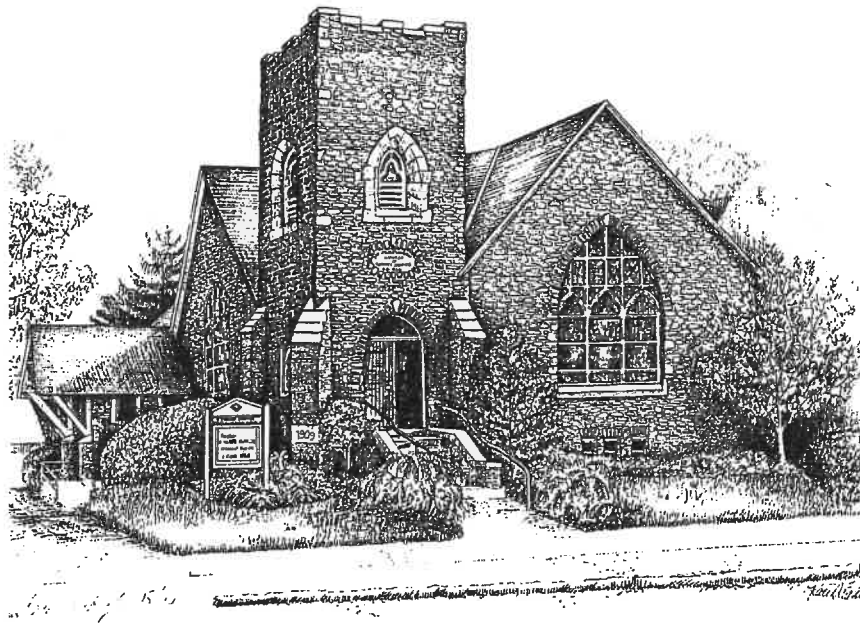


The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



**October 25th, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

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

For Reflection

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”—Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1–2

Leader:

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

People:

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Hymn: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" Hymnal #15

Words by Johann J. Schutz, Tr. by Frances E. Cox

Music Mit Freuden Zart Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye never sleepeth;
within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

3 The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

4 Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud His praises,
That men may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

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: "I Love You Lord" Laurie Klein

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear



Act 3: Redemption, God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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.

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.

New Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8 (Page 354)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." 3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." 5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." 8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Sermon Text: Mark 6:6b-30 (Page 1000)

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Cost of Discipleship

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Hymnal #13

Based on Psalm 46

Words and music by Martin Luther, Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge

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



Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

**Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.**

(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)

Father, we thank you for the grace that is ours in Christ. We thank you that, by your Spirit working through faith, we have truly fed upon Christ in this bread and cup—his body and his blood given for us. Teach us to love and depend on our Bread of Life, our Living Water, our Christ, Jesus. Strengthen us to die to ourselves and live to Christ. May we continually turn to you, trusting that you will meet us with your faithfulness and sustain us by your grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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: "New Songs of Celebration Render" Rendez a Dieu, 15th C.
Words by Erik Routley Setting by John Ferguson

Every Sunday, we give a financial offering which enables us to minister to one another and to people outside our church family. We view giving as an opportunity for members and regular attenders to respond with gratitude to God's gracious gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us today, please feel no obligation to give. You are our guests, and we are genuinely glad you are here.

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

Chili Cookoff - Join us for a Chili Cookoff after the service today.

Blood Drive - The next blood drive will be on October 28th from 1-6pm in the Gilmor Room. To sign up, visit redcrossblood.org.

Opera Delaware will present the heartwarming Christmas tale of Amahl and the Night Visitors on Saturday, December 5, at the Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington, DE. This one-hour opera, sung in English, is the story of the Magi who, on their way to Bethlehem, stop at the home of a poor widow and her crippled son. Beautiful music and a delightful story are perfect for older children and adults, alike. Performances are at 1:00 and 5:00 p.m., with a group from PCKS planning to attend the matinee show together. Discounted tickets (25% off) are available through Pat Fish (pbfish103@aol.com), or at operaDE.org for full price (\$25).

Hymn: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Latin hymn, 7th cent.; Tr. by John Mason Neale

Music Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay!
Come with all your lovingkindness
hear your people as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain:
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

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