

September 3, 2023

10:00 A.M.

*Dr. Ronald Shafer, Guest Speaker*

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says to you and to me

**People: “Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me**

Leader: Is not worthy of me.

**People: Whoever finds their life will lose it,**

Leader: And whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

**People: We lay our lives at your feet today, O Lord. We seek you in humility as we come to you in worship.**

MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #421 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

\* Passing of the Peace.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Children are excused for Sunday School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Discipling Others: The Difficult Challenge” ~ *See Insert Dr. Ronald Shafer*

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH (In Unison)

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)

**Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. What little we have we humbly offer to you. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah we pray, Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn #348 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

\* BENEDICTION

\* Response “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, And whatever you do, in word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord.*

\* 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

**Children's Sunday School** – Will be on the first Sunday of each month starting today. Children will be excused to Sunday School following the Children's Sermon.

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

**Choir Practice** – Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**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 – 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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The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 4 – Lawrence Patton, Jr.  
– Susan Foust

Sept. 7 – Rob Kapp  
- Josh Shreckengost

Sept. 5 – Brett Yockey

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**Go you therefore, and  
teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the  
name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the  
Holy Ghost:**

**—Matthew 28:19**

