



Pastor Ed's cell: (717) 372-9894
Pastor Ed's home: (717) 458-4104
Pastor's email: pastor@middlespringpc.org
Confidential email: ehb47@comcast.net
Office hours: T & W, 9 am to 4 pm; Th By Appointment
Work from home, Mon and Sat; off Friday

Secretary: Lisa Laughlin; (717) 532-8198
email: secretary@middlespringpc.org

Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to noon - 1 pm to 3 pm,
Lunch - noon to 1 pm

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI with license #505431767.
All rights reserved.

Called Together by God to worship...



Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

135 Middle Spring Rd. Shippensburg, PA 17257

www.middlespringpc.org

The Rev. Edward H. Blank, Transitional Pastor
Sunday Worship begins at 10:30 am





The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If That Isn't Love by David Huntsinger

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is our shepherd;

we lack nothing.

Though we may walk through the darkest valley,

we fear no evil; for God is with us.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us

all the days of our lives,

and we shall dwell

in the house of the Lord forever.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAISES MSPS#1**

10,000 Reasons

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even if we walk in the darkest of valleys,

we have nothing to fear, for God is with us.

Let us stand before the throne of the Lamb

with confidence,

trusting in God's desire to redeem and restore us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

in the presence of our enemies,

we divide and demonize.



This week's Homebound person to be showered with cards of love and prayers is:

Tom Barksdale

100 Green Ridge Lane, Apt. 120
Newville, PA 17241
(717) 776-8280



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Church Calendar** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Sunday, May 11	8:45 am	Mother's Day Breakfast
	10:30 am	Worship in person and online
Tuesday, May 13	10:00 am	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
Sunday, May 18	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship in person and online

~~~~~ *Joys and Concerns* ~~~~~


**This week's concerns:** Pray for the family of Lee Musselman. Pray for Megan, who was in a recent car accident. Ted Glenn as he is making decisions regarding his treatment for cancer.

**Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:**

Susan Ahrens, Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Sally Boden, Thomas Bruce, Ed Chamberlin, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Doe Davis, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Michael Harglerode, Bob and Betty Harper, Julia Lent, Pat Mogan, Dorothy Nye, Susan Petrina, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Richard Saul, Suzanne Turner, Dick Weaver, Jean Wenger, Robbie Weber, and Mark Zimmerman.

This week we pray for **Central Presbyterian** in Chambersburg in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Mainsville Brethren** in local churches; and **Jahova Mi Pastor**, El Sute, Comayagua, Honduras.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are given by **Peggy Groce** in memory of **all mothers**.



Our summer worship schedule begins on **June 1**.  
 From June 1 to September 7, the worship service will be held at 9:30 am.  
 There will be no Sunday School during the summer.



A Congregational Gathering **has been rescheduled for June 22** after worship to assess the progress made since the last gathering. A lunch will be provided. Things to discuss will include music, worship style, fellowship, and outreach events you asked to have, as well as current congregational needs.

Your input is essential to reaching our goals, so please try to attend.



**When you face our enemies,  
you choose neither contempt nor punishment,  
but set a table and make provision for us all.  
Our ways are not your ways, O Creator,  
and they are an affront  
to the work of your hands.  
Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us.  
Send our risen Lord among us again  
to repair relationships and restore humanity.  
Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus  
just as he does at his table.**

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice:  
Jesus says, I give you eternal life.  
You will never perish.  
No one can snatch you out of my hand.  
Believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.**

**\*HYMN GTG #581**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose 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.**

**ANTHEM**  
**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*All That I Am* by Mark Patterson

**\* ILLUMINATION HYMN GTG#451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See (Verse 1 only)*

**GOD'S WORD WRITTEN** – John 21:15-19

*The Love Motivation*

- 15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.”
- 16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”
- 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.
- 18 “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to *go*.”
- 19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED** – Jesus' Hunting Question

**\*HYMN GTG #828** *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY** *The Children's Prayer* by Engelbert Humperdinck

**\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*SENDING HYMN MSPS #14**

*Grace Alone*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*March from the "Occasional Oratorio"*  
By G.F. Handel

Join us May 14 for our Memorial Day  
Remember & Honor Ceremony  
6:30 p.m. - Concert 7:00 p.m. - Service



Clear your calendar for **Saturday, June 21**, for a fun church-wide mission trip to the UNTO Global Logistics Center. Everyone is welcome to join this opportunity to personally prepare humanitarian supplies to relieve suffering in disaster and severe poverty situations in the name of Christ. We will work from 8:30 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. with a brief tour following. Lunch is provided! The Center is located at 1506 Quarry Road, Mount Joy, PA, so we will need to leave the church at 6:50 a.m.



This month our designated offering will go to the **Pentecost Offering** to support young people and inspire them to share their faith.

Pastor is Rev. **Ed Blank**

Liturgist is **Kemper Dyson**.

Acolyte is **Cooper Krebs**.

Elder of the Week is **Park Bierbower**.

Ushers are **Brad & Sue Beidel**.

Greeters are **Gilda Blank**.

Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**.

Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**.

Handbell Choir Director is **Jan Ile**.

Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**.

Deacon of the Month is **Pris Gould**.