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## Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

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The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



**PROCESSIONAL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. Herbert Colvin

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

What a blessing!

We gather to listen and to discern God's will.

**What a fellowship!**

**We join together and share our testimony  
in the presence of God.**

Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

**We come to worship God with our whole hearts.**

**Let Us Worship Our God!**

**\*GATHERING PRAISES MSPS #22** *I Can Only Imagine*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God does not reject our prayers.

God does not withdraw love from us.

Even when we fail to love others and struggle to love ourselves,

God's love is steadfast.

Let us lift our prayers to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One,**


**We love you imperfectly:**

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

*This week's joys:* Eileen Moore is in Chambersburg Hospital and feeling much better. She would love to have some visitors!

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

Deb Arnold, Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Kim Barnie, Rev. Bill Beck, Will Brandt, Thomas Bruce, Arlo Bush, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Madison Cover, Douglas Cubbison, Doe Davis, John Deemer, Jack Diehl, Linda Dickinson, Jeanine Dreher, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Paul and Donna Gill, Susan (Harper) Gilmore, Carrie Grace, Michael Harglerode, Bob and Betty Harper, Gary and Joyce Hornbaker, Nicole Joselyn, Judah Kardisco, Arlene Keer, Pat Mahan, Pat Mogan, Eileen Moore, Lorraine Murdocca, Fred Nordai, Dorothy Nye, Kathy Palmer, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Leslie Raymond, Ken Raymond, Alfreda Reed, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Susan and Greg Riggs, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Ray Staver, Jim Stroup, Dick Weaver, and David Wilson.



Souled Out YF will be hosting their annual Chicken Barbecue and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 18th beginning at 4:00 pm.

Tickets are now on sale - for \$15 you will get 1/2 chicken, baked beans, applesauce, roll, drink, and an amazing dessert of your choice. Meals are dine-in or carry out.

The Silent Auction features a number of offerings from many great local businesses - come out and have a look!

The Session is seeking someone to serve as an Assistant Treasurer to work alongside Gary Russell, Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ed.



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Church Calendar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Sunday, May 12 9:15 am Sunday School (adults & children)  
10:30 am Worship in person and online

**Mother's Day**

Tuesday, May 14 1:00 am PW Bible Study  
6:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Weds., May 15 11:30 am Friends in Fellowship Lunch  
at KMJ Diner  
6:30 pm **Memorial Day Service**

Sat., May 18 4-6:30 pm **Youth Chicken Barbecue**

Sunday, May 19 9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship in person and online



The payment for the Mother's Day flowers that were indicated for honorariums/memorials should be given to Jan Ile today, if possible. The flowers can be taken with you today. A marker is in each flower indicating who purchased the flowers or who is to receive them.



Friends in Fellowship

Friends in Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, May 15 at 11:30 am at KMJ Diner.** Bring a friend and join us around the table in fellowship and good

food. Contact Jan Ile **TODAY** if you will be attending at 717-423-6226 or email at [janile@pa.net](mailto:janile@pa.net).

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on May 19th to make contacts for the Class of 2027 for Ruling Elders and Deacons.

we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love

through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves imperfectly:

we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image.

Forgive us.

By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Because Christ lives, we also live.

Not because of anything we have done,

not because of our belief or faithfulness:

we live because Christ lives.

**This is the Christ who forgives us.**

**This is the God who is in us.**

**This is the Spirit who is with us.**

**Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

\*HYMN GTG #581

*Gloria Patri*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE 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 arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 *Christ Be Beside Me* by Bob Krogstad  
Soloists: **Shawna McMullen, Richard Saul**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD WRITTEN – Acts 9:1-9

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED – The Turn in the Road

\*HYMN GTG #686 *God of Our Life*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. Craig Curry

\*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 *Postlude in G* by Henry Kihlken

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Pastor is Rev. **Edward H. Blank**.  
Liturgist is **Gilda Blank**.  
Acolyte is **Harper Krebs**.  
Elder of the Week is **Park Bierbower**.  
Ushers are **Brad** and **Sue Beidel**.  
Greeter is **Jeannette Chamberlin**.  
Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**.  
Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**.  
Deacon of the Month is **Pris Gould**.



This month our special offering will go to support the **Presbyterian Pentecost Offering** to support children at risk, youth, and young adults.



This week we pray for the **Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown** in Middletown in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Mainsville Church** in local churches; and **El Verbo de Dios** in Ocotillo Centro, Valle, Honduras.



The lovely flowers gracing our altar today are given by **Peggy Groce** in memory of **our mothers**.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Please join us on Wednesday, May 15, as we honor our fallen veterans with a memorial service. This will be held in the Richwine Pavilion.

The speaker will be Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Hal Gobin. The ceremony will begin with a short concert from the Shippensburg Town Band, and will feature the Color Guard and Minutemen from American Legion Post #233.