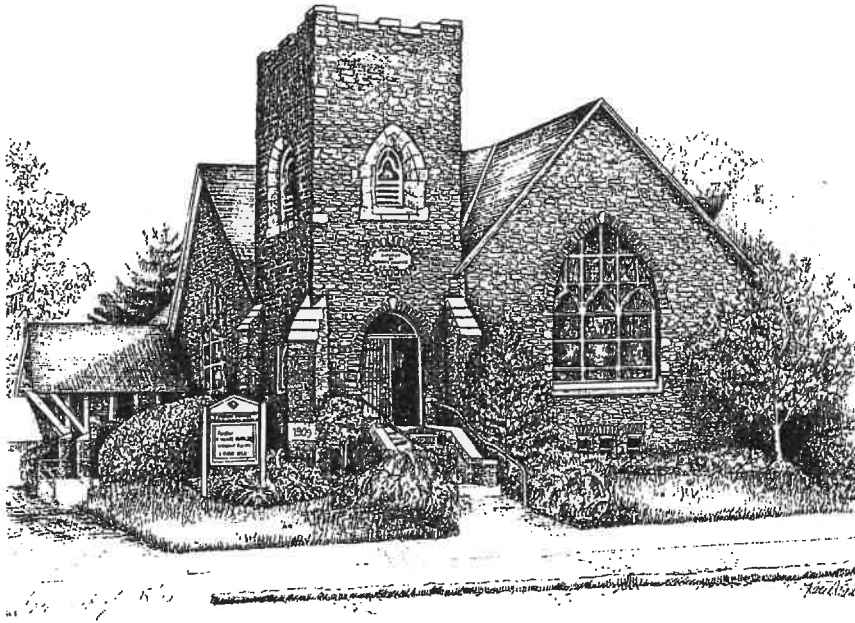


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**July 26th, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

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

For Reflection

"On Christ's glory I would fix all my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes and I will be more and more crucified to this world"—John Owen.



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3, 9

Leader:

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

People:

Exalt the Lord our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy!

Hymn: "Come, We that Love the Lord"

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

2 Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.

3 The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.

4 Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high.

Prayer of Invocation



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-7

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Silent Confession

Prayer Response: "Jesus Name Above All Names"

Hymnal #183

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.



Act 3: Redemption, God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 13:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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.

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.

Moment for Missions: Madelyn Kugler from Young Life

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: Exodus 34:29-35 (Page 88)

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. 32 Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

34 Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, 35 the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Sermon Text: Matthew 17:1-13 (Page 977)

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." 10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" 11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Son Revealed—Stuart Balmer

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Hymnal #400

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day I hear Him saying,,
"Christian, come and follow me."

2 As, of old, disciples heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and leisure,
leaving all for His dear sake.

3 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4 Jesus calls us-- by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call;
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all. Amen



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

We come following our Suffering Servant

His suffering has become our salvation

We come following our risen and glorious Lord

By his Spirit, we feast with him on Zion

(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)

Lord, we thank you these precious gifts—for the bread and the cup—through which you meet us as the Christ who forgives sins. As the paralytic man came to you in faith, so we come. We bring our need, and you give yourself to us. We hunger and you feed us. We thirst and you give us something to drink. We stand in need of forgiveness and you pour it out to us in Jesus Christ. May all our days be filled with thankfulness. Teach us to walk obediently in Christ as those who are and are being transformed by your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Offering

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

Sounds of Summer - Join us for a church picnic during the Sounds of Summer concert on Wednesday, July 29, 6:30–8:30 PM at Anson B. Nixon Park. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, pack your own dinner or enjoy the local food trucks, and settle in for a fun, family-friendly night. Let's spend time in our community together.

Mom's & Tot's - Are you a mom who is looking for connection and fellowship? This is a great time to be with other mom's and tot's. We meet every Wednesday at 9am in the nursery at the church. Contact Mallory Meadows at (615)796-1909.

KACS Donations - Because food and related items continue to be of great help, we welcome your donations to KACS. Please place them in the basket in the Parlor.

Hymn: "Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy"

Refrain after verses 2 and 4.

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and
needy,
weak and wounded, sick and
sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come and
welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

3 Let not conscience make you
linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him.

4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.
[Refrain]

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Benediction

Prayer Ministry is available in the sanctuary after the service.

Please join us for refreshments in the parlor!

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:

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Thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday!—Pastor Michael