

Welcome to St. Matthews
“A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ.”
We are honored to have you worship with us today
and we hope that you will receive a warm welcome
and experience the presence of our Lord in a significant way.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMNS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renee Keiper

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**

PRAYER FOR CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep God’s covenants. God leads the humble in what is right and teaches them God’s way.

OPENING HYMN *All My Boast Is In Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this; That Christ would die for me!
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness, This sinner’s only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified; The work is finished!

CHORUS *All my boast is in Jesus; All my hope is His love*
And I will glory forever In what the cross has done.
Now fully forgiven, my life is filled With graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, Let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord! Who else is worthy?

All my boast is in Jesus; All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever In what the cross has done.
O, praise the One, forever blessed! Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less Than the love of Christ my Lord.
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And I will boast in nothing less Than the love of Christ my Lord.

I boast not in riches, in strength or might, But in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ In plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see His pow’r within me!
All my boast is in Jesus; All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever In what the cross has done.

Now I stand in His freedom; Ransomed, clean in His sight,
And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ.
My boast is Jesus Christ. Forever, my boast is Jesus Christ.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God who demands justice from us is the God who pours out mercy upon us. Trusting in that gracious love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy: Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Receive these words of comfort from God)

Hear the good news: Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Installation of VBS Leaders

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

Let us bring to God the fruit of our labors.

OFFERTORY

Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart oh God Make it ever true Change my heart oh God May I be like You
Change my heart oh God Make it ever true Change my heart oh God May I be like You
You are the potter I am the clay Mold me and make me This is what I pray
Change my heart oh God Make it ever true Change my heart oh God May I be like You

SCRIPTURE READING

Ian Snyder

Colossians 2:6-15

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

Sermon Notes

Robbin Eckhart

Pastor Wil

***THE LORD'S PRAYER – ALL**

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

CLOSING HYMN *Since Jesus Came into My Heart

*(1) What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought
Since Jesus came into my heart*

*CHORUS: Since Jesus came into my heart
Since Jesus came into my heart
Floods of joy o'er my soul
Like the sea billows roll
Since Jesus came into my heart*

*(2) I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray
Since Jesus came into my heart
And my sins which were many are all washed away
Since Jesus came into my heart (CHORUS)*

*(3) I shall go there to dwell in that city I know
Since Jesus came into my heart
And I'm happy so happy as onward I go
Since Jesus came into my heart (CHORUS 2x)*

