

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Preparation for Worship

Let us prepare our hearts for worship first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prelude *"From Thy Throne So High"* Gluck
Congregational Introit #597 **"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"**

(Congregation should remain seated)

***Call to Worship** Proverbs 2

Leader: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching.

People: It will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

Leader: So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today.

People: The rich and poor have this in common; the Lord is the maker of them all.

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise #464** **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

***Prayer of Adoration and 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Church Confesses

Invitation to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ' name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of

wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.) Amen.*

Kyrie *You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.*
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy.
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** *(Hymn# 579)*

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Message for Children

Doug Berky

Prayer of Illumination

Bill Ranson

First Scripture Reading: James 2: 1 – 17 *(NT page 215 in your pew Bible)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"* Green, Stanford
Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 7: 24 – 37 *(NT page 40 in your pew Bible)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"A Wake-Up Call?"**
Reverend Nath Briley

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** *(traditional, p. 14)*

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 #324** **"Open My Eyes That I May See"**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Offering of Life

Offertory *"Ave Verum (Jesu, Word Of God)"* Mozart

***Doxology** *(Hymn # 592)*

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Hymn #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
 *Charge and Benediction
 *Congregational Response #586 "Amen"
 *Postlude "Reverie" Faulkes

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins
**Those who are able may stand at these times.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS September 9, 2018

Blessings and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day! *If you are visiting with us, we offer a special word of welcome and an invitation to participate in the life of the congregation.* If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, please speak with the pastor after worship. **Copies of The Connection are available in the Narthex and Parlor hallway** for those who do not receive it by email. Please contact the church office to add your email address for correspondence.

Visitors with children: We welcome you to worship and are always glad for your children to be with us! Should you desire, nursery (0 – 17 months) and toddler (18 months – 3 years) rooms are available for our youngest children each Sunday morning on the lower level of our sanctuary building. **Please complete the parental questionnaire and sign-in sheet when you drop off your little one. This information will be on a table in the nursery. We ask that you include your cell phone number in case you may be needed during the church service (please place your phone on vibrate).** Following the Children’s Sermon, preschool children (4 to 5 year olds who have not entered kindergarten) are invited to attend Preschool Church in the toddler room of the nursery. Children may be picked up there after worship.

Children’s worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Children’s worship bags are also available in the narthex. Please return the bags following worship to be used again next week.

Please remember to turn off all electronic devices except for parents with children in the nursery. These parents should make sure their phones are on vibrate.

AUDIO ENHANCEMENTS: Audio devices for the congregation and visitors to use are located in the narthex. If you are in need of one of the devices, please speak to one of our ushers or greeters, and they will gladly assist you.

YOUTH KICKOFF PARTY: There will be a pool party to kickoff the 2018 – 2019 year for the **PPC Youth and Parents on Sunday, September 9th, beginning at 4:30pm at the Simms’ home. Come and hear about the exciting plans!**

Please help us in determining how many to expect for the Wonderful Wednesday meal at 5:45pm on September 12th.

The _____ family plans to attend the dinner: #of people-_____
 I am available to volunteer to help clean up after the meal

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!: Wonderful Wednesdays will begin this week on September 12th. Join us at 5:45pm for a delicious dinner catered by Shortfield’s (**\$6 per adult, \$4 per child 11 and under**). The menu for this week will be: Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Breadsticks and Cookies for dessert. A Vegetarian option will also be available. **We ask that you sign up using the tear off slip above and place in the offering plate or contact/email the church office by Tuesday at noon.** After dinner there will be programs for all ages. **Adults will gather in the Sanctuary for a program led by Ken Roper and Donna Owen entitled “The Intersection of Faith and Politics from a Reformed Perspective.” The September 12th topic will be “A Path Forward for a Divided Polity” to include: The Golden Rule, The 9th Commandment and A Brief Statement of Faith.** All classes will be completed by 7:00pm. Wonderful Wednesdays will continue through October 24th, 2018.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on September 12th, and will be discussing **Joel Chapters 2 and 3.**

JOIN THE CHOIR: The adult choir has just begun to rehearse for the fall and winter seasons. New members are always welcome. **Come Wednesday night to the Choir Room at 7:00pm** and join the excitement. For more information, contact Ashley Dodgens at ashley13658@gmail.com. **The Children’s Choir will begin rehearsing during Wonderful Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:15pm in the Choir Room.** The children are led by Donna Simms, June Harden and Dr. Marianne Holland in songs and Bible stories. Children ages 4 – 5th grade are invited to participate.

