



**Cross Roads Presbyterian Church
Monroeville, PA**

September 17, 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

Prelude Religioso

Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir

**EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come one, come all, to the worship of the living God.

Many: Let us all come to show our love and adoration of the Lord.

**HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: In worship today, let us come before the throne of grace, confident of God's mercy and love, ready to experience unity with God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Merciful and loving God, you have made each and every one of us to bear your image and shine your light in the world. Transform our hearts so that we might see your face, hear your voice, and experience your light in the presence of others and within ourselves. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear, O Church, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to forgive and kind to all of creation. Family of God, believe the good news.

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

Psalm 114

^[a]When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's^[b] sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

³The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

⁵ Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

⁶ O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, ⁸ who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

SECOND READING

Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith^[a] but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord^[b] is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.^[c] ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to^[d] God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.^[e]

SERMON

Must Be The Hypocrites Turnin' Mean

Rev. Lindsay White

**HYMN 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

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

A Time of Sharing

**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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

**CHARGE/BENEDICTION

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Lindsay White, Pastor;
Ben Little, Director of Christian Education;
Debbie Broker, Director of Music/Organist;
Sharon Kehlert, Liturgist; Ellie Kyle, Nursery Caregiver;
Dick Haessler, Head Usher; Dave Falvo, Technology Operator

--Notes For Today--

Today's flowers are given by Carolyn Benson, in honor of her son, Doug, for his birthday.

Annual Baby Shower

Please join the Women's Association and Mission and Outreach Committee at the annual Baby Shower today after worship. If you'd like, there are various ways to donate:

- Bring your gift to Fellowship Hall
- Make a monetary donation (make checks payable to the Cross Roads Women's Association) by placing your gift in the offertory in an enveloped clearly marked "baby shower"

Kids Day Out Baby Snugglers Needed

Here is the best job ever! Any day between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. you can pop in, or schedule a time with us, and come sit in the nursery and rock a bye a baby! All you need to do is tell Kelley Rupchak or Bridget Steele that you are interested in being on the approved list and give us a copy of your clearances. If they are already on file with the church this is acceptable also. Thanks for loving our littlest children.

New Directory

We are working on producing a new church directory. A "sample" is located in the Narthex. We are asking someone from each family to please check your listing and mark any corrections, including

whether you'd like your mobile number included (just add it or cross it off). If your listing is correct, place a star next to it. If you are unable to check your listing at the church, we will soon send out a Google form for you to fill in your correct information. Thank you.

--Happenings This Week--

Choirs to Begin Rehearsals

Handbells and Sanctuary Choir will begin Thursday, September 21. The Handbell Choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and the Sanctuary Choir will be in the choir room at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir - The Children's Choir will have an organizational rehearsal Sunday, October 1 immediately following worship in the choir room. Children from 1st grade through 8th are welcome. Contact Debbie Broker at dbroker109@comcast.net to learn more.

Family Festival

The ministry teams at Cross Roads have been working together to plan a special kickoff event for our 2023-2024 programming year on Sunday, September 24. Our worship service will welcome families from our preschool, and the preschoolers will help lead us in song. Family members of all ages will be assisting in our worship service as we celebrate the gifts we all bring to make Cross Roads a welcoming community. After worship, there will be games and activities for all ages in Fellowship Hall at a special ice cream social. We hope you'll plan to be in worship on this special day!

--Planning Ahead --

The Deacons Would Love Your Help!

On October 1st the Deacons will be hosting a soup ministry Fellowship Hour. Please sign up to bring a soup to share on the current happenings board!

We will take a portion of it to use for our soup ministry and a portion to share during Fellowship Hour! Even if you don't bring

soup- we would love to have you.

Journey to Bethlehem needs your help!

The Journey actors and volunteers need water and snacks during the performances. A Snack Poster Board is under the Journey to Bethlehem sign in the Office Hallway. 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.

Adult Education - Visiting Professor Series

We are very excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. N. Graham Standish for a three -part Visiting Professor Series on Sundays, October 1, 8, and 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Our topics for discussion will include:

- October 1 "Across the Great Christian Divide – the Great Commission and the Great Commandment." Jesus instructed us to "go and baptize all believers" (the Great Commission) and to "Love your neighbor" (The Great Commandment.) How are we to balance these instructions and follow Jesus?
- October 8 "Forgiveness and Grace,"
- October 15 "Spirituality in Daily Life."

Rev. Dr. Standish is the Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and Director of its Caring for Clergy and Congregations program. For more information about him, please see the October *Connections*.

--Ongoing Activities--

Nursery Care

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

Lydia Circle Bible Study

The monthly Lydia Circle is led by Pastor Lindsay in our Bible study,

“The Armor of God” by Priscilla Shirer, on the second Monday of each month (except for October, which will be held October 16.) Meetings are held 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 the meeting. 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 ibeatty051@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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

Barb Adams – continued prayers

Taylor Junker – recovering from surgery

Steve Schultz – recovering from surgery

Carl Schwartz – recovering from surgery

Judy Shipley – recovering

Jeanne Smith – continued prayers

Russ Thompson – recovering from surgery

DJ Zappa – consulting with the doctors

Friends of our Congregation

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)

Anne (friend of Nicole Reinhart)

Orlando (friend of the Food Pantry)

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 the earthquake in Morocco
Mason Martin and the Karns City High School Community
Those affected by recent hurricanes
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.

--This Week at Cross Roads--

Sunday, September 17	10 a.m. Worship w/Communion 11 a.m. Baby Shower, FH 2 p.m. Girl Scouts, 202
Monday, September 18	6:30 p.m. Finance, conf. rm. 7 p.m. Yoga, FH
Tuesday, September 19	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's 9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle, conf. rm. 6 p.m. Girl Scouts recruitment, FH
Wednesday, September 20	noon AA, FH 3 p.m. Stitching Angels, parking lot 7 p.m. Worship and Music, zoom
Thursday, September 21	6 p.m. Prayer Warriors, Zoom 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary 7 p.m. Boy Scouts, FH 7 p.m. ACOA, conf. rm. 7:30 p.m. Choir, Choir Room
Friday, September 22	4 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal 9 p.m. Youth Lock-in, upstairs rooms
Saturday, September 23	9 a.m. Boy Scout Flower pick up, FH 2:30 p.m. DiStefano/Papazian Wedding
Sunday, September 24	10 a.m. Family Worship 11:30 a.m. Family Festival, FH 1 p.m. Girl Scouts, 202