



Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

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The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 21 - September 29, 2024



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Minor* by Johann Gottfried Walther

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in this place
 seeking to live in faithful community
 and asking God to guide us.

Lord, revive our souls,
 that we might lift each other up.

Lord, revive our souls,
 that we might order our communities
 in ways that lead us toward love.

Lord, revive our souls!

***GATHERING PRAISES MSPS #19** *Holy, Holy, Holy (Savior and King)*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God
 that we are able to stand against evil.
 It is only God, in Jesus Christ that can forgive our sins.
 But only we can ask for that forgiveness.
 Therefore, Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
 be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

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

**This week's concerns:** Continued prayers for John Moore, who is home recovering from a heart attack. Pray for Deb and Mike Evans as she recovers from hip surgery.

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

Deb Arnold, Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Kim Barnie, Rev. Bill Beck, Thomas Bruce, Arlo Bush, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Madison Cover, Doe Davis, John Deemer, Jack Diehl, Linda Dickinson, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Donna Gill, Susan (Harper) Gilmore, Michael Harglerode, Bob and Betty Harper, Pat Mogan, Eileen Moore, Dorothy Nye, Kathy Palmer, Susan Petrina, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Leslie Raymond, Ken Raymond, Dottie Reese, Susan and Greg Riggs, Bernard Rogers family, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Emily Renee Smith, Shirley Smith, Ray Staver, Jim Stroup, Robbie Weber, and Dick Weaver.



Join the Chancel Choir for this year's Christmas Cantata! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 2 and run from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. It will be performed at 10:30 am on December 22.

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



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|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, Sept. 29 | 9:15 am        | Sunday School                                                |
|                  | 10:30 am       | Worship in person and online                                 |
| Weds., Oct. 2    | 6:30 pm        | Chancel Choir                                                |
|                  | 7:30 pm        | Handbell Choir                                               |
| Sunday, Oct. 6   | 9:15 am        | Sunday School                                                |
|                  | 10:30 am       | Worship in person and online                                 |
|                  | <b>5:00 pm</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br>Migrant Ministry leaves from church |

Our last migrant visit for sharing of a meal and fellowship will take place on October 6. We will be leaving the church at **5:00 pm** (NOT 5:30).

If you are interested in helping with the meal or coming along, please contact Tammy Maclay at 717-372-4433.



**All Committee Heads:**

We are preparing for the annual meeting and are asking that you submit your 2025 budget to Gary Russell no later than **September 30** so that it can be reviewed and included.

**Antietam Entertainment Christmas Show**

We have reserved 40 seats to see the Christmas Show at Antietam Entertainment in Hagerstown, MD. The trip is planned for **Friday, December 13**. We would leave the church promptly at **4:45 pm**. There will be a Live Nativity, Wagon Rides, an Animal Stable, Bonfire and Marshmallow roasting, Horse Rides, and Christmas Photos an hour before the dinner and show. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby and narthex.

For you are our rock,  
and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.  
You are our redeemer,  
and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.  
You are our source of unity,  
and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.  
You are our fount of forgiveness,  
and yet we fear that we will be condemned.  
Forgive us, O Rock.  
Forgive us, O Redeemer,  
and show us what it means to forgive one another.

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN GTG #581**      *Gloria Patri*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the

living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM *Mountain Springs* by Sandra K. Tucker  
Middle Spring Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD WRITTEN – Joshua 4:1-9, 1 Samuel 7:12,13

A MOMENT FOR MISSION – Wreaths Across America

\*HYMN GTG #338 *America the Beautiful*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Calling, Christ is Tenderly Calling* by John W. Peterson

\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606

OFFERING PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

\*SENDING HYMN GTG #804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Pompous March* by Gordon Young



This month our designated offering will go to support the **Educational Scholarship Fund**.



This week we pray for the **Falling Spring Presbyterian Church** in Chambersburg in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Shippensburg Community Church** in local churches; and **Fuente de Vida** in Agalteca, Francisco Morazan, Honduras.



The lovely flowers gracing our altar today are given by **Deb Arnold** in honor of **my husband Rick's** birthday and in memory of **my parents, John & Jane Kitzmiller**.



Our speaker today is S.A.R. member Ray Mowery, a resident and educator in Shippensburg.

The Sons of the American Revolution was founded in 1889 to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

As a part of these precepts, the Washingtonburg Chapter of the S.A.R. is sponsoring the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church and Cemeteries with the program Wreaths Across America.

Speaker is **Ray Mowery**, member of Washingtonburg Chapter, S.A.R.  
Liturgist is Rev. **Ed Blank**.

Acolyte is **Evan Mosher**.

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

Ushers are **Nelson** and **Judy Heberlig** and **Bruce** and **Carla Hess**.

Greeter is **Jeanette McCans**.

Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**.

Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**.

Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**.

Deacon of the Month is **Jeanette Chamberlin**.