

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**

God is good and loving to the faithful.

Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

God is good! Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN *How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said,

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,

For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;

I'll strength thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,

Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.”

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,

The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow.

For I will be with thee in trouble to bless,

And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;

The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design

Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake

I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We live with this reality:

God never forgets what we have done

but, in mercy, forgives

those whose hearts are full of repentance.

Let us confess those things

that break our relationship with God,

assured that God will never break relationship with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have been distracted by many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength.

We have not paid attention to your Word.

We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others.

Forgive us, we pray and teach us repentance.

Free us from our habits of pride,

and make us steadfast in faith,

that we may live as those who are reconciled with you

in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

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

Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God.

Baptized, forgiven and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VBS Recap

“Twin Pines” presentation

“THE PASSING OF THE PEACE”

INVITATION

In gratitude for all that God has done for us, let us present our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY **RJ Cramer**
'Me and God' *Josh Turner*

Sermon Notes

SCRIPTURE READING **Cheryl Hummer**
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,

10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER **Bruce Eckhart**

SERMON **Pastor Wil Hoffman**
Jesus is Key!

***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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to the joy divine!*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life!*

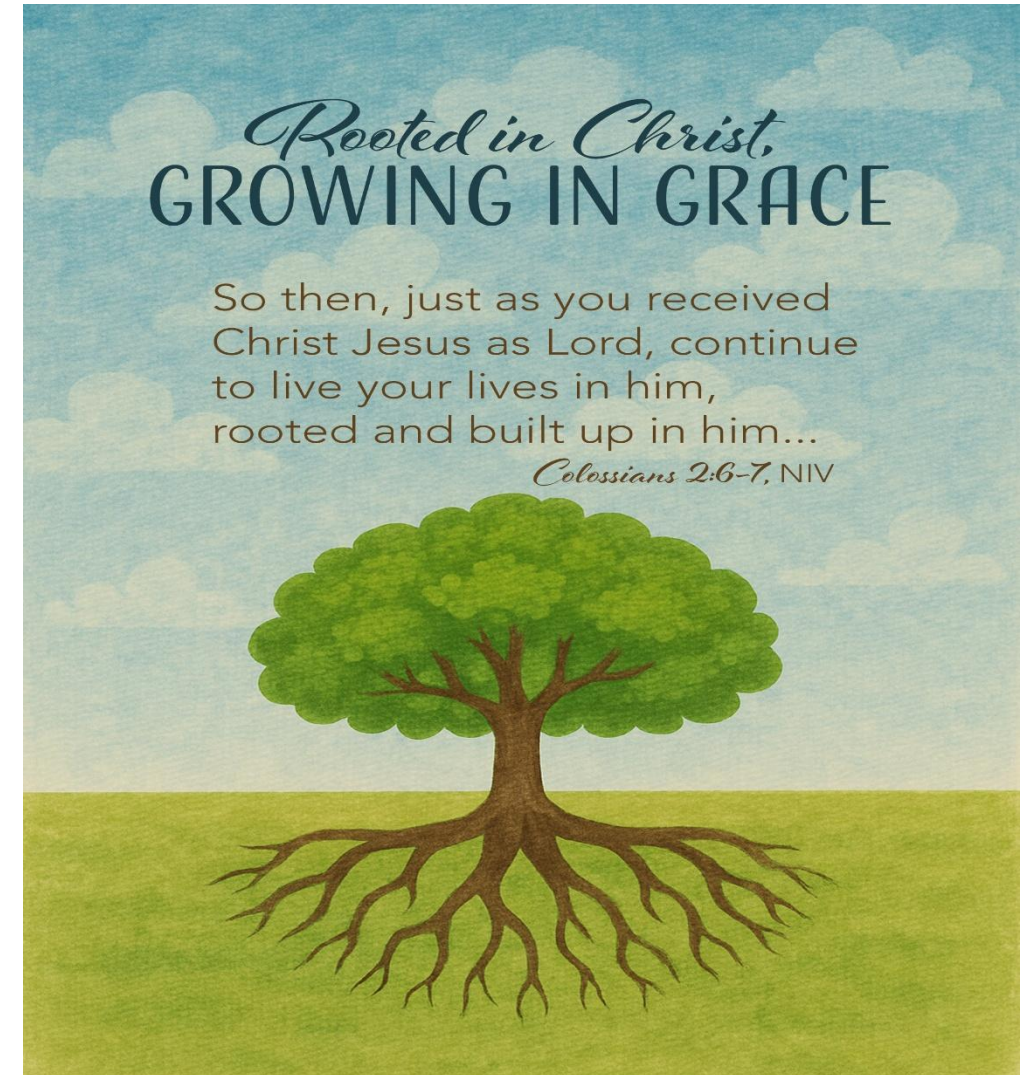
*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Wil Hoffman

CONGREGATIONAL SONG 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
6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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).**
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ **Youth Movie Night – August 6th, 6:00pm to 8:45pm in the social hall. We’ll be watching ‘Remember the Titans’—a powerful story about teamwork, courage, and unity. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to share. Get ready for a night filled with fun, friends, and faith-based fellowship. All middle and high school youth are welcome—feel free to invite a friend as well! We can’t wait to see you there!**



THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Sunday, July 20 Monday, July 21 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost Exercise Group Council Meeting Rescheduled from 7/14 | -Sanctuary, 9am -Office Open 10am -2pm -Common Room 10:30am -CIA Classroom 7pm |
| Wednesday, July 23 Thursday, July 24 | | -Office Open 10am – 2pm -Office Open 10am – 2pm -Common Room 10:30am |
| Sunday, July 27 | Exercise Group 7th Sunday after Pentecost | - Sanctuary, 9am |

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