

Announcements and Upcoming Events

It's not too late to place your order! Christmas Poinsettias are \$10. If you would like to purchase one in memory of or in honor of someone please see or send a note to Barbara Matlack, office@titusvillechurch.org.

Sunday, December 10, 2 p.m. Ornament Exchange at the home of Lettie Ritner.

Tuesday, December 12, Noon Women of the church pot-luck luncheon at the home of Debbie Niederer

Sunday, December 17, 6 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 24, 10 a.m. (TIME CHANGE) Morning Worship and 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship. Both services combined with Grace Presbyterian.

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.

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. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at 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

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Spiritual Food for Thought

The greatness of God is not revealed in his isolation from us; the greatness of God is revealed in his intimacy with us. Here is the God of Christmas, of history. He is a God who knows you, and he cares about you, and he makes promises to you, and he acts to help you. He is the mindful God. He is mindful of both you and his people.
--Alistair Begg, [Christmas Playlist](#)

Session:

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Deacons:

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2019
Chris Manz, Moderator

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church
Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good

Worship Assistant: Andrew Niederer
Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*

December 10, 2017

THE EXTRAORDINARY

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK of
REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

All praise and glory to God! Welcome to the second week of Advent. The candle we light today represents peace. Jesus is our peace, and in his death and resurrection has paved the way for a right relationship with God. The peace of the Lord brings people into right relationship together. In the Scripture readings God will soon appear in the desert to the One

drawn out of the water. Paul boasts of the Thessalonian believers; his hope, joy and crown! "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of God because of you?" (3:9). We celebrate the peace of God found in Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us worship God!



Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Candle

Each week in Advent, the Choir will call us to worship.

*Light One Candle for peace
One bright candle for peace
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes. He comes.*

This will be followed by Reading of Scripture and the lighting of Candle.

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation,
You straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

...Let us pause for a silent time of personal confession...



Order of Liturgy

Prelude

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***Opening Hymns** / Prayer (page 1)

Confession (page 1)

—call, prayer, assurance

*Gloria patri

Scripture (page 1)

Message

***Hymn of Response** (page 1)

*Apostles Creed

*New City Catechism (page 2)

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering: "O Children, Come"

*Doxology

***Sending Hymn** (page 1)

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "In The Lord I'll be
Ever Thankful"

*Please stand if able

Scripture

Psalm 1 (page 383)

Exodus 2:11-25 (page 41)

I Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 (page 836)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns

#244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Insert "While We are Waiting Come"

Hymn of Response

Insert "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Sending Hymn

#11 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



Notes on Morning Scripture

Exodus

Vs 15 Midian, land east of the Jordan River and Dead Sea, as well as parts of the Sinai Peninsula. Nomadic People who were also affluent.

Vs 18 Reuel, in some translations, Jethro

Vs 22 the name of Moses's son Gershom, means "a foreigner there"

Vs 25 God's concern mentioned here is repeated in 3:7 and 4:31

I Thessalonians

Vs 1 see Acts 17:15

Web Link

<https://answersingenesis.org/answers/biblical-authority-devotional/what-does-it-mean-that-jesus-is-our-peace/>

<http://www.spurgeongems.org/vols58-60/chs3386.pdf> sermon by famous preacher on Christ is our peace

http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/namesofjesus/jesus_-_our_peace Podcast sponsored by the Orthodox Church in North America. On the home page, you can find another podcast, "The Candle", teaching how physical object can assist our prayer life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YU2DviZyODw> Today's offertory, O Children Come

<https://www.todaychristianwoman.com/articles/2013/january/powerful-prayers-for-peace-and-rest.html>

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

Question 48: What is the church?

Answer: God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

To learn more about Question 48, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#48>

Guest Editorial Scriptures on PEACE

The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:26)

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end (Isaiah 9:6-7)

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us (Isaiah 26:3, 12)

"There is no peace", says the Lord, "for the wicked" (Isaiah 48:22)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (52:7)

The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification (Romans 14:17, 19)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit...The God of peace be with you all. Amen (Romans 15:13,33).

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you (Romans 16:20)

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14)

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord (II Peter 1:2)

He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth (Zechariah 9:10)

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life

(offered in 12/10 worship by the congregation)

Dear Tabby, Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby,

Why can't we all just get along?

Wondering in West Amwell

Dear Wondering,

Because sin brings hostility and conflict, and these birth shame and distance. They are expressions of isolation and death. Jesus is the only answer to peace, because he came near and shattered all that distances us from God (and from one another). In a passage to the Gentile believers, Paul teaches them to remember that Jesus is their peace. His peace had adopted them into God's promise to Israel. Here are Paul's words:

Remember at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For Jesus himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Ephesians 2:12-22)