

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

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| Sunday, Feb. 2  | 9:15 am  | Sunday School  |
|                 | 10:30 am | Worship in person and online<br><b>Holy Communion</b>                    |
| Tuesday, Feb. 4 | 10:00 am | ZOOM Bible Study   |
|                 | 6:00 pm  | Session Meeting  |
| Weds., Feb. 5   | 6:30 pm  | Chancel Choir  |
|                 | 7:30 pm  | Handbell Choir   |
| Sunday, Feb. 9  | 9:15 am  | Sunday School  |
|                 | 10:30 am | Worship in person and online<br><b>Fellowship Luncheon after worship</b> |



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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*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 2, 2025*



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

**This week's concerns:** Pray for the first responders and others affected by the fires and mudslides in California. Pray also for the family members of those lost in the plane crash in Washington DC. Howard Rife is in rehab at Chambersburg Hospital.

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

Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Thomas Bruce, 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, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Suzanne Turner, Dick Weaver, Jean Wenger, Robbie Weber, and Mark Zimmerman.

This week we pray for **Paxton Presbyterian Church** in Harrisburg in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Cleversburg United Methodist Church** in local churches; and **Luz y Vida** in Guatemalita, Francisco Morazan, Honduras.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are given by **Ken and Joe Weller** and **Joyce Russell** in memory of **Dick, Shirley, and Ray Weller and Anna Mae Cramer**.

**PROCESSIONAL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Aria de Chiesa (Church)* by Georg Muffat

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,  
**so we might never be put to shame.**  
In your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,  
**so we might experience your saving power.**  
In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,  
**so we might find confidence in you alone.**  
You are our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.  
**We turn to you again this day. Amen.**  
Let us worship our God.

**\*GATHERING PRAISES MSPS #32** *Worthy of Worship*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God gathers the insiders and the outsiders;  
not one is beyond need of restoration.  
Trusting this promise, we surrender ourselves  
in the presence of Christ and one another, as we pray together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, when we set our tables,  
we imagine who belongs.  
We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own.**

***Easter Outing***

The Fellowship and Outreach Committee are planning a trip on April 5 at 2:00 PM to see the Easter Production at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Camp Hill.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and in the CE Lobby. Deadline for sign-up is **February 16**.

Cost per ticket is \$15 plus transportation cost, which will be determined by the number of people going. If you have any questions, see Jan Ile or Sue Beidel.

## Card Shower

A friend of Eileen Moore's has a granddaughter that is suffering from bone cancer. She has already lost a leg to the disease, which is continuing to spread. She turned 14 on January 31. Please send her a birthday card - say you heard about her from Jo Fox, so they know where you got her name.

Arianna McDonnell  
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This month our designated offering will go to the  
**Pastor's Emergency Fund.**



To support our PW fundraising for our local missions, please consider dropping ANY loose change, no matter how small, in the collection jars. There is one located in the Lobby and one in the back of the Sanctuary.



Pastor is Rev. **Ed Blank**.  
Liturgist is **Quay Stolte**.  
Acolyte is **Evan Mosher**.  
Elder of the Week is **Don Cover**.  
Ushers are the **Mosher Family**.  
Greeter is **Gilda Blank**.  
Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**.  
Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**.  
Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**.  
Deacon of the Month is **Judy Heberlig**.

**Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood.  
We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome.  
But your kingdom has no boundary.  
Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one.  
Soften our hearts to those we rage against.  
Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table.  
Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which know no end.**

### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.  
It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice.  
This good news is for you: God claims you, Christ welcomes you, and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.  
**Thanks be to our God now and forever.**

### \*HYMN GTG #581

*Gloria Patri*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.15)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world**

**discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

**ANTHEM** *There's a Quiet Understanding* by Tedd Smith-Wilson

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Sarah Douglas

Children of the Heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

**\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOD'S WORD WRITTEN** – Mark 12:28-30

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; <sup>30</sup> and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED** – Love the Lord Your God

**\*HYMN GTG #497** *Bread of Life From Heaven*

**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, yet You alone were not guilty of even one sin.

**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 THE TABLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (INSERT)**

**\*SENDING HYMN GTG #697** *Take My Life*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *A Festival Procession* by Gilbert M. Martin