

October 8, 2017



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flowers are given by Lori Drake to the glory of God and in memory of what would have been her parents 73rd anniversary.

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Heritage Room

Sewing Group, 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays

Choir: Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

October 22, 4 p.m. Food Concession.  
6pm Bluegrass Concert

## 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!

## Choral Benediction

“May God Support You All Your Days” (Psalm 20)

Verse 1

May God support you all your days, in times of gladness and in need. May God remember you with grace and bless your every word and deed.

Verse 2

May God confirm our heart’s desire and bring to fulness all your plans. May God’s sustaining love inspire your shouts of praise and joyful dance.

## Spiritual Food for Thought

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another” G.K. Chesterton

### 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: Kris Schmidt  
Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

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



Worship God! We gather to bear witness to the glory of God, and join together in singing, listening, praying, thinking, loving, serving. We do so as confronted people. Troubled dreams confronted people in Joseph’s life. He led them to the One to whom interpretations belong. Paul faces his accusers in a religious trial, before heading out to confront the Roman powers. Our

lives also have moments and stories that have come to us which we must face. We do so by the power of the Everlasting God. We find encouragement--and offer support--alongside brothers and sisters in the faith.



## Call to Worship

Today, we use our weekly reading from the Psalms as our Call to Worship.

Psalm 145, page 447.

*If you are sitting on the pulpit side of the sanctuary, please read the odd numbered verses as part of our responsive reading.*

*If you are sitting on the lectern side, please read the even numbered verses.*

## Prayer of Confession

We humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, and ask you, Almighty God, that you might lift us up. You are holy, perfect and righteous. The work you sent your Son to accomplish is good: he is our high priest, our sacrifice, our sweet aroma that rises as pleasing to you. The Holy Spirit makes us aware of your majesty and grandeur. Therefore, we find it fitting today, in light of the madness of our world, and the tangled difficulties that confront us, to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord. For you oppose the proud, but show favor to the humble.

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

## Order of Liturgy

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  - call, prayer, assurance
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\*Please stand if able

## Scripture

Genesis 40-41 (page 30)  
Acts 22:30-23:35 (page 789)

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Songs for Today

- Opening Hymns
- Insert “Great God of Every Blessing”
- #140 “Great is the Lord
- Hymn of Response
- #642 “Abide with Me”
- Sending Hymn
- #143 “This is My Father’s World”

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## Notes on Morning Scripture

### Genesis 40-41

40:1 Cupbearers would taste foods and wines to make sure they were safe for the King to eat. Nehemiah serves in this capacity.

40:8 *To God belongs interpretation* This phrase is interesting in light of chapter 37, where Joseph at a young age has bold dreams, and how those dreams shape the course of his life.

41:16 Third reference to God made by Joseph, in addition to 39:9 and 40:8.

41:51-52 Manasseh means “forget” and Ephraim means “twice fruitful”,

### Acts 23

Vs 3: compare with Matthew 23:27

Vs 5: quote from Exodus 22:28

Vs 23: Centurions led groups of one hundred troops. Caesarea was a port city along the Mediterranean sea.

Vs 27: one of the rights of Roman citizenship was fair trial

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### Web Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JNeGi2egsk> upcoming song entitled God the Uncreated One: You are King Forever

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_zfHQdQTVo0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zfHQdQTVo0) on the topic of wonderful music: Indescribable, by Laura Story

[http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/webfm\\_send/636](http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/webfm_send/636) a treatise on the problem of evil

<http://www.peterkreeft.com/topics/evil.htm> from Catholic Theologian Peter Kreeft, on the problem of evil

[https://www.columbiamuseum.org/collection\\_artwork/joseph-interpreting-pharaohs-dream](https://www.columbiamuseum.org/collection_artwork/joseph-interpreting-pharaohs-dream)

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### 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 40:** What should we pray?

**Answer:** The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

*To learn more about Question 40, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#40>*

### Editorial: Too Busy Not to Pray

Martin Luther advised his students, after describing his lengthy list of responsibilities, that he needed at least an hour each day to pray, except when he was facing an especially pressure-filled day, in which case he would pray for two hours.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul offers this prayer:

Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (1:15-23)

God spoke creation into existence by his word. But here, we see Almighty God exerting power when he raised Jesus. This power of resurrection, a magnificent thing. Magnificent for our salvation, for our future, for the new heavens and new earth, for our hope, for today, for those in trouble, for lost souls all throughout this barren land. Whether by a word, or by all-powerfulness directed at a task, God will win the victory, for he has already won in Jesus Christ. Let’s cheer on our Victor, Christ our brother, to the glory of God! Through dance and song, through godly living, and also in prayer. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

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### Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 10/8 worship by the congregation)

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

Dear Tabby

Should I kneel or bow when I pray?

Humbled in Hamilton

Dear Humbled,

There are two answers to your question: “yes” and “yes, but”.

“Yes, but” acknowledges that it is an important act when praying, but for those not physically able, or in circumstances when we are not able, God can nonetheless hear our prayer. Ultimately, it is the state of humility of heart before God that shapes what we speak before Holy, Holy, Holy God.

Yes, we should have signs of respect accompany our prayers (again, if possible) because there is power in symbol, and our hearts and minds use this symbol of being low to lead us into the truth: we must humble ourselves in the sight of the Living God. We shouldn’t kneel because we feel it is a magic trick, or out of mere formula, or because it shows how spiritual we are. In Revelation, angels and heavenly creatures covered their eyes and their bodies when in God’s presence. When we kneel, we also find a guide for our prayers. Are we praying words that are worth praying? Are we seeking God?

Paul writes, “For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted in established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Short answer, yes, if able. But first, let your heart display reverence before God.