

COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

***RESPONSE** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,
Whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Bless what we offer for your purposes.
Give us courage to offer ourselves more fully to you,
so that our lives bring you honor and glory through
Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING

***HYMN** “Rescuer” (see insert)

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “Go Now in Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

***please stand if you are able**

The Reverend Connie Frierson is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 2009, Duquesne Law school, 1983, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1980. Rev. Frierson spent her first career as a Captain and Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the Air Force, then as a labor lawyer in Columbus, OH. Her second career centered on the family, family farm and as an Associate Pastor at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, PA. Rev. Frierson honorably retired in 2023.



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***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;***

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

September 14, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Chris Mathias

Come together here in our worship and know of Christ's presence with us.

In our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Let us reach out to Christ, the source of our lives.

We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

Here we are the beloved people of God. Let us rejoice, praise and worship God.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

***HYMN** “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you bring both justice and mercy into our world.
But often we lose our way. We want to choose who gets
justice and who gets mercy. We judge from our own
perspective, our own prejudices, and our own interests.
Yet you call us to a new point of view. You call us to a
transformed mind that looks to you for guidance, a heart
transfused with the love of Christ, and a soul that has been
found and redeemed. We forget the grace you give to us.
Call us to remember and then live as God filled people.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist

*Jesus declared that the Kingdom of God is near. The presence of God
is always near when we confess our limitations, our shortcomings and
our sins. God is always ready to forgive our sins, and renew our spirits.
This is the Good News of the Gospel.*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***RESPONSE**

“God Is So Good”

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God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God’s so good to me

HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Beautiful”

Jen and Jeff Davis

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we
may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10

SERMON “The Ninety-Nine to One: God’s Crazy Math” Rev. Connie Frierson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***HYMN** “Sometimes a Light Surprises” vs 1,2,& 4

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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, the power and the glory

forever. Amen

THE COMMUNION

Please hold the elements as you are served until prompted

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat

Adult Sunday School - in Library at 9am*

Sundays through beginning of December Kid's Musical Practice @ 9-9:45

Sunday, September 14—Communion

Monday, September 15—Deborah Circle is meeting at JW Halls @6pm for food and fellowship.*

Tuesday, September 23—Presbytery Meeting at New Bethlehem @4:00

Tuesday, September 23—Manna (see insert)

Wednesday, September 24—Story Time begins at 9:30 or 10:30 am

Saturday, October 25—Ladies mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat at Raccoon State Park. Watch for details in September.

***If you are planning to attend the Deborah Circle Dinner, contact Patti Strominger at 724-494-2160 or at pattistr@gmail.com**

IT'S CHOIR TIME AGAIN!!! During this time of transition, the choir will sing twice a month for Sunday services. We will have short rehearsals after church on Sundays, beginning September 14. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller's friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim William

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

Administrative Assistant:

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Church office hours Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00

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Worship Accompanist: Skye Lanham

Custodian: Monica Ward

Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2027: Wendi Rybicki (2T), Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Mathias, Ken Jones

