



Cross Roads Presbyterian Church
Monroeville, Pa

October 17, 2021

Ecclesiastes 3.1-15; Matthew 6.25-33

Notes

- Today's Flowers are given by Jay and Patty Winter.
- Please join us at Fellowship Hour after worship today for a Pie Social sponsored by the Deacons, in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some delicious pie and friendly fellowship!
- Join us today at noon in Fellowship Hall for the CRT Reconciliation session. If you can't make it today, another session will be held on Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30-8 p.m. More information about the sessions is included in today's bulletin.
- Trunk or Treat will be held next Saturday, October 23. Please see the ads in the back of the bulletin to sign up or to register your car.

The Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

God and God Alone

McHugh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The chief end of humankind is to love God and enjoy the Lord forever.

Many: May we turn our attention toward the presence of God in our midst.

HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds The Skies (v. 1 and 4)

1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, when life is mine, My canticle divine
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song,
Through all the ages long, May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: No matter what we have done or left undone, amazingly, God makes time for us: to love us, to hear our prayers, and to be present with us in all moments of life. As we consider the gift of time that we have been given, let us approach the throne of grace, resolving to turn more of our attention to the glory of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: O God of all time, you made us to be in relationship with you, to focus our attention on the Lord our God. But we find time slipping through our fingers: our attention is focused on rumors and gossip,

assigning blame and making excuses. We have become more interested in keeping busy than in keeping commandments. We try to squeeze you into our busy schedules rather than putting you at the center of our lives. Forgive us, and lead us into new practices of stewardship for your name's sake. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Christ has risen while earth slumbers. Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let us all embrace the blessing! Let us all sustain the cheer! Let the world confirm the rumor:

Many: Christ is risen! God is hear! Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

The Hearing of God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING *Ecclesiastes 3.1-15*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones

together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴ I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.^[a]

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lord I Need You* Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill,
and Maher Women's Choir

SECOND READING *Matthew 6.25-33*

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[b] ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will

he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God^[d] and his^[d] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

SERMON

Abundant Time: Did You Blink?

Rev. Lindsay White

HYMN GTG 250

In the Bulb (v. 1 only, attached)

Calling on the Holy Spirit

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Mighty to Save

Morgan and Fielding

1. Ev'ry-one needs com-pas-sion, a love that's nev-er fail-ing.

Let mer-cy fall on me.

Ev'ry-one needs for-give-ness, the kind-ness of a Sav-ior,
the hope of na-tions.

Chorus:

Sav-ior, He can move the moun-tains.

My God is might-y to save, He is mighty to save.

For-ev-er, Au-thor of sal-va-tion,

He rose and con-quer-ed the grave, He is might-y to save.

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail-ures,

Fill my life a-gain.

I gave my life to fol-low, ev-'ry-thing I be-lieve in.

Now I sur-ren-der. Chorus: (above)

3. Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're sing-in' for the glo-ry of the ris-en King.

Je-sus, Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're sing-in' for the go-ry of the ri-sen King. Chorus: (above)

4. You're my Sa-vior, You can move the moun-tains.

God, You are might-y to save, You are might-y to save.

For-ev-er, Au-thor of sal-va-tion,

You rose and con-quer-ed the grave,

Yes, you con-quer-ed the grave.

You are might-y to save.

CHARGE/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Arr. Shackley

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Lindsay White, Pastor; Ben Little, Children's Time;
Debbie Broker, Int. Director of Music/Organist; Todd Leighton, Liturgist;
Dave Falvo, Technology Operator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reconciliation Session

In response to the Conflict Resolution Team Report, we will be hosting reconciliation sessions to enable everyone who wants to participate to have their voices heard, to hear the feelings of others, and to find ways to cast a vision for moving forward together. These sessions will be centered around the question, "What do you need to move forward?" and Pastor Lindsay will facilitate discussions. No subjects are off the table, but we will have some framework with which to share our thoughts and feelings. Ultimately, these sessions are an opportunity to mend relationships and find ways to join together in love for the bright future God has in store for Cross Roads Presbyterian Church.

One session will be held today from noon-1:30 p.m., and one on Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30-8 p.m., both in Fellowship Hall. The prompt for each session will be the same, so we would encourage you to choose one of the two to attend (you're welcome to attend both, but they will be a repeat). In accordance with our current protocols, we will encourage people to wear masks (they are not required, but suggested). Members of Session will be at each of the sessions to participate and to report back at our stated meeting on October 27; the Session has chosen to divide themselves among the two sessions to be efficient with their time. In listening to the comments brought forward at these sessions, they will determine the next steps in our process for reconciliation.

