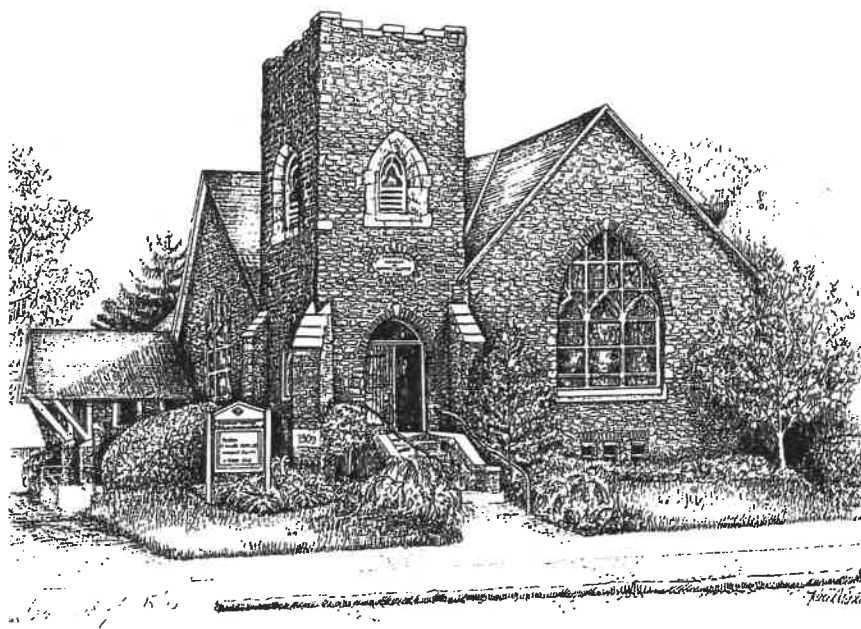


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**September 7th, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good! Psalm 34:8

For Reflection

“Mercy detached from Justice grows unmerciful.”—C.S. Lewis



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 30:18

Leader:

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

People:

**For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.**

Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream,
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk,
till traveling days are done.

Prayer of Adoration



Act 2: Fall

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Congregational Response: “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”
(remain seated)

Hymnal #482

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!



Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Thanks be to God!

Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy
Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come

Storykeepers Prayer

Leader: What is our hope for these children?

People: That they would know the love of Jesus Christ, trust in his promise, and
walk in his ways all their days.

1 “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, 2 and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. 4 If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. 5 And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. 6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Sermon Text: John 8:1-11

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1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Justice and Compassion—Rev. Jerry Iamurri

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

The Lord is righteous in all his ways

His steadfast love and faithfulness meet

The Lord is kind in all his works

His righteousness and peace kiss each other

Prayers for Those Not Taking Communion

Prayer for Faith: God, in my places of pain, give me your song; in my places of darkness, give me your light; in my places of unbelief, give me faith. Help my unbelief and help me see. Amen.

Prayer Amid Habitual Sin: God, if I have given myself over to sin, making a home for it, please kick the door down and clean my heart. Please forgive me for ways I've sinned against you, others and myself. Free me. I want life, freedom, and the joy of victory. Only through Jesus is this possible. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I accept that I am weaker and more sinful than I dare to admit, but through you I am loved more than I ever dared hope. Thank you for dying for me, taking my place and offering me forgiveness. You've been raised from the dead, so I turn to you, my Redeemer. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (All)

We thank and praise you, Lord of all people and king of all creation, for the gift of your son who bore the cross for us. There, justice and compassion were forever entwined—your righteousness upheld, your mercy poured out. Let your perfect love cast out our fear, that we may live as living sacrifices—poured out for your kingdom, filled by the unending fountain of your grace.

Humble us by your mercy, turn our hearts toward you, and strengthen us for your mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

In the Life of the Church

- **2nd Fellowship Barbeque.** Join us for song, scripture and dinner on September 14 at 5 pm at John and Debbie Beley's house (302 South Broad Street).
- **Adult Sunday School** will be studying God's Big Picture based on the book by Vaughn Roberts starting on September 14th.
- **Pastor Michael will begin a Sermon Series on Philippians** on September 14th.
- **The Gap Series**—September 12-13 Our Union with Christ given by Robert Godfrey.
- **The Men's Group** will meet on the 16th at Eric Wilkins' house in Kennett Square.
- **Urbana 2025 Mission's Conference**—Student Mission's Conference for ages 16-28 December 28-January 1 Information at urbana.org
- **KACS Donations**—Thank you for continuing to donate items in the designated basket in the parlor.

Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner
Are more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.

2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man’s mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His Word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
For the sweetness of our Lord.

Benediction

Prayer Ministry is available in the sanctuary after the service.

Please join us for refreshments in the parlor!

Growth Groups

If you're not currently a part of a growth group, but have interest in learning more, feel free to reach out to the growth group leaders mentioned below.

All are welcome!

- **Sandy Meyer's Growth Group** meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday at 1 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- **Barbara Handy's Growth Group** will start on September 10th. It will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will continue our study of "Not Ashamed," Paul's letter to the Roman's by W. Robert Godfrey. Contact Joanne Taylor if you would like to join us at 610-444-0272.
- **Mackenzie Mojica's Growth Group** will start on Wednesday, September 17th, and will be studying the book of John. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the youth room. Anyone interested in studying the book of John is welcome to join! Childcare will be provided.
- **Liz Lawson's Growth Group** meets twice monthly at times that suit members. For details, email Liz at lizlawson98@gmail.com.

Come Pray With Us!

There are two 15-minute online congregational prayer times each week. Please join in on one or both! No registration needed. We meet at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 11:45 a.m. on Fridays. Some participants pray out loud, others silently. The following zoom log on details are the same for both meetings:

Phone: [+1 929 436 2866](tel:+19294362866)

Meeting ID: [914 1344 6893](https://zoom.us/j/91413446893)

Passcode: 156928



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