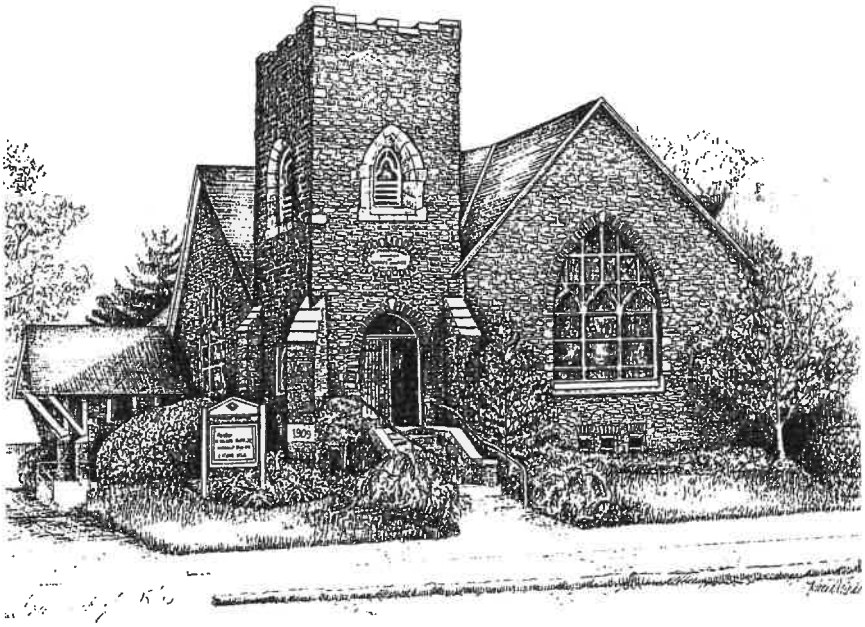
The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



November 22nd, 2026
10:30 a.m.

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

For Reflection
"I will not let you go unless you bless me"—Genesis 32:26.



Act 1: Creation

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 67

Leader:

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

People:
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Leader:
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

People:
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
a Concertina for Choir and Congregation
Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring, George Elvey, arr. Walter Pelz

Verse 1 **Congregation and Choir**
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Verse 2 **Choir**
Crown Him the Lord of Love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Verse 3 **Congregation with Choir descant**
Crown Him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Verse 4 **Congregation and Choir**
Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail through all eternity.

Verse 5 **Congregation and Choir**
Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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: Isaiah 29:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day:

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-8 (Page 707)

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

Sermon Text: Mark 7:24-37 (Page 1002)

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. 25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." 30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Dogs, Daughters and the Deaf

Notes:

Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Words by Horatius Bonar Music by John B. Dykes

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk,
till trav'ling days are done.

Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

The Lord's Supper

Come to the table

We come trusting the mercy of Christ

Come to his table

We come trusting the restoration Christ brings

(*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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (All)

Merciful and gracious God, we thank you for preparing a place for us at your table. You took on all our uncleanness that we might be welcomed as children of God. We remember your sacrifice and rejoice in the life we have in you. As we taste the bread and the cup, we trust that you feed us by your Spirit with our Savior. Our cup overflows with your blessing. Strengthen us with your body and blood as we await the fullness of life with you at the marriage supper of the lamb. Let our hearts be glad and rejoice in your salvation.

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: "A Round of Thanks" O Waly Waly, Arr. Donald Moore

O come ye thankful people come,

And raise the song of harvest home. Thanks be to God,

Sing to our God with cheerful voice Thanks be to God,

A simple hymn: rejoice, rejoice. Thanks be to God,

O thanks be to God.

O come ye thankful people come, Thanks be to God,

And raise the song of harvest home. O thanks be to God.

Our God our Maker doth provide Thanks be to God.

For all our wants to be supplied.

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

Decorating the Church for Christmas—Anyone who would like is welcome to join us next Saturday, the 28th, from 9-11am to decorate the church for Christmas. There will be light refreshments.

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.

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

Choir Rehearsal—The choir meets weekly on Tuesday's from 6:30-8pm in the music room except for the third week of the month when it meets on Wednesday. All are welcome.

Hymn: "Christus Victor (Amen)"

Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty. Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

1 O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

Chorus 1
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen

2 O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

Chorus 2
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

3 O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Repeat Chorus 2

Bridge
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Repeat Chorus 2

Tag
Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen 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