

That "Love Thy Neighbor"
thing...I meant that.
~God

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

247 South Market Street, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Founded 1743



Christ Church
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**A Creation Justice Church
An Open and Affirming (ONA) Congregation**



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October 25, 2026

WORSHIP 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Music Justin McLaughlin, church musician

Welcome, Announcements and Moments for Stewardship

Elise Moran (9:00 AM), Bill Thomas (10:30 AM)

Invocation, Ringing of the Bell

Prelude “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Joel Raney
Justin McLaughlin, church musician

PRAISING *(Please rise whether in body or in spirit.)*

Call to Worship *(responsive)* based on Psalm 90

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!

Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!

Many: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands. O prosper the work of our hands!

Hymn “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” No. 290
(Please be seated.)

LISTENING

Carol Choir (10:30) “Wonderfully Made” by Killian & Higley

Solo/Duets: Maddie Spayd, Noelle Ortiz, Clementine Ortiz, Lucy Downing

Children’s Moment (10:30) Jim Keesey

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, ⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”? ⁴⁵“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

“Proximity Alert”

(When God Puts the Hardest People Closest to You)

SHARING

Offering our Gifts, Tithes, and Other Offerings

Offertory

“He Leadeth Me”

arr. Joel Raney

(Please rise whether in body or in spirit.)

Response

“I Would Be True” (vs. 2 only)

No. 492

Prayer of Dedication *(Please be seated following the Prayer of Dedication.)*

AFFIRMING

Joys and Concerns

Chancel Choir (10:30)

“Keep Your Lamps”

arr. Andre Thomas

Carol Hunter, guest director

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(unison, on screen)*

RESPONDING *(Please rise whether in body or in spirit for the remainder of worship.)*

Hymn

“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”

No. 448

Blessing

Postlude

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Melody Bober

End of Worship—Beginning of Service

Sources Worship Ways Open AI



Our Church in Action

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! If this is your first time at Christ Church, please fill out a “Connection” card found at the entrances to the sanctuary or pew racks, and put it in the box at the entrances. Or visit <https://2hac.page.link/mdHS>. You can also scan the QR code in the pew racks to access our website: www.ETOWNUCC.ORG for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my dad, Jack, donated by Jo Brandt.

COMPOST BUCKET EXCHANGE is next Sunday. Please bring your filled compost buckets to the church in exchange for a clean bucket. The program ends on November 8.

MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS

- ✝ **James Berrier**, Arlene Myer’s brother is home and is not well
- ✝ **Joanne Carroll** fell, broke her shoulder, and now is recovering at home
- ✝ **Jill Funk**, recovering from a heart procedure
- ✝ **Vicki Gilmore** is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- ✝ **Justin McLaughlin’s grandmother Janice Orshan** is at home
- ✝ **Ruth Stauffer** is looking forward to the body brace being removed

“THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE” is our Stewardship theme. During October we will hear stories of how our lives are touched by our church’s ministries. Please prayerfully consider your faithful giving as we prepare next year’s ministry spending plan (operating budget).

ECHOS OPEN HOUSE on November 14, 2026, at 9 AM – 12 PM. Learn more about ECHOS and their volunteer opportunities.

OCTOBER MISSION, CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER: **Off the Streets**, in Lancaster, provides hope and dignity to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing. We will be collecting Christmas gifts during October. Gift tags are available before and after each worship service. All gifts are to be at the Church by November 1st. During our “Christmas in November” worship service, our gifts will be presented to **Off The Streets**. Please **do not wrap** the gifts.

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER: Next Sunday, November 1st. Praise! Worship, one worship service at 10:30 AM. There is no 9:00 AM worship service. Faith Formation begins at 9 AM. “Snack n Chat” Cookie Time begins at 10:00 AM. Christmas Praise! music is offered.

PASTOR GALEN will be away from October 22, 2026 until October 29, 2026. Pastor Lisa can be reached at the office or her cell phone.

PASTOR LISA will be away October 30, 2026 until November 2, 2026. Pastor Galen can be reached at the office or his cell phone

YOUTH GROUP FORMATION: Youth in 9th to 12th grade and their parents, please contact Pastor Lisa for more information about this group.