Please contact Pastor Lindsay if you have any questions!

Worship on the Lawn

During the month of October, we will continue worshipping out on the side lawn as weather permits. Bring your own chair and join us as we celebrate the beauty of God's creation and the fall foliage in our worship services, and experience a different vibe of worship with a keyboard and simple equipment. Worshipping outside also allows us to be mask-free and invite all folks to feel comfortable and safe in the midst of this new wave in the COVID-19 pandemic. If there is inclement weather, we invite you into the sanctuary where we recommend but do not require a mask. Please join us and invite a friend for these casual worship services!

Communion in your home

In-home Communion service is available until October 23. Following safety protocols, two Elders (or an Elder and a Deacon) will visit you and administer communion to you at a time and day of your choosing. Please contact Patty Kysliger at 412.952.0155 or pkshamrock@comcast.net to schedule.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7.

COVID-19 Protocols

The Session continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and prayerfully consider the safest ways for the family of God at Cross Roads to gather. Throughout October, we will continue to worship outside as the weather allows. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the sanctuary. When we are meeting in the sanctuary for worship or Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Hour or anywhere in the building for meetings, we highly recommend that masks be worn by everyone, especially when children and potentially vulnerable people are around. We encourage everyone to wear masks as a sign of caring for and loving our neighbor, a command found in the Old Testament, as well as a foundational command of Jesus' ministry. Because Cross Roads is so committed to our children and youth

who cannot yet be vaccinated, we are still requiring anyone who is working with children and youth to wear a mask during those events as well. Thank you for being a part of the team as we do our best to combat the spread of this terrible disease, and we invite everyone to be in prayer for our country and the world as the pandemic continues to spread.

Baby Thank You

Thank you for opening your hearts once again to the new moms and babies at the East End Family Health Center. At last month's baby shower your thoughtfulness created a stack of supplies such as baby wipes, baby books, diapers, clothing and other baby supplies. Thirteen blankets/afghans and 21 hats were lovingly created and donated. A total of \$220 was also collected for the Center to use as needed. Once again, the generosity of the Cross Roads congregation showed how much we love those babies and new moms. Everything has been picked up and Jolene sincerely expressed their appreciation and gratitude for our church family.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 23. Please see the ads below to sign up or to register your car.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Please give a shout out to our Pastor, The Rev. Lindsay White, and join the Personnel Ministry Team for the Fellowship Hour on October 24 to say thank you to Pastor Lindsay. We are so blessed to have her here.

Journey to Bethlehem

Actors and set up volunteers are still needed! Please speak with either Rennie Rhodes at 724.594.3563 or Kelley Rupchak at 412.372.6836 for an assignment.

On Sunday, November 7, an organizational meeting of all Journey to Bethlehem participants will be held following worship in the Sanctuary. At this time you will receive more information. If you cannot attend, please make arrangements to get the material that will be handed out at that time.

On November 14 and 21 following worship, costumes may be picked up in the Journey to Bethlehem Room (210) on the second floor. Scripts will also be available at that time.

ONGOING GROUPS AND GATHERINGS

Men's Group Breakfast

Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant in Monroeville. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19. We'll start our day off at 8:30 a.m. with good food and fellowship. All men are welcome!

Stitching for the Babies

The sewing group is back in action and we're always happy to welcome anyone interested in helping to make baby quilts. You don't have to know how to sew or quilt as there are many different steps to creating these much-appreciated quilts. Please join us every Tuesday from 10 a.m. – noon in the first floor conference room (next to the parlor) for fellowship, fun and a beloved mission for the babies at the East End Family Health Center. Questions? Contact Lucille Jenkins at 412.646.2868 or LJenkins@jeepday.us.

Prayer Warriors

The Prayer Warriors will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursdays, so members can participate in the choirs. As a reminder, the meetings are on Zoom. Please email Patty Kyslinger at pkshamrock@comcast.net for the Zoom link.

Faith Works

Please join us on Sunday, October 24 for Faith Works. It will be held in the Parlor after Worship. More information about the topic and speakers will

be in next week's Epistle.

Women's Lydia Circle Bible study

The Lydia Circle Bible study will be held every second Monday of the month. We will meet in the sanctuary where Pastor Lindsay will lead us in the study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." Study books are available in the church office for \$8, or at Circle. We are looking forward to getting back into the study of the Bible with each other! If you cannot attend in person, consider buying the study guide for your own study of the Bible. Questions? Contact Lucille Jenkins at 412.646.2868 or LJenkins@jeepday.us.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sympathy:

Jim Sutherland and the family and friends of Ruth Sutherland, Ruth entered the Church Triumphant on September 27.

