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Luke 15:10

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

247 South Market Street Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

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An Open and Affirming (ONA) Congregation



Christ Church
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September 14, 2025

WORSHIP at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM



GATHERING

Gathering Music

Justin McLaughlin, pianist

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship, Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

"Prelude in Remembrance"

Lani Smith

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

Opening Words *(responsive)*

One: We praise you most holy God for your unwavering love of all people.

Many: We are a faith family with a spirit of openness and acceptance of all people.

One: We have joined in covenant with You and each other to welcome one and all.

Many: You have fashioned us and all of our siblings in all colors, shapes and sizes.

One: You expect us to obey two commandments, to love you and to love others.

Many: We praise you as the Good Shepherd of this and all flocks.

One: We are thankful that you diligently searched for us so that we can learn to love you and love everyone!

ALL: Remind us always to say to everyone who worships with us, and whomever we meet: no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 252

Prayer of Praise *(unison)*

Most Holy and merciful God, we acknowledge you as the Good Shepherd and you lead us to pastures green and streams cool and still. You are always loving and faithful and, in those times, when we may stray away, you have searched for us and found us. Lord God, please forgive our wandering nature

and always carry us back to the fold in your loving embrace. You are our God, and we will always praise you.

(Please be seated.)

SHARING

Children's Moment (10:30)

Offering our Gifts, Tithes, and other Offerings

Offertory *"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us w/ He Leadeth Me"* arr. Carol Tornquist

(Please rise whether in body or in spirit.)

Response

"Doxology"

No. 780

Prayer of Dedication

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING

Hebrew scripture reading

Exodus 32: 7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Gospel reading

Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰**Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

Sermon

Joanne Carroll, guest preacher

“Lost and Found”

“Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

AFFIRMING

Joys and Concerns

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Chancel Choir (10:30)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Rutter

Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (*unison, on screen*)

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

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

No. 547

Blessing

Postlude

“We’re Marching to Zion”

arr. Matthew Zisi

End of Worship - Beginning of Service



Our Church in Action

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Nancy Heilner in loving memory and in honor of her beloved husband, Gerald Heilner.

ALTAR FLOWERS for 2025: Please call Denise Clissold (717) 689-3333 with your order and wording for your tribute. Or, if you would like a special request with your flower arrangement, please contact Diane in the office.

ELIZABETHTOWN FARMERS MARKET: Come and explore the local vendors and crafters. The market is on the first and third Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. of each month until October 15th. This event is held in our church parking lot.

YOU ARE NEEDED FOR FAITH FORMATION! Our classes for our children and adults have begun. Would YOU consider what YOU might be able to offer to our “littles,” our children, and our youth. There are also two adult gatherings which YOU could attend. Please consider being part of our Faith Formation team of facilitators and support folks; curriculum and teaching resources will be provided. If YOU can help regularly or sporadically, please contact Pastor Galen, Amy Addams, Ginny Bishop, Bev Thomas, Ann Dinsmore, or Krista Templin. We will be blessed by YOUR involvement!

COLLECTIVESPIRIT – Preparing for Fall 2025: We look forward to another season of seeking God’s many messages in song, and hope others interested in sharing this folk/rock/pop sound of music ministry will join us!! We contribute to worship about once a month, with rehearsals held the two Thursday evenings prior from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please contact Jan Stouffer (717-342-9075) if you are interested in singing or playing. Contribute to the *Collective* and share in the *Spirit*!!

ELIZABETHTOWN BLOCK PARTY: The Block Party will be held at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds on TODAY, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Interested? Check out the NET for more information.

MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS:

- ✝ **Joan Adair**, Penny Andrick's mother, under Hospice care at the family's home
- ✝ **Carolyn Best, Rob Best's wife** recovering from gallstone pancreatitis
- ✝ **Corty Byron and family** upon the death of **Cortland Byron I**
- ✝ **Nancy Heilner** and her family upon the death of **Gerald Heilner**
- ✝ **Nancy Pippart**, who had a back injury and is now at Abbeyville Nursing and Rehab
- ✝ **Grace Wells and family** as they prepare to celebrate Ann Colangelo's life
- ✝ **All our Members at Home** value our prayers as they are unable to attend worship
- ✝ **Several in our church** who quietly face crises caused by mental illness

NORTH STAR INITIATIVE—September's Outreach Focus: A Christ-centered ministry that provides restoration homes for domestic sex-trafficking survivors. Through their holistic, trauma-informed program, our goal is for every survivor to be fully restored so she can return to the community and enjoy a life of sustained independence.

GERALD HEILNER—Celebrating his life! Today, a luncheon in Gerald's honor will take place downstairs in the Social Room after our morning worship services. A Service of Memory and Hope will be held in the sanctuary at 1 p.m. All are welcome!

ANN COLANGELO—Celebrating her life! A service celebrating Ann's life will be held at Sell Chapel of Masonic Village, Sunday, September 21st at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!

OUR NURSERY: We need of volunteers for our nursery during our worship services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please sign-up in the hallway, or call/email the church office.

NEW MEMBER'S ORIENTATION is Sunday, September 21, after worship at 11:45 a.m. Come to find about Christ Church and meet some of our leadership. A light lunch will be served, and childcare provided, if necessary. Attending this Orientation does not obligate you to join our church, but it is an effective means to do so. Please contact Diane in the Church office to let her know you wish to attend the Orientation.

MELODIES AND DISCOVERIES! Dinner, Bible Study and Children's Choir Rehearsals. Melodies and Discoveries program has begun on Wednesday evenings. Dinner is between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Social Room for families with kids in our choirs and Bible Study participants. If you're having dinner, please contact Diane in the Church office. Children's Choir rehearsals begin at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Social Room also begins at 6 p.m. We will be studying "The Minor Prophets and Jesus' Words."

YOUTH CHOIRS: Christ Church Youth Choirs have begun. All choirs rehearse in the choir room on the lower level of the church. Please contact Ali Spayd with any questions, spaegger@gmail.com.

5:30-6:00 p.m. is **CHERUB CHOIR** (K-1st grade)

6:00-6:45 p.m. is **CAROL CHOIR** (grades 2-5)

7:00-7:45/8:00 p.m. is **CREDO CHOIR** (grades 6-12).

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY 9/14

Worship	9:00 AM
Cookie Time	10:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Gerald Heilner Luncheon	12:00 PM
Gerald Heilner Funeral	1:00 PM
Elizabethtown Block Party	1:30 PM
Compost Bucket exchange	

MONDAY 9/15

Social Justice Team (Zoom)	7:30 PM
Boy Scout 117	7:30 PM

TUESDAY 9/16

Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
Carillon Choir	7:00 PM
Contemp. Christian Conv. (ZOOM)	8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 9/17

Farmers Market	4:00 PM
Children's Choir	5:30 PM
Melodies & Discoveries Dinner	5:00 PM
Melodies & Discoveries Bible Study	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

SUNDAY 9/21

Worship	9:00 AM
Carillon Handbell-rehearsal	9:45 AM
Cookie Time	10:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
New Member Orientation	11:45 AM
Associate Pastor Search Committee	11:45 AM
Ann Colangelo Memorial Service	1:30 PM

Our Church Staff

APPRECIATIONS FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH:

APPRECIATIONS FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 21ST

Lay Leaders:	9:00 Walter Knight 10:30 Jim Keesey
Acolytes:	9:00 TBD 10:30 TBD
Ushers:	9:00 Dave Wheeler, TBD 10:30 Bill Ansalvish, Laura Salick, TBD
Nursery:	9:00 Helpers needed 10:30 Helpers needed
October Cookie Time:	Finance Committee