

September 9 23rd Sunday of 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: (see screen)

God of Wonders

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Our Friendship in Christ

*Call to Worship: *(Responsive)*

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!

*Hymn of Praise: (see screen)

Build Your Kingdom Here

The Prayer of Confession: *(Unison)*

In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.

(a time for silent confession)

Lord Jesus Christ, it is your will that I should know you and turn to you. Lord, I hear your call and follow; help me.

– from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

The Assurance of Pardon: *(Responsive)*

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #30

More Love

GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVE THE WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-33

(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 Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-2

(NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

Check the Listings

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Reflection: Hymn #476

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation to the Offering: *(Responsive)*

With these gifts we offer our lives to God to do Christ's work in the world.

In this way, we ask God to take our bodies and our minds,

Our work and our leisure,

Our relationships with other people,

Our friendships and our family life,

Our dreams and our doubts,

Our faith and our plans for the future.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we bring our offerings to God.

Offertory

*Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #3 *What Does the Lord Require?*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dedication: Blue Songbooks #7

Praise the Lord

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

***Please stand, if able.**

Opportunities for the Week of September 9th

Sunday	9/9	8 am-1 pm	Blood Drive
Monday	9/10	9:00 am	Exercise
		7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting @ Adlers
		7:00 pm	International Partnership Meeting @ Presbytery
Tuesday	9/11	8:30 am	Staff Meeting
		10:00 am	Women's Group
		7:00 pm	Youth Group
		7:30 pm	Dartball @ CHUP
Wednesday	9/12	9:00 am	Exercise
		7:30 pm	Preschool Board Meeting
Friday	9/14	9:00 am	Exercise
		6:00 pm	Friday Night Rec Begins
Sunday	9/16	9:30 am	Faith Builders
		11:00 am	Worship

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

Leading in Worship: Ed Schrenker, Jr

Toddler Room: Rebecca Mehl, Jamie Klein

Childcare: Karren & Danielle Sites, Karlana Mehl

Greeter: Bill & Fay Reynolds

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER 16

Leading in Worship:

Toddler Room: Jessalyn Gielarowski, Mary Beth Barnes

Childcare: Cheryl & Paul Reed, Ronald Swoope

Greeters: Don Prevost, Glenn Mack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printed copies of previous sermons are 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. **This morning there is a Blood Drive** until 1:00 pm. Please consider making a life-saving donation.
2. Please note that **Faithbuilders (Sunday School) has begun**. Each group begins at 9:30 am and there are groups for all ages, including two adult classes!
3. **The Exercise group is back!** Please join us M-W-F at 9:00 am for a low impact step aerobics class. Please speak with Fay Reynolds or Tim Prepelka for details.
4. **The Deacons will meet** on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at the home of Matt Adler (105 Cobb St in Ingram).
5. **The Women's Bible Study** meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall beginning September 11. All women are welcome to join. Dani Anderson and Barb Prevost can answer any questions.
6. **Calling all Youth Group members and parents:** this year, the Youth Group will move to TUESDAY evenings at 7:00 pm. Join us this Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm for a new year of fun, adventure, service, and growth!
7. **Mark your calendars for the All Church Retreat!** September 21- 23 at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. Reservation forms are located in the back of the sanctuary, in the Runner, or at our website, www.chup.org. **Please return the form along with payment to Barb Prevost by TODAY.** Scholarships are available.
8. **Choir rehearsals will resume** at 10:00 am on Saturday mornings beginning September 29. Please speak with PJ if you are interested in participating.
9. **We extend Christian sympathy to Joanne Holt.** Her sister, Mary, died in Los Angeles on September 9, 2018.

My Daily Time with God This Week September 9th – September 16th

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 2018, we will follow the devotional schedule published by *The Upper Room*. To receive devotions in your e-mail each day, visit <http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/email/>. 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 125 (*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	Job 42:1-5	Friday	Matthew 6:5-13
Tuesday	Matthew 10:40-42	Saturday	1 Peter 1:3-9
Wednesday	Psalm 5:1-7	Sunday	Mark 8:34-9:1
Thursday	Exodus 16:1-8		

Speaking with your Creator:

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

--**members** – Gabe Kish, Imhoff Family, Eleanor Arlet, Darcy Prevost, Florence Hall, Alice Schnelbach, Tina Dame, Ed Kososki, Dolly Bock, Maryanne Richardson, Cheryl Reed, Joey Szumigalski & family, Justin & Eric Barth, Joe Connor, the homebound and those in caring facilities.

--**friends & relatives** – Bill Gracey, Musko Family, Frieda Jones, Ellie Musolino, Ross Family, Lisa & Nicholas Daugherty, Lorraine Barth, Duane Eagan, Eadie Children, Betty Hartlep, Krieger family, Mark Mattern, Elijah Todd, Harold Garrison.

--**about our world** – 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: Caleb Connor, Alice Schnelbach

Open Door Prayer Family: Jameson's Family

Preschool Prayer Family: Augustus' Family