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*Knowing Jesus
Praising Jesus
Serving Jesus*

November 13, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are they who put their hope in God.

The headlines may be dismal. The news may be alarming.

Our hope is in the One who made heaven and earth.

Neither violence nor fear will shake our trust in God.

Natural disasters will happen. War will maim and destroy life.

Men and women will exploit, abuse and desecrate one another.

But we will hold fast to faith.

We will work for peace and justice.

We will love and care for our neighbors.

We will trust in God who is sovereign and just.

Our hope is in the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Let us all praise the Lord who gives us hope!

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #464 PH “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we pour out before you our sorrow for our sins. We are grieved by our capacity for inhumanity towards one another -- for the hatred and greed that fuel war, for the selfishness and callousness that perpetuate inequities, for the deaf ear and blind eye that keep us comfortable while so many suffer. Forgive us, Lord. We feel helpless in the face of human trafficking, exploitation of children and refugee camps on borders of countries far and near, so we do nothing. Forgive us, Lord. Speak to us, we pray, in the midst of our brokenness. We long for healing, we cling to hope in you, and we ask for courage to respond as disciples of Jesus Christ to the hurting world around us. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

and also, with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM "Be Still and Know"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:13-4:3

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 21:5-19

SERMON "Trials and Tribulations" *Rev. Lisa J. Lyon*

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Hymn # 379 PH "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God you are our home forever. Thank you for giving us a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day. With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy, Amen.

* Closing Hymn #411 PH "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

* BENEDICTION

* Response #586 CLH "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"
(*first verse*)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting - Today following worship.

Let's Do Christmas Planning Meeting – Monday, Nov. 14th at 6:15pm.

Session Meeting – Monday, Nov. 14th at 7:00pm.

Choir Practice – Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 7:00pm.

The Table Small Group – Thursday, Nov. 17th Dinner at 5:30pm,
Discussion at 6:00pm.

Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal. - Sunday, Nov. 20th at 9:45am.

First Sunday in Advent – Sunday, Nov. 27th.

Poinsettia Orders – Please see Patti Reep for poinsettia order forms. Cost is \$10.00 per flower and orders are due by November 20th.

Join us for “The Table,” a Small Group on Thursdays. Dinner at 5:30pm, Small Group Study at 6:00pm - “The Table,” a new small group for those seeking for Jesus to open their eyes for guidance in their everyday lives. Each week, we'll meet for dinner at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall followed by a group study at 6:00pm. Can't come for dinner? You're still welcome to join us for the group study.

“A Shepherd's Story” – Attention all children we need your participation in a short Christmas play that will be held during church on December 18th. Practices will start on November 20th in the choir room at 9:45am. Please let Jan Cannon or Patti Reep know if you are interested.

Online giving is here! Go to www.cowansvillechurch.org and click on ONLINE GIVING the GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please provide your information by Wednesday morning to Jan Cannon at 724-919-8716 or by e-mail at djccannon@yahoo.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 14 – Lois Fink

Nov. 16 – Bill King

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 19 – Richard & Pam Flanigan