“BLESSINGS OF HOPE” VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Mission Team invites you to volunteer at Blessings of Hope on Friday, November 20, 2026, from 5:45/6:30- 9:00 PM. Their mission is to bridge the gap between food surplus and people in need. We will be sorting and packing food in the food processing warehouse in Leola. The evening starts at 5:45 with an optional tour/information session. The volunteer shift runs from 6:30-9:00 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up on the Mission Trip News bulletin board no later than Sunday, November 8, 2026. See Ariana Wheeler or Grace Wells with questions.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED A gentle reminder that our church office is closed Monday through Thursday, noon to 1 PM for lunch.

SPECIAL CONSISTORY MEETING—Today after worship, at approximately 11:30 AM. The purpose of this meeting is for Consistory to receive and act upon a proposed 2027 Operating Budget (aka Ministry Spending Plan) preparing it for our November 15th Congregational Meeting. Also, on the agenda, Consistory will approve the agenda for the November Congregational meeting on November 15th. All participating members are welcome at this Special Consistory meeting with, but only Consistory members may vote. Please watch for an “Official Call” to the November 15th Congregational Meeting coming shortly.

APPRECIATIONS FOR October 25, 2026

Lay Leaders: Bob Sorozan (9:00) Ann Dinsmore (10:30),
Acolytes: Connor Templin (9:00), Clementine Ortiz (10:30)
Ushers: Rob Best and Kelli Spayd (9:00),
Kendra Snyder, Alec Splain and Derek Nolt (10:30)
Nursery: Reese Mullin and Mary Kate Taylor
Musicians: Justin McLaughlin, church musician, Chancel Choir, Carol Hunter, guest director.
Carol Choir, Ali Spayd, director
Sound Media Team: Tom Downing, Chris Eurich, Dale Mease, Wes Runnels, and Dave Andrick

APPRECIATIONS FOR November 1, 2026 (One service-Praise! Worship)

Lay Leaders: Amy Adams (10:30)
Acolyte: Danica Henry (10:30)
Ushers: Bill Ansalvish, Laura Salick, Andy and Jo Brandt (10:30)
Nursery: Izzi Holden and Rowan Colling
Musicians: Praise! Worship team; Justin McLaughlin, church musician, Chris Hynum, sax,
Ken Smeltz, bass, Galen Russell, guitar, Lisa Heilner, Jenny Jacoby, Jan Stouffer,
vocalists, Isaac Greene, drums, Connor Ulrich, director
Sound Media Team: Tom Downing, Chris Eurich, Dale Mease, Wes Runnels, and Dave Andrick

This Week at a Glance

<u>Sunday 10/25</u>		<u>Wednesday (cont.)</u>	
Worship and Faith Formation	9:00 AM	Praise! Practice	6:00 PM
Cookie Time	10:00 AM	Credo Choir	7:00 PM
Worship	10:30 AM	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Special Consistory Meeting	11:30 AM		
<u>Monday 10/26</u>		<u>Thursday 10/29</u>	
Boy Scout Meeting	7:00 PM	Board of Faith Formation	7:00 PM
Green Team	7:00 PM		
<u>Tuesday 10/27</u>		<u>Saturday 10/31</u>	
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM	Brooklyn Robot Foundry Workshop	10:00 AM
Carillon Rehearsal	7:00 PM		
Contemp. Christian Conversation class	8:00 PM	<u>Sunday 11/1—One worship service</u>	
<u>Wednesday 10/28</u>		Faith Formation and Worship	9:00 AM
Cherub Choir	5:30 PM	Cookie Time	10:00 AM
Carol Choir	6:00 PM	Worship “Christmas in November”	10:30 AM

MINISTERS: All the Participating Members of the Congregation

Our Church Staff

Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Galen E. Russell, III
Associate Pastor	Rev. Lisa Clark
Director of Music	Conner Ulrich
Organist	Justin McLaughlin
Director of Carillon Choir	Ruthann Ressler
Director of Youth Choirs	Ali Spayd
Director of <i>CollectiveSpirit</i>	Jan Stouffer
Office Administrator	Megan Devenney
Treasurer	Cris Dinsmore
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