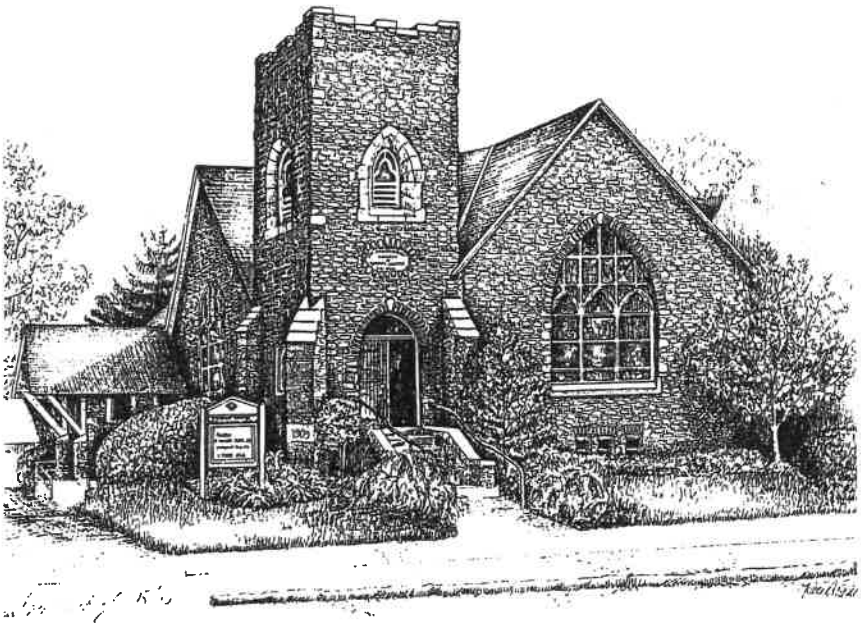
The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



November 1st, 2026
10:30 a.m.

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

For Reflection

"He restores my soul"—Psalm 23.



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader:
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

People:
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader:
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People:
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymnal #61
Words by Francis of Assisi, Tr. by William H. Draper
Music LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Harmonization by Ralph Vaughn Williams

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for Thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That giveth man both warmth and life,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation



Act 2: Fall

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: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" Words and music by Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

Act 3: Redemption, God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: John 10:27-28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

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: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (Page 858)

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will
seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that
have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places
where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring
them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they
shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the
mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will
make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back
the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat
and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Sermon Text: Mark 6:31-44 (Page 1001)

31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a
while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And
they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them
going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there
ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compas-
sion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to
teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said,
"This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the
surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he
answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go
and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said
to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out,
they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups
on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41 And
taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and
broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divid-
ed the two fish among them all. 42 And they all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they
took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 And those who ate the
loaves were five thousand men.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Good Shepherd

Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Hymnal #317

Words based on Matthew 14:19, Mary A. Lathbury, Alexander Groves

Music by William F. Sherwin

1 Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

2 Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All in all!

3 Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy word the truth that saveth me.
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

4 O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that He may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
for in Thy book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

The Lord is our shepherd

We shall not want

The Lord is our shepherd

Our cups overflow

(*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 for feeding us with Christ, the true Bread of Heaven. At this table, we have tasted and seen your goodness, compassion, and provision. In Christ, we find rest for our weary souls. Conform us to the image of our Savior, that we might walk faithfully through every season. Teach us to live as those whose cups overflow, pouring out your unceasing grace upon the world you love. May your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, until we dwell in your house forever. 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

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

Game Night—Join us on the first Friday of each month at 6:15p.m in the library at church for a board game night. Modern strategy games. Great company. Family friendly. Invite a friend.

Dressember Kick-off & Open House—Dressember is a challenge to dress up in the month of December to raise awareness and funds to fight human trafficking. Funds benefit International Justice Mission, a global organization that protects people in poverty from violence. Stop by the Kennett Library on November 4 to meet the local team and learn about Dressember! Stay tuned to hear more about it the Moment for Mission on November 8. Questions? Contact RuthAnn Deveney at rdeveney@gmail.com.

Cookies and Christ—On December 6th from 12:30-2pm, you are invited to join us for a cookie exchange and sing along in the Gilmor room. Please bring 2 dozen cookies to share and note the kind of cookie and any allergens.

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: "For All the Saints" Hymnal #597

Words by Willian W. How Music by Ralph Vaughn Williams

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who
Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might, Thou
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light:
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And
win with them the victor's crown of gold:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;Yet
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine:
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The
saints triumphant rise in bright array; The
King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Amen

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