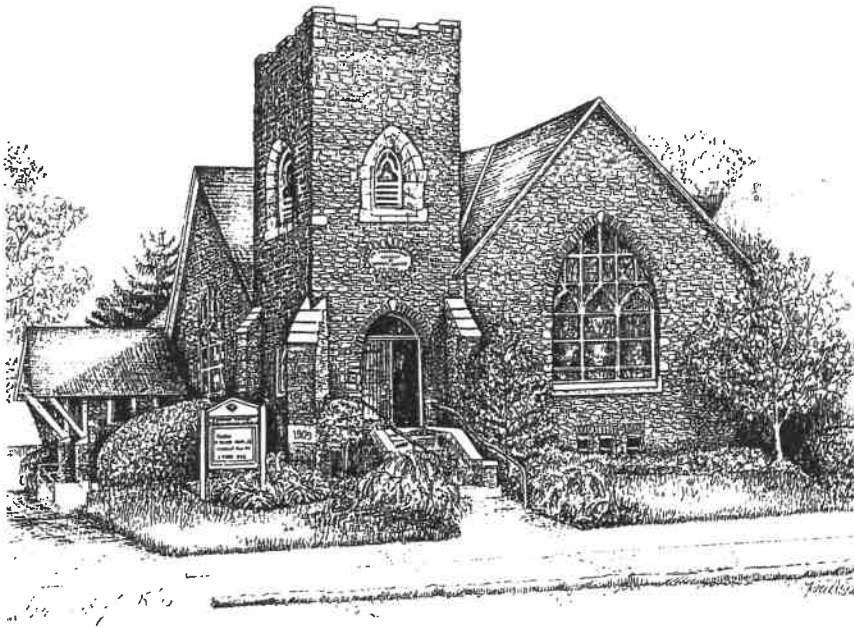


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**Reformation Sunday
October 26th, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

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

For Reflection

“Persecution is a parable that puts the death and resurrection of Christ on display again and again”—Jason C. Meyer



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:10, 13

Leader:

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

People:

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Martin Luther

Hymnal #13

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4 That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever! Amen



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: "Open Our Eyes, Lord" Hymnal #506
(remain seated)

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.



Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Thanks be to God!

Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Sermon Text: Philippians 1:27-30

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27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Side by Side for the Gospel

Hymn: "How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

Fred Pratt Green

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your Word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind,
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.

3 We marvel how your saints become
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name
and by our faults obscure
your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines and ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon—
all you endeavored done.



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

Together we come to Christ's table

Side by side, standing firm in one spirit

Together we declare our faith in his gospel

Side by side, as citizens of his kingdom

(The Communion Bread is gluten free.)

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)

Wonderful and everlasting Lord, we praise you for the life you have poured out for your people. May your grace become an ever-deepening reality in us, and may your Spirit continually shape us to reflect your likeness. Teach us to live as faithful citizens of your kingdom who are called to live as missionaries to the kingdom of this world. May our lives, and even our suffering, bear witness to the salvation that is ours in you and become a testimony to the world of your gospel. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering - Choir Anthem: "New Songs of Celebration Render" by Erik Routley (see insert for lyrics)

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

- **Third Annual Chili Cookoff** - Come and join us after the service on October 26th for a chili cookoff. Please bring chili, a side or a dessert.
- **Adult Sunday School** is studying God's Big Picture based on the book by Vaughn Roberts at 9am on Sunday morning in the Gilmore Room.
- **Moment for Mission** with Ambika Chacko and Indian inspired Potluck Lunch on November 9th.
- **Garage Youth Center** - PCKS would like to support with gym shorts and sneakers in the basket in the parlor.
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.
- **Roots Youth** (6th-12th grade) will meet on most 1st and 3rd Fridays at 6:30pm in the Youth Room.
- **KACS Donations** - Thank you for continuing to donate items in the designated basket in the parlor.

Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Kathleen Thomerson

1 I want to walk as a child of the
light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to
the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of
God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine
on my path,

and show me the way to the Fa-
ther. [Refrain]

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both
alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of
God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of
Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience
the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus.
[Refrain]

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** will be studying and discussing the book of Deuteronomy using a 12-week study by Matthew H. Patton. Our usual dates for gathering together will be the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 1-2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, you may contact Sandy at 610-357-0443.
- **Barbara Handy's Growth Group** 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 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** is currently studying "God's Big Picture" by Vaughan Roberts. This group meets twice a month at times that best suit the members. If interested in joining, 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:

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