructor; Pastors’ Gallery, 9:45A.M.

For Reformed Christians, science is both promising and provocative. It raises tough questions about how God creates, what it means to be human, and where technology will take us next. This study invites participants to rejoice in the wonder of creation seen through science and to grapple honestly with new challenges it presents to our faith.

Temptation in the Desert – Gray Taylor, instructor; 2nd floor CR, 9:45A.M.

The story of Jesus’ temptations in the wilderness after his baptism offers important instructions for us as we consider our Christian life. This study discusses ways the temptations that Jesus faced are still real for us today.

Circle 1 meets October 11, 7:00PM, at the home of Jackie Rose.

Circle 2 meets October 11, 2:00PM, in the Rudy Center.

Flu Shots: IVNA will provide the 2017 Flu Immunization Clinic at Chester Presbyterian next Sunday, October 15, 9-11:00A.M. in the small end of the fellowship hall. Mark your calendar!

Pastor's Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00AM. The group will begin a new study of the gospel of John. Study books are available in the office for \$12. The study is written by Tom Wright in an approachable and anecdotal style. Wright says of John: It is "one of the greatest books in the literature of the world; and part of its greatness is the way it reveals its secrets not just to a high-flown leaning but to those who come to it with humility and hope."

Lunch Bunch: Our new year starts today, 12:45P.M. at the Crazy Greek at Woodlake Restaurant, 14640 Hancock Village St. We can carpool for anyone who wants a ride. They feature both Greek and Italian food, and have familiar brunch items on their Sunday menu. Bring a friend – invite someone new, and come enjoy catching up on everyone's summer activities! Please let us know if you will be joining us so I can give the restaurant a reasonably accurate reservation number. Look forward to seeing everyone!!

- Bob & Marnie

Need assistance with an issue at your home involving safety, energy savings, security or yard debris removal, and you are unable to make the repair or hire the repair completed? The church has Repair Request forms in the office which you are invited to fill out. Upon receiving your completed form, if we are able to help, we will be at your service.

What's Your Name? Nothing is more powerful than the sound of your name! Help the congregation get to know you by wearing your name tag to all services and events. Bring your name tag to church and store it on the new Name Tag board located at the entrance of each church service.

The board is covered in fish nets on which you can clip your name tags. Just clip your name tag to the net when you leave and it will be waiting for you when you return! For those who do not have permanent name tags, we have name tags that you can decorate with your name and a "fish" decal.

Just as Jesus encouraged us to become "fishers of men", help us capture our members and guests with the sound of their name.

Name Badges: If you are interested in ordering a permanent name badge, please contact Linn Coghill (748-4636 or lcoghill@chesterpres.org). The cost is \$12.00 per name badge. You may leave your name badge on the Name Tag board each week when you leave so that it will be at church for you each week.



Chester Presbyterian Preschool is excited to introduce a new fundraiser with "Little Caesars" pizza kits! Our goal is to earn enough money to purchase some new playground equipment. The kits are delicious and a great value, with each kit containing 3 or more pizzas. The brochure also offers breadsticks and cookie dough – just in time for the holidays! If you would like to order, please find the order form in front of Kim Hopkins' office, Room #108. Orders will be accepted October 2 – 20, and the kits will be delivered to CPC on November 7, 2017.

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

Grace Café invites you to enjoy dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30P.M.. This week's menu: sloppy Joes, cole slaw, baked beans and dump cake

All Youth: Saturday, October 14 will be the Capitol Trail bike ride. We will meet at the church at 8:30A.M. and try to return by 3:30P.M. You must have your own bike, helmet, and water bottle. Also bikes must be in good working condition, please check them before coming out. We need parent volunteers to ride with us and to serve lunch. If youth/families are interested please let Erin know.