



Cross Roads Presbyterian Church
Monroeville, PA

September 3, 2023

Welcome to all who have gathered for worship at Cross Roads today. Whether you are a member or visitor, a child of the church or a brand new face, we are grateful to have you here at this gathering of the family of God. We hope that as you participate in worship today you experience kind companionship and the gracious touch of the Holy Spirit in your heart. Please pass the Fellowship Pads up and down the pews so that all may sign in and so that we may greet one another by name.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to continue worshipping and serving with the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church family. If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Lindsay at lwhite@crossroadspresbyterian.com.

** indicates where we invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

The Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

Ariosto

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come worship the Lord! Come be a part of the family of God!

Many: We praise God with our words, songs, and acts of worship.

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Many: We praise God with all of our lives, with our hearts and spirits and deeds.

All: Let us worship the Lord together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Although we have all wandered and stumbled, although we are not perfect, God is always ready and willing to receive us back into the arms of mercy. Let us come before God with hearts of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Merciful God, though we come before you with love in our hearts, we know that we have not done right in all of our actions. Though we long to be faithful, we have been faithless. Though we long to worship you, we have been distracted by the world. Though we long to love our neighbors, some days we find that hard to do. Forgive us, and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved family of God, we are held to God's chest, close to God's heart, comforted as beloved children of the living God. Let us praise the Lord for the good news of Jesus Christ.

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Ben Little

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING *Psalms 105.1-6*

O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,^[a]
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

SECOND READING *Romans 12.9-21*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;^[a] do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,^[b] for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SERMON *The Instruction Manual* Rev. Lindsay White

**HYMN 442 *The Church's One Foundation*

The Calling of the Holy Spirit

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 426 *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak*

**CHARGE/BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE *Sing a New Song* Broughton

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Lindsay White, Pastor;
Debbie Broker, Director of Music/Organist;
Ben Little, Director of Christian Education; Vera McBride, Liturgist;
Ellie Kyle, Nursery Caregiver;
Brian Teaman, Head Usher; Dave Falvo, Technology Operator

--Notes For Today--

Today's flowers are given by the Kendig Family in honor of their granddaughter, Alexandra, born on July 20, 2023.

--Happenings This Week--

Labor Day

The Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Sewing Circle

Time to sharpen your scissors, polish your needles and get back into the swing of making baby quilts to help keep God's little ones snug. Join together on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the conference room starting on September 5 to create little quilts to donate and enjoy the fellowship of others. No special talent needed! Questions? Contact Lucille at 412.646.2868.

--Planning Ahead --

Journey to Bethlehem needs your help!

The Journey actors and volunteers need water and snacks during the performances. A Snack Poster Board will be under the Journey to Bethlehem sign in the Office Hallway on September 4. If you would like to help provide these items, please take a tag (or two). You may bring your purchases to the first floor Conference Room by November 19.

Lydia Circle Bible Study

The Lydia Circle will be led by Pastor Lindsay in our Bible study, "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer, starting on Monday, September 11, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the parlor. Study books are available in the church office for \$12 or you can get one at our meeting that day. We hope to see you there as we learn how to use the pieces of God's armor to strengthen our Christian life for the glory of God. Contact Lucille at LJenkins@jeepday.us or Ilona Beatty at IBeatty015@gmail.com.

Annual Baby Shower

Since the late 1980s or early 1990s, the Women's Association of Cross Roads has hosted a Baby Shower for mothers in need at the East Liberty Family Health Care Center. Our congregation has donated generously for more than three decades! That opportunity is here again when the Women's Association and Mission and Outreach Committee host the annual Baby Shower on Sunday, September 17. There are various ways to donate:

- Bring your gift to Fellowship Hall on Sept. 17 and then stay to enjoy Fellowship Hour
- Drop off your gift at the church office at any time
- Make a monetary donation by placing your gift in the offertory in an enveloped clearly marked "baby shower"

Items greatly appreciated by the Nurse Practitioners at the Pediatric Department at ELFHCC:

- digital thermometers
- board books for babies
- onesies-various sizes
- hats for winter + summer various sizes
- blankets
- NEWBORN (or even preemie) booties
- NEWBORN disposable diapers
- baby nail clippers
- nasal aspirators

** Please do **not** purchase any soaps, shampoos, creams, ointments etc.

--Ongoing Activities—

Prayer Warriors

Let God's blessings and unending love be with you in time of prayer need. If you could use prayers, or would like to lift others up in prayer, please send an email to Patty Kyslinger at pkshamrock@comcast.net. We only need a first name – God does the rest. The Prayer Warriors meet at 6 p.m. Thursdays on Zoom.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open during worship for children ages birth to four years. It is staffed by two volunteers from our congregation.

More Information

Cross Roads has many exciting opportunities for you to get involved. Please see the weekly Epistle or the peach colored "Ongoing Happenings" brochure located in the Narthex for more information about regularly scheduled groups at Cross Roads. If you do not yet receive the Epistle, please send your request by email to cnewmyer@crossroadspresbyterian.com.

Pastoral Emergency

For pastoral emergencies, contact Pastor Lindsay at 412.215.8810.

--Joys and Concerns—

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Pastor Rob and Beth Marrow. Pastor Rob's mother Rita Marrow entered the Church Triumphant on August 29.

To the family and friends of Doris Petrick. Doris entered the Church Triumphant on August 30.

Congregational Concerns

DJ Zappa – awaiting test results

Barb Adams – continued prayers

Jeanne Smith – recovering at home

Carl Schwartz – recovering from shoulder surgery

Taylor Junker – recovering from surgery

Russ Thompson – having procedure in September

Friends of our Congregation

Lucia (daughter of Sue Lomeo)

Michael (cousin of Tim Sinback)

Warren Junker's Sister

Leigh-Ann & Dave (friends of Jan Palermo)

Paul (uncle of Stephanie)

Sharon, Ron & Ellen (friends/family of the Teamans)

Baby Lincoln (friend of Judy Shipley)

Val (friend of Linda Kelly)

Anne (friend of Nicole Reinhart)

Orlando (friend of the Food Pantry)

Michael (cousin of Tim Sinback)

On-going Prayer Concerns

Lisa and Ashley (relatives of Mark Guyton)

Tommy and Meg (relatives of Jane Fraelich)

Kevin and Kaylee (friends of the Little Family)

Sandy (sister of Alice Leighton)

Kim (friend of the Leightons)

Robert (father of Betsy Hughes)

Tom (father of Alex White)

Keegan Cunningham's Dad

Keith (friend of Gary Stewart)

Suzanne (friend of the Zappas)

Julie (friend of Nicole Reinhart)

Tyler (nephew of the Shafers)

Emilia Grace (friend of Judy Shipley)
Patrick (nephew of the Schwartzes)
Jim (Kaleen Rupchak's father-in-law)

Our Nation and World

Those affected by hurricanes
The community of Garfield in Pittsburgh
The Plum community
The wildfires in Hawaii
Traveling mercies for those traveling this summer
The Jewish Community, especially our friends at Temple David
The Thundu Church of Malawi
The Weightman family and the Caribbean Youth Network
Law enforcement personnel
The situation in Ukraine
The unrest in Israel
For those with mental health challenges and suicidal thoughts
For all our military service members, first responders, and relief workers here and abroad
For more kindness and listening in all our interactions

For those we love very much

At home: Barb Adams, Chuck Hughes, Gilli Loginow, Kathy McLay, Denise Patterson, Jeanne Smith, Vera Spear, Carl Talackine, Barbara Wilt.

In Care Facilities: Madeline Brandon and Bobbi Schmidt.

Independent Living: Patsy Boyer and Barbara Carr.