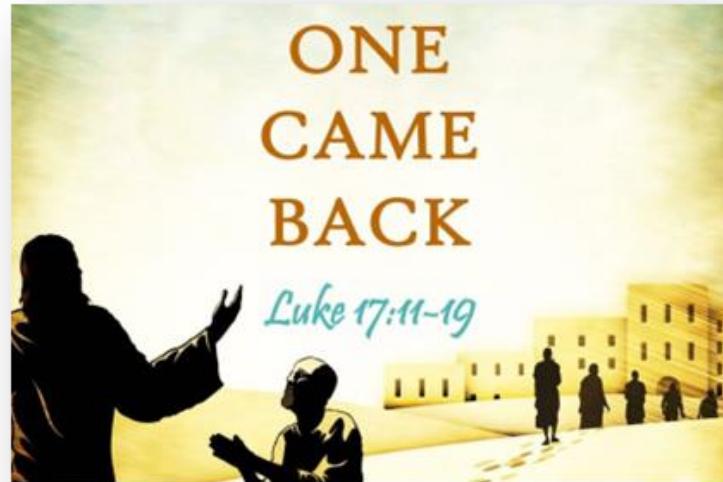




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**Called Together by God to worship...**



## **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*  
*October 12, 2025*  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23*



**PROCESSIONAL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*10,000 Reasons*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; **sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.** Say to God: **How awesome are your deeds!** Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.** Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have understanding.** God's praise endures forever.

**\*OPENING PRAISES MSPS#9**

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God promises mercy for all those who repent. Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Compassionate Christ, you send us to cure the sick, but we blame the sick for their choices. You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high risk pools. You compel us to raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help. In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive us, O Lord. Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation. Enable us to love one another as you love us, that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all people.

Amen

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

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



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

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|--------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, October 12 | 9:15 am  | Sunday School                                                                           |
|                    | 10:30 am | Worship in person and online<br>Membership luncheon<br>immediately following<br>worship |
| Sunday, October 19 | 9:15 am  | Sunday School                                                                           |
|                    | 10:30 am | Worship in person and online                                                            |

Pastor is **Rev. Ed Blank**  
Liturgist is **Jeanette McCans**  
Acolyte is **Harper Krebs**  
Elder of the Week is **Jill Corwin**  
Ushers are **Larry & Vickie Ocker**  
Greeters are **Mavis Karper & Quay Stotle**  
Organist is **Dorina Saul**  
Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**.  
Handbell Choir Director is **Jan Ile**  
Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**  
Deacon of the Month is **Jan Mooney**

### Bus Trip



The Fellowship and Outreach Team has arranged for a mini van to transport a group to see the Christian Life Assembly Christmas production - "Finding Christmas" on Dec. 6 at 2:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please indicate if you will be riding the mini van or driving to the site yourself. **The last date to sign up is Sunday, October 19** in order for us to know how many tickets to purchase when they go on sale on October 22. This is a fantastic show. Don't miss it!!! The cost is \$20 plus transportation costs (which will be determined when we know how many are using the mini van).



The Middle Spring Handbell Choir and the Memorial Lutheran Handbell Choir will join forces in performing in a combined concert on Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 PM. Also performing will be Handbell soloist Kathy Singiser accompanied on the piano by Jane Boley. Come enjoy an afternoon of handbell music and support the handbell choirs. A free will offering will be lifted.



The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study group will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 at the church. We are doing a video Bible study by Pastor Jonathan Pokluda on Right Now Media. It's on Ecclesiastes titled "Where to Turn When Life Lets You Down." We encourage all women of the church to join us. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Palmer.

**We hope to see you there!**

### Upcoming October birthdays



Jerry Chamberlin 10/9  
Rod Kelso 10/14

Susie Rohr 10/10  
Judy Heberlig 10/15

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven. Believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.**

### \*HYMN GTG#581

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### \*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

*Beautiful Savior* - MSP Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### ILLUMINATION HYMN GTG#458

*Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

### GOD'S WORD WRITTEN – Luke 17:11-19

#### Ten Lepers Cleansed

- 11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;
- 13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- 14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.
- 15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,
- 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?  
18 “Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?”  
19 And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.”

**GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED - Get Up and Get Moving**

**HYMN GTG#647** *Give Thanks*

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION**  
**OFFERTORY** *Above All*

**\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN GTG#649** *Amazing Grace*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *The Prayer*



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Put these words of mine in your heart & soul - Deuteronomy 11:18-19

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

***This week’s concerns:*** Remember Bob Harper in prayer as he recovers from a recent fall. Pray for Kim Barney’s sister, BT, as she is recovering from surgery to combat a reoccurring cancer. Pray for Kim Bailey who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

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

Deb Arnold’s sister, Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Sally Boden, Thomas Bruce, Ed Chamberlin, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Doe Davis, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Pat Frey, Ted Glenn, Lizzy Glenn, Deb Taylor Golden, Bob and Betty Harper, Douglas Kriever, Julia Lent, Pat Mogan, Dorothy Nye, Dylan O’Brien, Deb Ocker, Larry & Vickie Ocker, Susan Petrina, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Emily Smith, Shirley Smith, Suzanne Turner, George & Paula Yasenchack, Dick Weaver and Mark Zimmerman.

This week we pray for the **Mechanicsburg Presbyterian** in Mechanicsburg in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Shippensburg First Church of God** in local churches; and **Camino de Fé**, Cerro Grande, Comayagua, Honduras.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are given by **Jerry & Dawn Chamberlin** in honor of **parents**.



This month our special offering will go to **Peace & Global Witness**.



Join the Choir for this year’s Christmas Cantata! Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!