

October 29, 2023

11:00 AM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director  
& Pianist

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22: 34-46

PRELUDE

SERMON "The New Math" *Rev. Dennis Molnar*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

**Our delight is in the law of the Lord.**

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

**May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #260 PH "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

\* THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of transformation, we confess that we are stuck in our ways, resistant to change that would draw us closer to you and to the beloved community you intend. We refuse to hear your Spirit who calls out to us in truth. We seek freedom for ourselves, ignoring the oppression of others. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our waywardness, our negligence, and our inability to receive good news and act upon it. Grant that we may live our lives through the faith we have in Jesus.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\* OFFERTORY

\* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, we are justified by grace through faith. In all things, our gracious God offers us salvation. Believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

\* Closing Hymn #435 PH "We All Are One in Mission"

\* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

\* 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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON "The Greatest Commandment"

\* POSTLUDE

CHOIR ANTHEM "As We Break the Bread"

\* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue), CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday School** – Sundays at 9:45-10:30am.

**Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30am in the rehearsal room.

**Children's Sunday School** – First Sunday of each month following the Children's Sermon in the rehearsal room. Next Sunday School – November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Communion** – Today at 11:00am.

**Congregational Meeting & Potluck Dinner** – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please bring your favorite casserole to share.

**Military Appreciation Day** – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a table set up in the back for you to bring in pictures and memorabilia to honor your loved ones who served in the military. Please include a card with a brief description of what you've brought in.

**Deacons Meeting** – Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Coffee Hour** – Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**Session Meeting** – Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please have committee reports to Deb Snyder by Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Preaching this month:** Today - Rev. Dennis Molnar  
Nov. 5 - Rev. Lisa Lyon  
Nov. 12 - Rev. Steve Rigatti  
Nov. 19 - Dr. Ron Shafer

**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.

**Bulletin Announcements** – Please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at [djccannon@yahoo.com](mailto:djccannon@yahoo.com).

**Online giving is here!** Go to [www.cowansvillechurch.org](http://www.cowansvillechurch.org) and click on ONLINE GIVING the GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 30 – Debbie Whittaker

Nov. 1 – Timothy King

Nov. 2 – Colleen Flick

Nov. 3 – Bryan Costanzo

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 29 – Aaron & Maria Scheiber

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