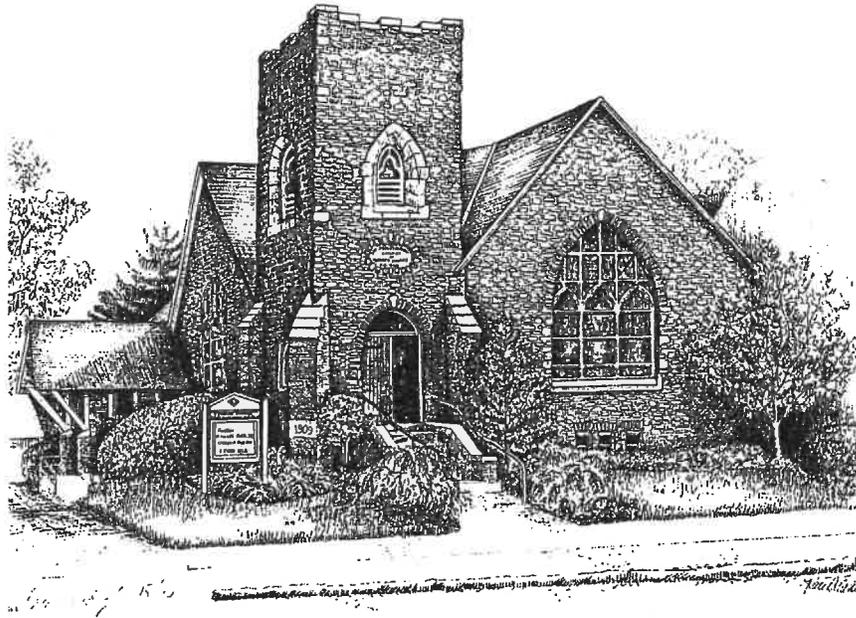


**The Presbyterian Church
of Kennett Square**



**March 15th, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

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

For Reflection

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”—John 14:27.



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:18-19

Leader:

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

People:

**He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal #551

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me 'til I want no more,
feed me 'til I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I reach the river Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Bear me through the swelling current,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee. Amen

Prayer of Adoration



Act 2: Fall

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, our hearts are restless. They are deceitful and full of wickedness. Yet we see your graciousness most clearly in Christ. Lord, we ask that our hearts would find their rest in you. Here are our hearts, Lord. We offer them to you, promptly and sincerely, for the sake of your Son, Amen.

Silent Confession

Prayer Response: "As the Deer"

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longs after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength and shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.



Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 26:3-4

You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.

**Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.**

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, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Moment for Missions

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.

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
19 God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

Sermon Text: Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Thanks be to God.

**Sermon: The Peace of God and the God of Peace
-Rev. Michael Meadows**

Hymn: "Like a River Glorious"

Hymnal #526

1 Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase:
perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain:

Trusting in Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

2 Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand.
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the Spirit there. [Refrain]

3 Every joy of testing comes from God above,
Given to His children as an act of love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. [Refrain]



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

The Lord brings peace

He has ended our war with God

The Peace of the Lord be with you

And the God of Peace is with us

(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)

God of peace, we thank you for making your peace known to us. We thank you, Father of peace, for the peace you ordained from before the foundation of the world. We thank you, Son of peace, for the peace you made by the blood of your cross. We thank you, Spirit of peace, for entering our hearts to make this peace known to us. Your peace you give to us; let not our hearts be troubled anymore. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offertory - "Rescue" by Lauren Daigle

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

In the Life of the Church

- **Men's Group** - will be on Tuesday, March 17th, at 6pm at Eric Wilkins' house.
- **Women's Group** - will be on Sunday, March 15th, at 3:30pm at Mary Ellen Whitmire's house.
- **Mom's & Tot's** - This is a new group that will meet on Wednesdays at 9am. If you are interested please contact Mallory Meadows at (615)796-1909.
- **Kids Easter Event** - Kids in Pre-K-6th grade are invited to join us for an evening event on Friday, March 20th. There will be games, activities, crafts and a Bible message to help us as we explore "What is Easter?" Dinner will be provided. Please see Mackenzie with any questions or if you would like to join us as a volunteer!

Hymn: "Let Your Kingdom Come"

1 Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

2 Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

Chorus
Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

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 2nd and 4th 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 7:15 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)

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