

November 5, 2017
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S PEOPLE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

As we gather, some of our number have found it helpful to begin worship with a time of group singing and praise a few moments prior to worship each week. If you choose not to participate in the singing, and would prefer to visit or make personal connections at this time, please use the Assembly Room for these purposes. We hope that this extended time brings an opportunity to embrace the Lord in worship.

Gathering Music: Blue Songbooks #56

Shout to the Lord

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Our Friendship in Christ

*Call to Worship: *(Responsive)*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

– Psalm 100

*Hymn of Praise and Adoration: Blue Songbooks #16

Ancient of Days

Prayer of Confession: *(Unison, including a time of silent prayer)*

Our scripture text this morning points us to the ancient Jewish feast of Sukkot, which followed the days of confession and repentance of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). The traditional confession for Yom Kippur is called Ashamnu, and is a listing of ways in which God's people have fallen short. In Hebrew, there are 24 lines to correspond with the 24 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Here is one writer's attempt to do a similar prayer in English.

We have behaved arrogantly,
We have betrayed ourselves and our families,
We have acted out of contempt,
We have been dishonest,
We have erred out of ignorance,
We have forgotten who we are,
We have gossiped,
We have been hypocritical,
We have been insensitive,
We have justified bad decisions,

We have killed our impulse to do good,
We have looked the other way,
We have been mean,
We have been neglectful,
We have acted out of fear instead of love,
We have pushed too much,
We have been quiet when we should have spoken up,
We have been rageful,
We have stolen,
We have tried to teach when we should have tried to learn,
We have been untrue,
We have behaved violently,
We have withheld that which could have been given freely,
We have held others to unrealistic expectations,
We have yielded instead of moving forward,
We have zoomed too narrowly into challenges.

A time of silent confession

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (*Responsive*)

Beloved, this is the Good News! Your sins are forgiven.

I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature, which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgement.

– based on the Heidelberg Catechism

Congregational Response: Hymn #161, v.1

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVE THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 16:13-17

(NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

The Children's Sermon

Young children may worship with their families or may go to the Infant-Toddler Room behind the sanctuary. Children age 3 – 1st grade may be dismissed to the Children's Room at this time.

The New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

(NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Reflection: Hymn #392

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The Mission of the Church: Crafton Heights Community Preschool

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Remembering those who have gone before us...

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #61 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dedication: Hymn #395

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

November 1 has historically been observed as "All Saints Day" in the Christian Church. On this first Sunday of November, we pause to remember those who have come before us in the faith, and we particularly celebrate the lives of those who have been called home. On the Communion Table is a special bouquet of flowers. If you have lost a family member, a dear friend, or someone special to you in the last year, you are encouraged to come forward during the singing of this triumphant hymn and take a flower, symbolizing the new life that awaits all those who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Take this flower home with you and let it remind you of the call to be thankful as we anticipate all that we will share when Christ brings in his promised kingdom.

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

****Please stand, if able.***

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

Leading in Worship: Cheri Mack, Maddy Chlystek,
Bill Gracey, Karen Dreyer

Toddler Room: Linda Piper, Linda Pearson

Childcare: Jess Simcox, Rachele Jacob

Greeters: Alice Schnelbach, John McConnell

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER 12th

Leading in Worship: Kristen Knouff

Toddler Room: Rebecca Mehl, Jamie Klein

Childcare:

Greeters: Bill & Fay Reynolds

Opportunities for the Week of November 5th

Sunday	11/5	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Monday	11/6	9:00 am	Exercise
		6:30 pm	Partnership Meeting @ Presbytery
Tuesday	11/7		Election Day
			No Preschool
			No Afterschool
		7:30 pm	Dartball @ CHUP (UCC)
		7:30 pm	Preschool Board Meeting
Wednesday	11/8	9:00 am	Exercise
		7:00 pm	Country Heat
Thursday	11/9	6:30 pm	Steering Committee
Friday 11/10	9:00 am	Exercise	
		6:30 pm	Youth Group leaves for Retreat
Sunday	11/12	9:30 am	Faithbuilders
		11:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printed copies of the Sermon are also available on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary and on the web at: www.chup.org. Each worship service is also recorded on audio CD. In addition to being on the church website, all of Pastor Dave's sermons are posted on his blog at www.castyournet.wordpress.com.

