

*West Kish Presbyterian Church
Belleville, PA*



*Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this Reformation Sunday. On this day we also celebrate Huntingdon Presbytery's 225th anniversary as a coalition of Presbyterian churches serving God and supporting each other since 1795.

INTROIT – *Sing Praises All You Peoples* (following announcements)

SILENT PRAYER – Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Based on Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

All: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for his faithfulness each and every day.

*HYMN of PRAISE #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (vs. 1,3,4)

(Hymns are attached after the announcements.)

*CALL to CONFESSION – God makes no distinctions among us. The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous. Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Confessing our sins, we depend on God's generosity and grace.

Let us confess our sin and receive new life by reading together the Prayer of Confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. We pray in the name your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS – Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is the good news to share with all people!

*THE PEACE

Leader: Please extend the peace of Christ beyond the walls of our homes and sanctuary into the world.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

*GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever will be, world without end. Amen. Amen

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – As we prepare to hear scripture read, let us pray together: Come, Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, as the breath of life, amidst your people gathered here, into our hearts and minds. Stir us to know the happiness of life in your blessings. Amen.

Litany of Praise – 225th Anniversary of Huntingdon Presbytery

Today we celebrate the 225th anniversary of Huntingdon Presbytery.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

For 225 years God's Word has been proclaimed in this area of Pennsylvania.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

For 225 years the sacraments have been celebrated in this area of Pennsylvania.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works.

Countless children, parents, and grandparents have been part of Huntingdon Presbytery.

They are more than can be numbered.

Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in Huntingdon Presbytery.

They are more than can be numbered.

Countless witnesses have gone out from our presbytery to spread the gospel in local communities and throughout the world.

They are more than can be numbered.

All of our activities, all of our sacraments, and all of our doxologies we offer up in praise to God.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works;

they are more than can be numbered.

With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future we celebrate this anniversary with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works;

they are more than can be numbered.

Adapted from www.reformedworship.org; RW #26

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28

MESSAGE – *“Spiritual Realities Live On”* by Rev. Ela Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #442 *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1,2,3)

(Hymns are attached after the announcements)

***STATEMENT OF FAITH - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On**

the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS - We lift to you all of those on our prayer list, those mentioned as we share our joys and concerns and all prayers shared with our pastor this week.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION/PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

(If worshipping from home you may mail your offerings in, drop them off at the church office or make your gifts through your bank online.) With Thanksgiving for the bounty of this earth, the word we have been given to do, the joy of sharing so that others may also live, we gather our gifts at this time, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Generous and life-giving God, you made your people in your image, sent your Son to be the face of your healing love in our midst, and promised through the Holy Spirit your guidance and power. We thank you for the ways in which your people have cared for each of us. We thank you for the ability to give for the sake of others. We ask your blessing on these offerings that through them the needs of this world can be met and the work of Huntingdon Presbytery may continue. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*OFFERTORY – (During the pandemic – offerings may be placed in the baskets as you depart the sanctuary). If worshipping from home, you may mail your offerings in, drop them off at the church office or make your gifts through your online banking.)

*DOXOLOGY – *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SENDING

*HYMN #555 *Now Thank We All Our God* (vs. 1 & 2)

(Hymns are attached after the announcements.)

*CHARGE – Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. And may the Lord bless you and lay loving hands upon you that you may be strengthened to continue to walk in the faith that others have passed on to you, to move ahead into the promised land. Alleluia! Amen!

*BENEDICTION - Grace to you and peace from God the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

*POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Pastor:

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

Lay Reader: Matt Waddell

In honor of Huntingdon Presbytery's 225th Anniversary, the Huntingdon Presbytery Anniversary Committee invites churches and individuals to make a financial offering to the "Partnership for the Presbytery" fund. The "Partnership for the Presbytery" is a fund created for churches to support the ministry and mission work of the presbytery.

A Note from our 2020 Moderator of Huntingdon Presbytery - Ken Raney

As we celebrate 225 years of the life and history of Huntingdon Presbytery, we can only imagine what those first Pastors, churches and Presbyters faced to serve and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. No major roads like Routes 322, 22 and I-99 that easily cross within our Presbytery existed. Using unknown mountain trails on horseback, visiting churches every few months and keeping everyone connected and working together, these early Pastors helped set the course for our churches today, strong local leadership developed out of need. As we grew, with more churches and full-time pastors, our leadership at the church level continued on that strong path.

We celebrate the work of our predecessors and ask for God's continued guidance and love as we look to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this time and place!

"From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Ephesians 4:16

All Saints Sunday will be Sunday, November 1st. We will be remembering those who have entered their eternal home during the past year. We also invite you to hold anyone close to your heart who has recently passed.

Have you noticed the shutters on the church? Special thank you to Bob Pressler for removing them and painting them! What an amazing difference!

We will be collecting calendars and items for the Hollidaysburg VA Home again this year. Lists and boxes will be in the narthex. Due to the covid, all items must be new and clothing must have price tags on them. Dec. 6 will be the last day to donate. Thank you for your help!

Check out our Facebook page "West Kish Presbyterian Church". Also, don't forget to check out our website: www.westkish.com and St. John's website is: <https://stjohnsbelleville.org>. We are striving for Sunday services to be available each week.

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for all the concerns expressed for family and friends of those in the congregation. Several members of both churches have requested prayer for unity and kindness in our country and the world, patience in dealing with COVID, and compassion for all affected physically, financially and psychologically by the pandemic.

Hannah Faulkner	Elliana Byler	Pam Ritchey	Bertha Penepacker	Jim Marthouse
Reed Henderson	Laura Baggus	Leevi Fultz	Ev Wilde	Jon Helfrick
Richard & Pat Byler	Cindy Coder	Timmy Parson	Frank Pandolfino	Larry Fultz
Betsy Waddell	Dave & Pat Westover		Ann Thompson	Jan Seager

Jean Ecklund's sister who was diagnosed with cancer

Heaton Family (Huntingdon house explosion)

Valley View Haven: Shirley Morris – Room 504 VVH, Belleville, Alice Long, Room 510

Valley View Memory Lane: Bob Himes, VVH Room 716, Belleville

Valley View Assisted Living: Art Kauffman Room A214 & Doris Wilson Room A110

Westminster Woods: Bill Rumbaugh – 360 Westminster Dr., Huntingdon, PA 16652

In the Military: Rob Westover, Dave Westover, Eric Kauffman, Shawn Seager, Micah Yoder, Michael Yutesler

Presbytery Prayer Calendar

Pine Grove Mills congregation – Rev. Carl Campbell, Pastor

Those in nursing homes and special care facilities

Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg

Windy Hill Village

The churches, witness to the local community

Office Hours

Rev. Robertson is setting aside Friday and Saturday as Sabbath rest and service prep. Calls and emails are welcome but are likely to be responded to more quickly Monday - Thursday. Schedule will flex to accommodate requests, events, appointments and meetings, however, the following schedule will be a guideline.

Monday will be focused on St. Johns - working at home and in the office at least 11a- 2p

Tuesday shared for bulletin prep between the two congregations.

Wednesday denominational and pastoral concerns.

Thursday focused on West Kish - working from home and in the office 9:30a- 12:30p or more.


You are welcome to call 740-338-7123 anytime - Note this is an Ohio phone number but if you get a call from 7123 - it is not a call to sell you insurance!

The secretary is generally in the office on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9:30-noon.



Sing Praises, All You Peoples

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Sing Praises, All You Peoples". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lauda Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! English Sing prai - ses, all you peo - ples, sing prai - ses to the Lord!". The second system continues the melody and lyrics: "Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Sing prai - ses, all you peo - ples, sing prai - ses to the Lord." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.



275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God





1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -





fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through




mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



The Church's One Foundation

Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 May live eternally.

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Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobgesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts, And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.