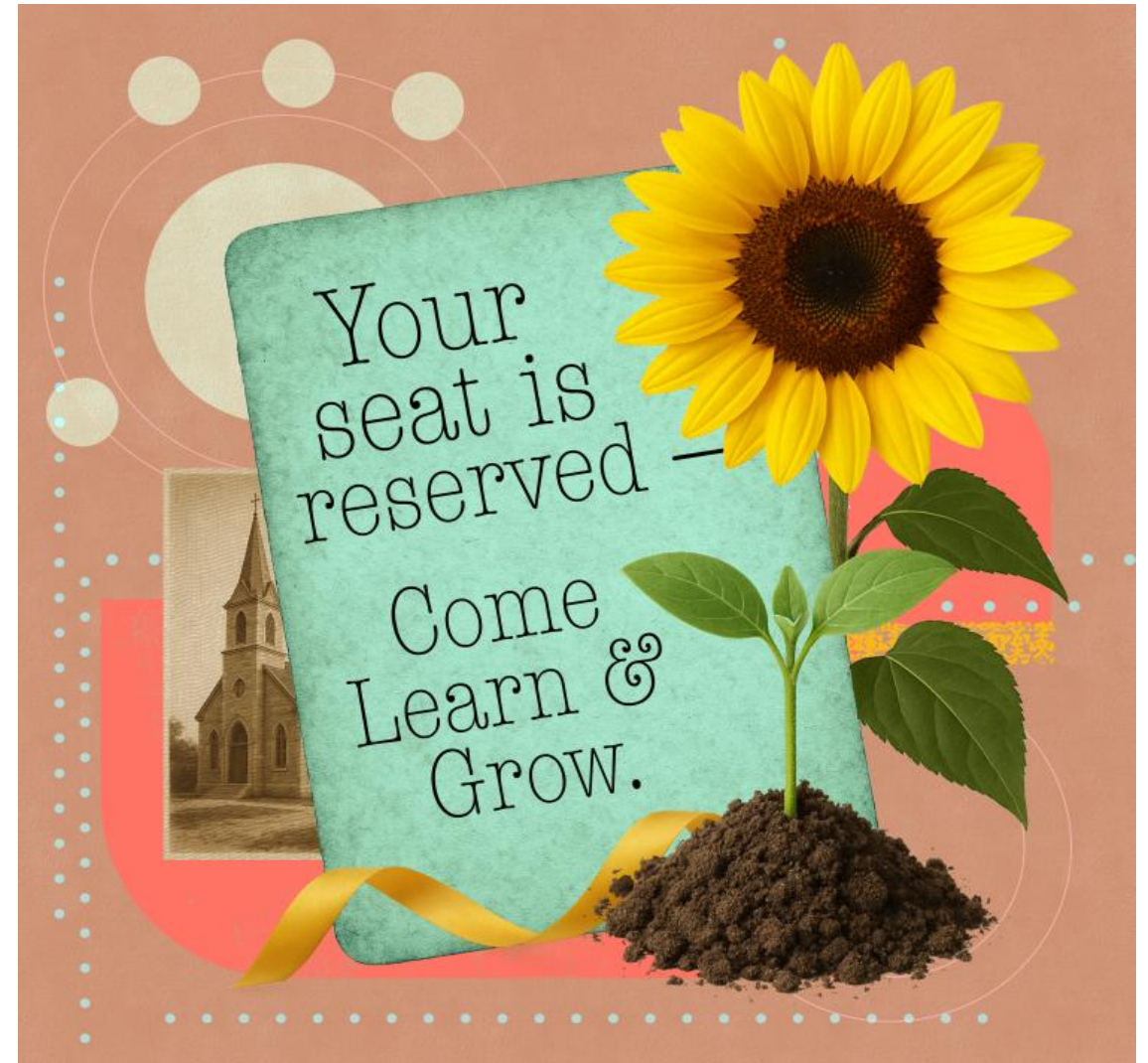
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***CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Wil

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE - ALL *Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen.



St. Matthew's EC Church Kunkletown
5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025

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- ❖ **Prayer Concerns for Shut ins:**
Shirley Kuntz—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058
James Borger—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
Larry Hahn—Gracedale, 2 Gracedale Ave, Nazareth PA 18064
Leah Jane Sterner—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Kay Frable – Lisa’s House, 1357 Blue Mountain, Danielsville PA 18038
Kyle Frable—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
Gladys Meixsell—Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
Velma Silfies—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
Joann Hunsicker—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—2W, P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown PA 18058
Jacqueline Mock—Mrs. Bush’s Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Tom Barr Sr. – Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
Jesse Ziegenfus—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330
- ❖ **July benevolence is Touch the World (The Barn).**
- ❖ **Luke’s Gospel Bible Study will take place on Wednesday’s at 6:30pm on July 16 in the CIA Classroom.**
- ❖ **The EC Northeast District Picnic - Saturday, July 26th from 1pm – 7pm in the St. Matthew’s Grove. Come join in for a time of fellowship and breaking bread. The event is free, however, donations in any amount are appreciated which will be given to the Global Mission outreach program benefiting our brothers and sisters in Nepal.**
- ❖ **St. Matthew’s Laymen’s Fellowship will host a cash and gift card bingo on Sunday, July 27th. Doors open at 12pm and bingo starts at 1pm. The cost to play is \$30 for 20 games. There will be food available to purchase and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will support the repairs and updates to the Church and Grove.**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 13	5th Sunday after Pentecost	-Sanctuary, 9am
Monday, July 14		-Office Open 10am -2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
	Council Meeting	-CIA Classroom 7pm
Wednesday, July 16		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Luke’s Gospel Bible Study	-CIA Classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, July 17		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	Exercise Group	-Common Room 10:30am
Sunday, July 20	6th Sunday after Pentecost	- Sanctuary, 9am

Altar Flowers:
Vase #1 – In memory of Keith Smith by Vivian
Vase #2 – available for purchase for \$15

*******Please make all church checks payable to St. Matthew’s EC Church**

Council President: RJ Cramer
Interim Pastor: Rick Rufenacht Assistant Pastor: Wil Hoffman
Church Secretary: Renée Keiper
July Lead Usher: Cheryl Hummer