FAMILY PROMISE AT PPC: Our next hosting week for Family Promise will be Sept 30th – Oct 7th. If you want your first choice to provide a meal, overnight host, or evening or Saturday activities let us know: for food call Debbie Teeple (864)380-7986, for set-up and logistics David Chamlee (864) 561-3075, and for overnight hosts or activities Jo Anne Gessell (864) 650-6524. **And,...you are invited to our FP Volunteer Informational Lunch Sunday, September 16th, 12:30pm.** We want to honor you for your support of Family Promise and give you an overview and updates of how things have been going. Bring your Family Promise stories, questions and suggestions. We’re looking forward to your help in continuing this ministry.

James 2: 1 – 10 (11 – 13) 14 – 17
Mark 7: 24 – 37

James 3: 1 – 12
Mark 8: 27 – 38

MUSIC CLASS INTEREST taught by Paula Owens

Name _____

Email (or phone, if no email) _____

READING VOCAL MUSIC CLASS: Paula Owens is going to hold a 6-week continuation to her music reading class from this past Spring, beginning Tuesday, September 27th, at 10:00am in the Choir Room. No previous musical experience or knowledge is necessary for this active participation class. For those with prior training, this can strengthen your existing skills. It's not required that you participated in her previous class. Come and have fun learning to read the language of music! **Complete the tear-off above, or email Paula at owens.paulal@gmail.com if you plan to attend.**

FOOD PANTRY: In September, we are asking for canned veggies, and any other food items to fill the boxes for hungry people who come to the church.

GENERAL FUNDS UPDATE: Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$5266.33. Building Fund: \$100.00.

PRAYER REQUESTS: You are encouraged to share prayer concerns on the pink cards in the pew racks.

A list of **CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS** is available in the narthex.

<i>Serving:</i>	<i>September 9, 2018</i>	<i>September 16, 2018</i>
Flowers:	TBD	TBD
Beadle:	Kay Rentz	Aubrey Righetti
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Tina LaFoy	Louise Hope
Refreshments:	<i>Rally Day</i>	Nancy Goldsmith
Pulpit Elder:	Bill Ranson	Carole Thomas
Children's Moment:	Doug Berky	Liz Stokes
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Cindy Wood	Cindy Wood
Ushers:	Liza Holder, Aubrey Righetti, Carole Thomas, Ken Townsend	Liza, Holder, Aubrey Righetti, Carole Thomas, Ken Townsend
Greeter:	Debbie Carmical	Debbie Carmical

Lectionary readings for today:

Proverbs 22: 1 – 2, 8 – 9, 22 – 23
Psalm 125

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Proverbs 1: 20 – 33
Psalm 19

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, September 9	9:30am Rally Day! 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Youth Kickoff Party at the Simms'
Monday, September 10	11:00am Centering Prayer 1:30pm Ministry for Caregivers 5:30pm Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts – Ed Building
Tuesday, September 11	9:00am Jane B. Morris Service Fund 5:30pm Teacher Appreciation Reception - ASH
Wednesday, September 12	9:45am CDC Children's Chapel 10:30am Bible Study – Parlor 12:00pm Rotary Club 5:45pm Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Program 6:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 13	10:00am Book Club
Friday, September 14	<i>Office Closed</i> 5:00pm CDV Class – McJunkin Room
Sunday, September 16	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship in All Saints' Hall 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Family Promise Informational Lunch – ASH 4:00pm Lina Park Piano Concert 5:30pm Youth Fellowship

Online calendar: <http://73970421.view-events.com>

Concerns and Celebrations: