

Round Hill Presbyterian Church

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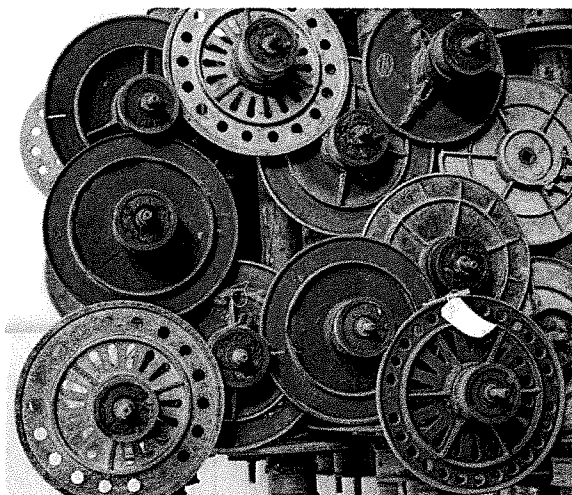
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October 10, 2021

Verse for Meditation:

Proverbs 19:21

“The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the LORD
that will be established.”

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Nominating Committee

INTROIT

* INVOCATION

Pr. Matt Stith

HYMN:

“We Praise Thee, O God”

No. 334

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Leader: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

"Seek Ye First"

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:1-5

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 25:1-22

Three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem ² where the chief priests and the leaders of the Jews gave him a report against Paul. They appealed to him ³ and requested, as a favor to them against Paul, to have him transferred to Jerusalem. They were, in fact, planning an ambush to kill him along the way. ⁴ Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea, and that he himself intended to go there shortly. ⁵ "So," he said, "let those of you who have the authority come down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them accuse him."

⁶ After he had stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea; the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. ⁷ When he arrived, the Jews who had gone down from Jerusalem surrounded him, bringing many serious charges against him, which they could not prove. ⁸ Paul said in his defense, "I have in no way committed an offense against the law of the Jews, or against the temple, or against the emperor." ⁹ But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, asked Paul, "Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and be tried there before me on these charges?" ¹⁰ Paul said, "I am appealing to the emperor's tribunal; this is where I should be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. ¹¹ Now if I am in the wrong and have committed something for which I deserve to die, I am not trying to escape death; but if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can turn me over to them. I appeal

to the emperor.” ¹² Then Festus, after he had conferred with his council, replied, “You have appealed to the emperor; to the emperor you will go.”

¹³ After several days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to welcome Festus. ¹⁴ Since they were staying there several days, Festus laid Paul’s case before the king, saying, “There is a man here who was left in prison by Felix.

¹⁵ When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me about him and asked for a sentence against him. ¹⁶ I told them that it was not the custom of the Romans to hand over anyone before the accused had met the accusers face to face and had been given an opportunity to make a defense against the charge. ¹⁷ So when they met here, I lost no time, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. ¹⁸ When the accusers stood up, they did not charge him with any of the crimes that I was expecting. ¹⁹ Instead they had certain points of disagreement with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. ²⁰ Since I was at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wished to go to Jerusalem and be tried there on these charges. ²¹ But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of his Imperial Majesty, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to the emperor.” ²² Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” he said, “you will hear him.”

SERMON

“Wheels within Wheels”

Pr. Matt Stith

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 18

Q: What is God’s providence?

A: God’s providence is his completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action, ordering them all to his own glory.

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

* HYMN: *“Be Still, My Soul”*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* 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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN: *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE: *God be with you 'til we meet again,
if life's trials should confound you,
God will put His arms around you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer 334

