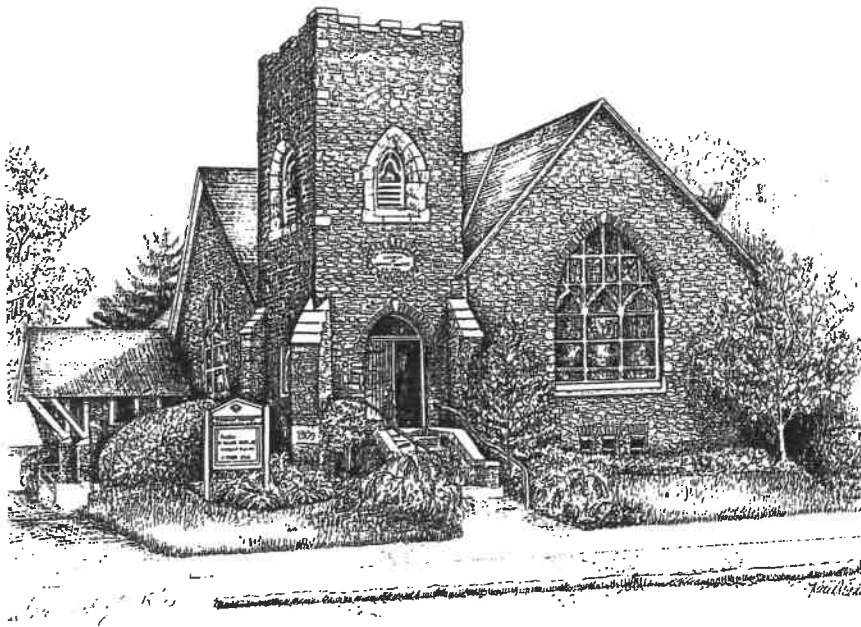


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**November 16th, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

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

For Reflection

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing"—C.S. Lewis



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:3, 6

Leader:

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

People:

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Hymnal #76

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. [Refrain]

5 For Thyself, best gift divine,
to our race so freely given,
for that great, great love of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]
Amen

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: "Guide My Feet" (remain seated)

Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!



Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your 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 Chalcedonian Creed

Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:22-23

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22 "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

Sermon Text: Philippians 2:9-11

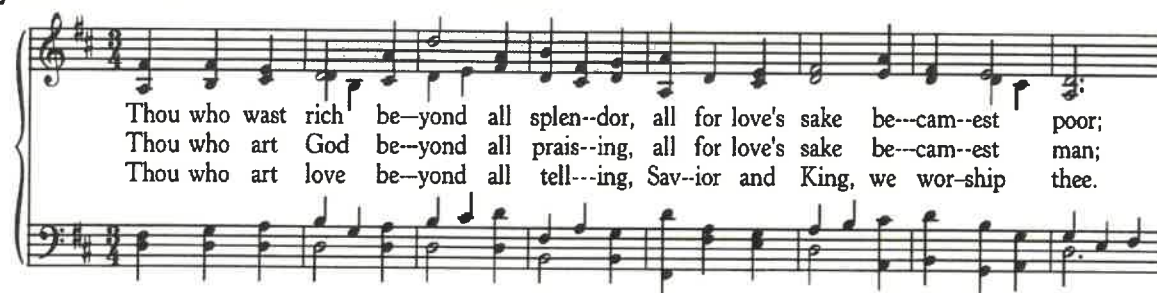
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9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Glory Exalted

Hymn of Praise—Thou Who Wast Rich



Thou who wast rich be-yond all splen-dor, all for love's sake be---cam--est poor;
 Thou who art God be--yond all prais-ing, all for love's sake be---cam--est man;
 Thou who art love be-yond all tell---ing, Sav-ior and King, we wor-ship thee.



thrones for a man---ger didst sur-----ren-----der, sap---phire--paved courts for sta-----ble
 stoop-----ing so low, but sin-----ners rais-----ing, heav'n-ward by thine e-----ter-----nal
 Em-----man-u-----el, with--in us dwell-ing, make us what thou wouldst have us



floor. Thou who wast rich be-yond all splen-dor, all for love's sake be---cam--est poor.
 plan. Thou who art God be--yond all prais-ing, all for love's sake be---cam--est man.
 be. Thou who art love be-yond all tell---ing, Sav-ior and King, we wor-ship thee.

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Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

We come to the table of our exalted Lord

We come trusting that the one who is lifted high dwells with his people

We come and behold his glory

We behold it by faith waiting for the day we behold it by sight

(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)

We thank and praise you, Jesus Christ, for these gifts of bread and wine, signs of your great sacrifice for us and, by your Spirit's presence and power, a means for us to commune with you. We eat this bread and drink this cup to refresh our hearts, to strengthen our faith, and to secure our hope in our place at your heavenly banquet with you and all you have redeemed. For all your gifts, we thank you, Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering: Choral Anthem - "A Round of Thanks" by Donald Moore

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

- **Men's Group** - The Men's group will meet this Tuesday, the 18th, at Eric Wilkins' house for food, fun and fellowship.
- **Women's Group** meets today on the 3rd Sunday at 3pm at Mary Ellen Whitmire's house for a devotional and fellowship.
- **Poinsettia Orders** - Please fill out the form in the bulletin and turn in the offering plate by Sunday, November 30th.
- **Roots Youth** (6th-12th grade) will meet on most 1st and 3rd Fridays at 6:30pm in the Youth Room.
- **Choir Rehearsal** - This Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.
- **KACS Donations** - Thank you for continuing to donate to KACS in the designated basket in the parlor.

Hymn: "How Great is Our God"

The splendor of a King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice,
all the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice,
trembles at his voice

How great is our God,
sing with me
How great is our God,
and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands
Beginning and the end,
beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One,
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God,
sing with me...

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God...

How great is our God,
sing with me...

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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