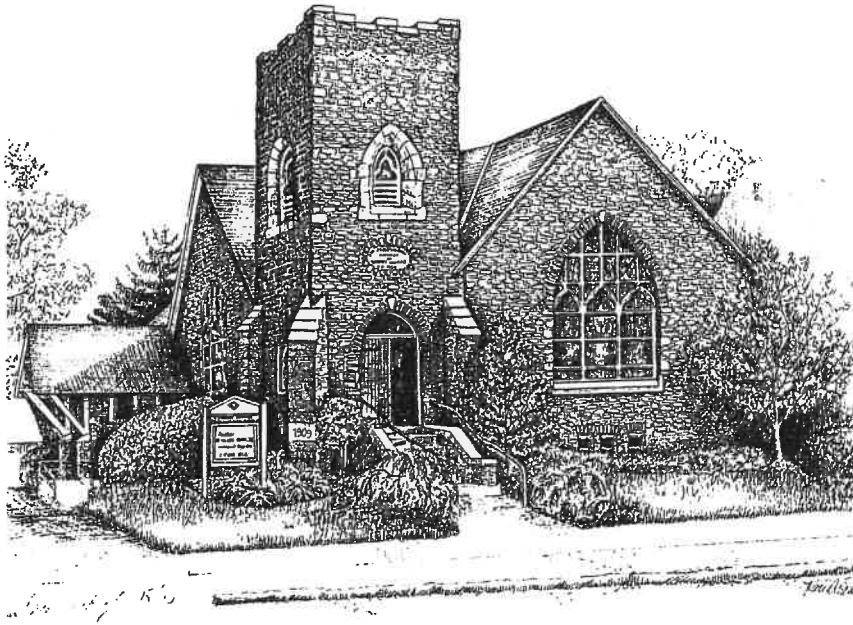


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**September 6th, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

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

For Reflection

“The Christian faith is not only ‘the faith of Christ crucified,’ but ‘the faith of Christ risen.’”—John Stott.



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 16:8-11

Leader:

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

People:

**You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" Hymnal #78

Lyrics by Katherine K. Davis Traditional Welsh Melody

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
The sun in His orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

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: "Glorify Thy Name in All the Earth"

Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth



Act 3: Redemption, God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace . . .

And with his wounds we are healed.

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 Mission: Dylan Jacker

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: Job 19:25-27 (Page 506)

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Sermon Text: Luke 24:36–43 (Page 1050)

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them,
and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and
thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and
why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I
myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you
see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and
his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said
to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled
fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: What Does the Resurrection Mean for Us? - Rev. Jerry Iamurri

Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together” Hymnal #377

American Folk Hymn

1. Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3. Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

Jesus was delivered up for our trespasses

**We believe in him who justifies the ungodly,
counting faith as righteousness**

Jesus was raised for our justification

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

(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)

Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of his resurrection, in the hope of his coming again, we present ourselves a living sacrifice and come to the table of our Lord. Fill us with your Spirit and use us to bring light into darkness. May we glorify you by bringing your grace to our neighbors so that they too taste your goodness and mercies. 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

Post-service Prayer—Please join us after the service on September 6th as we gather to pray for schools, students, teachers, and administrators.

September is Hunger Action Month—With food insecurity on the rise in Chester County, we will sharpen our focus in September to provide four key items that KACS needs most: White Rice (1-2 pound bags), Dried Beans: Pinto or Black (1-2 pound bags), Canned Vegetables – corn & mixed vegetables, Pasta (any shape including ramen) Please place your gifts in the basket in the Parlor. On behalf of those in need, thank you!

Potluck-Join us after the service on Sunday, September 20th, for a potluck. All are invited to bring a food item to share.

Invitation to Suggest PCKS Officers - The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for PCKS Ruling Elders and Deacons by September 27. Submit your suggestions in the online form sent out in the Weekly Update or a paper form from the back table. See anyone on the committee with questions: RuthAnn Deveney, Belen Dusik, Liz Lawson, Olga Stokes, or Eric Wilkins.

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Hymnal #519

Lyrics by Thomas O. Chisholm

Music by William M. Runyan

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

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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If you'd like to receive our weekly updates and prayer points by email, please contact the church office. For those without email, paper copies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Text to give: 84321 (include amount)

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