KREMSER

As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name. — Isaiah 47:4

Netherlands Folk Song

Julia C. Cory

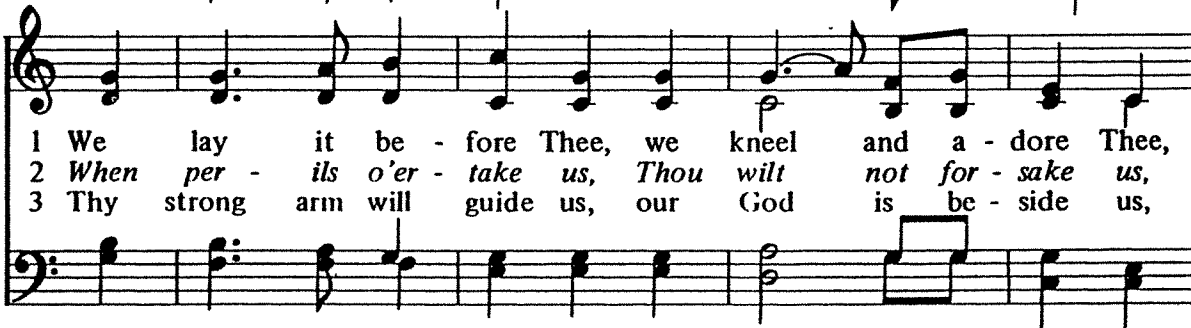
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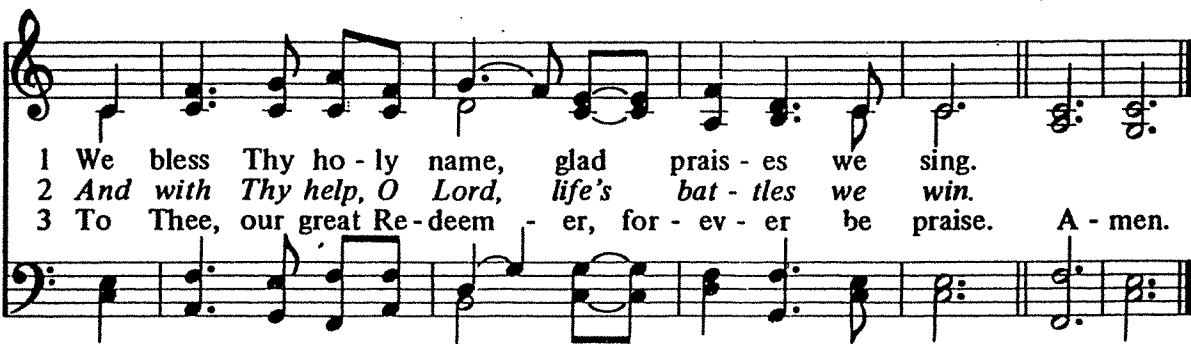
1 We praise Thee, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor,
2 We wor - ship Thee, God of our fa - thers, we bless Thee;
3 With voic - es u - ni - ted our prais - es we of - fer,



1 In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
2 Through life's storm and tem - pest our guide hast Thou been.
3 And glad - ly our songs of true wor - ship we raise.



1 We lay it be - fore Thee, we kneel and a - dore Thee,
2 When per - ils o'er - take us, Thou wilt not for - sake us,
3 Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us,



1 We bless Thy ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
2 And with Thy help, O Lord, life's bat - tles we win.
3 To Thee, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise. A - men.

Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -



God to or - der and pro - vide— in ev - ery change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake— all now mys - te - rious
 point-ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

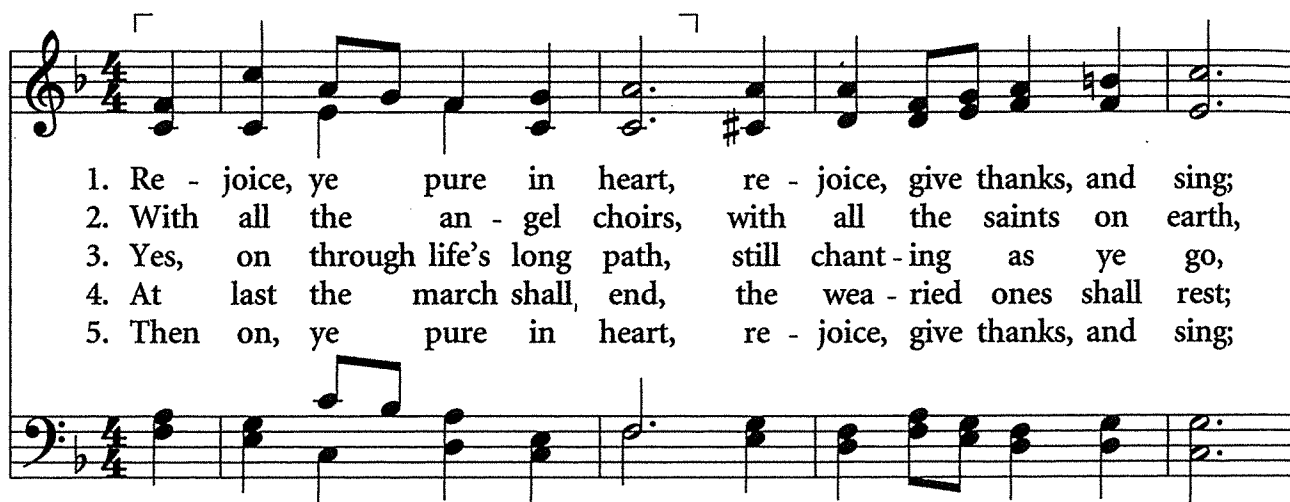


faith-ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven-ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

