

August 27, 2023

10:00 A.M.

*Stephen Rigatti, Guest Speaker*

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd.

**We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.**

The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures.

**In Christ, we dwell secure.**

The shepherd leads us besides still waters and restores our souls.

**We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate. Amen!**

MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #387 PH "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. In Christ's name we pray, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:10-18

SERMON" The Abundant Life" *Stephen Rigatti*

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn #171 PH "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

\* BENEDICTION

\* Response "Rain Down"

*Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, Rain down, rain down your love, God of life.*

\* POSTLUDE

\* Congregation please stand if you are able.

CLH – Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worship Committee Meeting** – Today following worship.

**Choir Practice** – Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Deacons Meeting** – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Adult Sunday School** – Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am-10:30am.

**Communion & Worship will resume at 11:00am** - Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Session Meeting** – Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please have committee reports to Deb Snyder by Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Congregational Church Picnic** - Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> following worship in the pavilion. Chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert to share. Hosted by the Deacons.

**Preaching this month:** Today – Stephen Rigatti  
Sept. 3 – Dr. Ron Shafer  
Sept. 10 - Lisa/Gary Lyon  
Sept. 17 – Rev. Stephanie Geidel Weaver  
Sept. 24 – Tim Rausch

**New Members Class** - Anyone interested in joining the church see Deb Snyder.

**Eyeglass Collection** - The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses over the next few months to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

**Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends Day"** - Mark your calendar for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends Day" scheduled for Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11pm. 25% off passes are available now for \$5.00. See any member of the men's group to purchase. All proceeds will go to the church men's group.

**Bulletin Announcements** – If you have any meetings that are scheduled or announcements for the bulletin, please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at [djjcannon@yahoo.com](mailto:djjcannon@yahoo.com).

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 27 – Debbie Fleeger

Aug. 28 – Kyle Plansinis  
- James Pence

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 29 – Bill & Mary King

Aug. 31 – Brad & Sarah Patton

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