

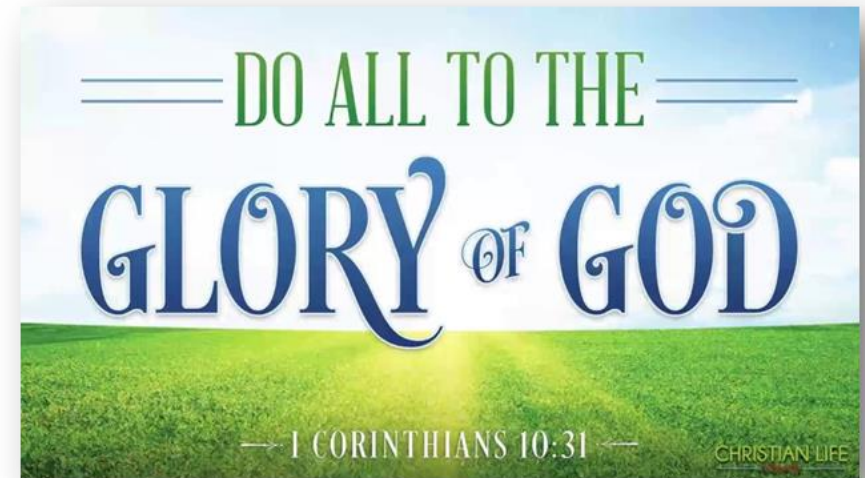
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Called Together by God to worship...



Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

135 Middle Spring Rd. Shippensburg, PA 17257

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





The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Get All Excited by William Gaither

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God on high!

Praise God, sun and moon.

Praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and ocean depths!

**Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
praise the Lord!**

Kings and all peoples of the earth,
princes and all rulers of the earth,
praise the Lord!

**Old and young together;
all people praise the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAISES MSPS#27**

Majesty

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility.

We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken.

In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.



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.

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



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

Sunday, May 18	9:15 am	Sunday School
		Holy Communion
		Home Communion Offered
	10:30 am	Worship in person and online
Tuesday, May 20	10:00 am	ZOOM Bible Study
	1:00 pm	PW Bible Study
Sunday, May 25	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship in person and online

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

***This week's concerns:*** Please remember Barb Singer's father, Berkley Chamberlin as he had surgery and is recovering well.

***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, Brenda Fleming, 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 **Centre Presbyterian** in Loysville in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Memorial Lutheran** in local churches; and **Lirio de los Valles**, El Horno, Comayagua, Honduras.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are given by **Dane and Elizabeth Bricker** in memory of **Norman Bricker Jr. and Galen Karper**.



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.



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.



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you command us to love one another,  
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.**

**You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness.**

**You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.**

**Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.**

**Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere.**

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news:

Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

**\*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**

*Special Music by Lindsay Evanchak*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**\* ILLUMINATION HYMN GTG#451**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See (Verse 2 only)*

**GOD'S WORD WRITTEN – 1 Corinthians 10:23-33**

- 23 All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.
- 24 Let no one seek his own *good*, but that of his neighbor.
- 25 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake;



26 FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS.

27 If one of the unbelievers invites you and you want to go, eat anything that is set before you without asking questions for conscience’ sake.

28 But if anyone says to you, “This is meat sacrificed to idols,” do not eat *it*, for the sake of the one who informed *you*, and for conscience’ sake;

29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other *man’s*; for why is my freedom judged by another’s conscience?

30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the *profit* of the many, so that they may be saved.

**GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED** – The God-Shaped box

**\*COMMUNION HYMN GTG #497** *Bread of Life*

**COMMUNION LITURGY**

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We give You thanks this day and everyday for the Word that became flesh and walked among us; for such love that the world has never known, that you would humble yourself and identify with your creation. In Your baptism, You identify with our need for repentance and forgiveness from our sins. You who had no sin, became sin for us. **You willingly and obediently went to the Cross, suffered, and died that we may never know the flames of Hell. Rising from the grave You defeated death’s hold on us, that we may never die, but have eternal life in You.**

Through Your blessed exchange, You gathered us together, exchanging our sinfulness for Your righteousness. You ascended into heaven and now sit at the right hand of God the Father, preparing a place for us, that wherever You are, we also may be, this day and for all eternity.

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power, God of light. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!**

**Invitation to this Meal and a Life of Faith**

**Words of Institution and the Celebration of God’s Gifts**

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY** *Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zscheck

**\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606**

**OFFERING PRAYER**


**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*SENDING HYMN GTG#838** *Standing on the Promises*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *You Raise Me Up* by Brenden Graham & Rolf Lovland



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**

Communion Assistant: **Kemper Dyson**

Liturgist is **Gilda Blank**.

Acolyte is **Harper Krebs**.

Elder of the Week is **Greg McMullen**.

Ushers are **Brad & Sue Beidel**.

Greeters are **Mavis Karper & Quay Stolte**.

Pianist is **Dorina Saul**.

Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**.

Handbell Choir Director is **Jan Ile**.

Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**.

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