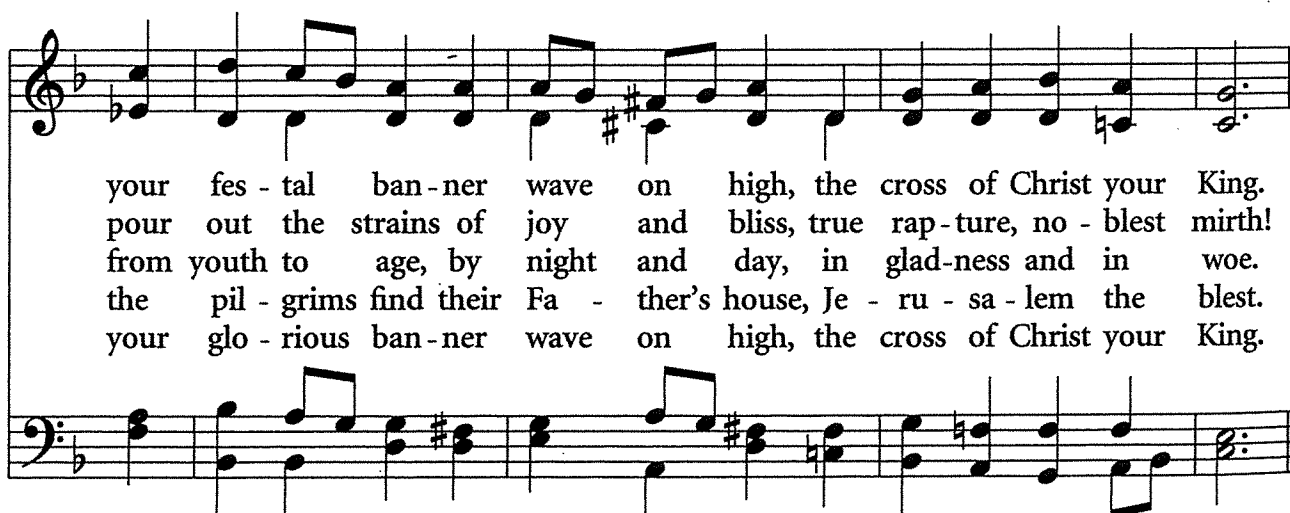


friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4. At last the march shall end, the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5. Then on, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 Re - joice, re - joice,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

MARION
 SM with refrain
Psalm 24:3-4

Liturgist – Gayle Larcinese

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DEACONS

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Alyssa Coleman	Marilyn Christenson	Lori Fritz
Barb Gaylord	Tanya Jackson	Linda Leggett
Julius Simon	Joyce Sandor	Eileen Russell
Shara Zoeller	Karen Welsh	Janice Sherman
Moderator of Deacons / Linda Leggett		

SEPTEMBER 2021

Fund	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$13,781.00	\$14,932.08	-\$2,859.47
Dedicated Funds	\$485.00	\$405.00	\$29,900.24

As for me and my house
we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



October 10, 2021

Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

Jim Christenson, Bill & Bev Harchelroad, Wyatt Hoyn, Mark Lehner, Robert & Janice Sherman, Kathy Skene, Howard Sutton, Jim Stith, Tina, Glenn Wagner

On-Going Requests: Alimjan, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Berl Lewis, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggelman, Tom Russell, Madelyn Ryan, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Church, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, Young Life, President Biden & Governing Leaders

Military: Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Corey Hobaugh, Matthew Hobaugh, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

College Students: Kate Baron, Michael Danto III, Joram Stith, Morgan Winwood

Prayers for POA Churches: First Presbyterian of Bakerstown (Rev. Becker)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Portia (Europe)

Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 10, 2021

THRIVING SURVIVORS

This Tuesday, October 12th, we'll be heading to the Carriage Inn in Elizabeth for our Thriving Survivors lunch. If you are interested in joining in our adventure, please let Karen Welsh know (412-889-4748) by October 11th and she will reserve a seat for you.



JOY FELLOWSHIP

After a long hiatus Joy Fellowship will be resuming on Thursday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at Tanya Jackson's house.

If you have any questions, please call her
(H) 412-384-7152 or (C) 412-760-5594.



NEW LIFE OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER INVITES YOU TO THEIR 31st ANNUAL GALA BANQUET

Sunday, November 7th in the Sunset Room at the Vista, 95 Enterprise St., Elizabeth. Special guest speaker is Dan Kulp-comedian, actor, author, and pastor. Seating begins at 4:00 p.m. Dinner and program 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Dinner is complimentary (Sunday attire). RSVP by October 28, 2021. For more information and to make reservations see Bob Leggett.

CHOIR, ANYONE?

The choir has room for you! If God has given you the gift of singing, please come and share it with us! Choir practice is now held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. See Mayim Stith if you are interested or have any questions.





SAVE YOUR CALENDARS!

Please bring those extra 2022 calendars that you get in the mail to Marilyn Christenson as she is collecting them for the Food Pantry.

RECHARGE WITH US!



RECHARGE is a ministry of Round Hill Church, open to the whole community. On Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 to 8:00, we gather to share in a brief time of praise and worship, a light meal, and fellowship around the table. Following the meal there is time for fellowship to continue and for meeting with various groups, including choir practice, Bible studies, and more.



KIDS' CORNER

Kids of all ages are always welcome in our worship services, but the Kids' Corner is an area downstairs in the Fellowship Hall that is set up for kids who may find the worship service a bit too long, or otherwise need a break. There are books, toys, and puzzles available, and the service is simulcast on the big-screen TV nearby, so parents won't miss out. Feel free to take advantage of this area at any time!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



The Food Pantry is requesting donations of pasta for the month of October. Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the Food Pantry door in the CE building. Thank you for helping those in need!