1. **Today is Preschool Sunday!** We welcome Preschool families to worship today. Please take a moment to appreciate the photos and artwork on display that celebrate this important ministry.
2. Our prayer of confession comes to us from Alison Laichter's *Time to Reflect: A High Holidays-Inspired Workbook*.
3. Tomorrow night, November 6, the **International Partnership Ministry Team of Pittsburgh Presbytery** will host an evening with Silas Ncozana, one of the founders of the Partnership between Blantyre Synod and Pittsburgh Presbytery. Join us at a special time (6:30 p.m.) for refreshments, celebration, and a glimpse into the future of our missional partnership. Talk with Dave if you'd like to carpool.
4. **You are invited to Country Heat** this Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 pm. We will exercise to music, enjoy delicious fruit smoothies, and spend time in fellowship. Please see Jess Simcox or Barb Prevost for more information.
5. **The Youth Group will leave** for their annual Fall Retreat at Windy Ridge on Friday, 11/10 at 6:30 p.m. Please see Marla if you know anyone who is interested in information about the retreat.
6. **Christmas Choir!** Rehearsals will begin on November 11 at 10:00 am. Prior choir experience is helpful but not required. Please speak with PJ Winters 412-735-6663 for more information.
7. For about a decade, CHUP has sent an **Adult Mission Team to Texas** to share in the work of our partners there in helping neighbors recover from natural disasters. The next trip is planned for February 18-24, 2018. Interested adults should submit a deposit of \$100 and speak with Gabe Kish or Pastor Dave Carver.
8. We extend **sympathy to the Butzbach and Carver families** on the death of Dave's nephew, Ben. Pastor Dave will return Monday afternoon. If you have any pastoral needs until then, please contact Rev. Bill Gracey 412-928-0891.

My Daily Time with God This Week November 5th – November 12th

One of the ways that we can best remember who we are, and who God calls us to be, is to spend time in His presence. In 2017, we will follow the devotional schedule published by *The Upper Room*. To receive devotions in your e-mail each day, simply visit <http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/email/> and sign up. May God bless you as you seek Him!

God's Promise: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Psalm for the week: Psalm 107 (*Read this through prayerfully each day. As you do so, you will concentrate less on yourself and more on your Lord.*)

Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday	Ecclesiastes 12:1-7	Friday	John 12:20-26
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	Saturday	1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Wednesday	James 5:13-16	Sunday	1 Samuel 2
Thursday	Luke 11:5-13		

Speaking with your Creator:

- about your own life
- about those in our family of faith

--**members** – Donna Szafranski, Bonnie Schrenker, Florence Hall, Deb Jacob, Tina Dame, Ed Kososki, Dolly Bock, Linnea Kunicky, Maryanne Richardson, Cheryl Reed, Joey Szumigalski & family, Justin & Eric Barth, Lauren Mack in Malawi, the homebound and those in caring facilities.

--**friends & relatives** – Butzbach family, Makayla Sloten, Andrew Adler, Elizabeth Shrader, Gloria Leonard, Buckley Family, Ross Family, Anya Maciulewski, Lisa & Nicholas Daugherty, Rita Imhoff, Lorraine Barth, Duane Eagan, Eadie Children, Gary Rivit, Betty Hartlep, Krieger family, Mark Mattern, Elijah Todd, Harold Garrison.

--**about our world** – Students & Teachers returning to school, Friends & Family in the Armed Forces, World peace, the Mbenjere Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, members of the church in South Sudan, Veterans & disabled, poor & needy, those persecuted and martyred for their faith. (*If you would like to include someone in your prayers, please fill out an "I Wish" card from the pews.*)

Listening to your Creator: -a time of silence

Going out into your world: -remembering that God sends you to the people he loves.

Church Prayer Families: Marge Freeman, Tim Prepelka

Preschool Prayer Family: Adelina's Family