The family and friends of Judy Shipley, her son Robert "Bob" entered the Church Triumphant on September 29.

Congregational Concerns:

Jon Junker – recovering from Thyroid surgery

Wesley Lucas – broken Shoulder

Dave Flemming at Shadyside Hospital following surgery

Joe Nicksich – home and recovering from surgery

Bill Wheat – recovering from stroke

Fran Brown – healing at home

Karen Reinhart – healing from broken wrist

Friends of our Congregation:

Grandma of Pastor Lindsay

Emilia Grace (friend of Judy Shipley)

Jay Rymer (son of Laurene Rymer)

Bob (friend of DJ Zappa)

Lori Norton

Laurie (friend of Debbie Broker)

Kim Garner (sister of Mark Guyton)
Lauren (friend of DJ Zappa)
Rosie Price (friend of Rennie Rhodes)
Vera McBride's granddaughter
Robert (father of Betsy Hughes)
Mike Melby (cousin of Judy Shipley)
Uncle of Jen Junker
Mother of Tina Herrmann
Brother (Wyatt) of Karen Teaman
Margaret Stillwagon (Zappa/Jenkins' Aunt)

Local & World Concerns:

Boy Scouts of America
Prayers for all students, staff, teachers, and school boards
COVID -19, the Delta variance, the MU variance, and R1 variance
Prayers for the families affected by the recent gun violence
For all military personnel serving our country, especially those
who were in Afghanistan
The Malawi Partnership and the political unrest in South Sudan

For those we love so very much:

At Home: Barb Adams, Pat Bass, Ron Koerner, Gilli Loginow, Kathy McLay, Denise Patterson, Jay Rymer, Jeanne Smith, Vera Spear, Ruth Sutherland, Carl Talackine, Janice Tuck, Bill Wheat and Barbara Wilt.

In Care Facilities: Madeline Brandon, Cathy Brown, Peg Caine, Betty Kuzenski, Rita Marrow, Dee Petrocelli, and Bobbi Schmidt.

Independent Living: Patsy Boyer and Barbara Carr

THIS WEEK AT CROSS ROADS

Sunday, October 17

10 a.m. Worship on the Lawn
11 a.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room
11 a.m. Deacon's Pie Social
noon-1:30 p.m. Reconciliation Session,
Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 18

6 p.m. Youth Group, 208
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, 1st Fl. Con.
Rm.
7 p.m. Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
10 a.m. Sewing Grp., 1st Fl. Con. Rm.
6:30 p.m. Elder Training, Parlor

Wednesday, October 20

Noon AA, First Floor Conf. Rm
7 p.m. Worship & Music, 1st Fl. Con. Rm.

Thursday, October 21

6 p.m. Prayer Warriors, Zoom
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, Choir Loft
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 208, 202
7 p.m. ACOA, Parlor
7 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room

Friday, October 22

6 p.m. Girl Scouts, 208
7:30 p.m. Slovak Dance Group

Saturday, October 23

5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot

Sunday, October 24

10 a.m. Worship on the Lawn
11 a.m. Fellowship Hour thanking Pastor
Lindsay, Fellowship Hall
11 a.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room
11 a.m. Faith Works, Parlor

*Cross Roads Presbyterian Church
& Preschool*



**Car
Registration
Form
Sat. Oct 23
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Type and Color of Car _____

Trunk Theme _____

Trunk Treat(s) _____

Tear off this half and give to Director of Christian Education: Ben Little,
or Preschool Teacher: Lisa Caprara

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1. Parking lot will be opened at 4:30 p.m.
 2. Cars must arrive before 5 p.m.!!
 3. Cars must be decorated before 5:15 p.m.!
 4. Someone will guide you to your spot.
 5. Please have all candies/treats in manufacturer wrapping.
 6. Please clean up your spot before leaving.
 7. Event will happen rain or shine. If it is raining, set up will be inside the church, so have a back up plan for hallway set ups.

Trunk *or* Treat



Join in a costume parade from trunk to trunk for treats!

When: Saturday, October 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Who: Children of all ages and their families

Where: Cross Roads Presbyterian Church - 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville

Want to join the fun and have your own decorated trunk full of treats?

Fill out and return a car registration form. (Available at Preschool)

Questions? Contact Lisa Caprara 412-951-2202(call or text)/lmcapraraca@gmail.com