

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 834

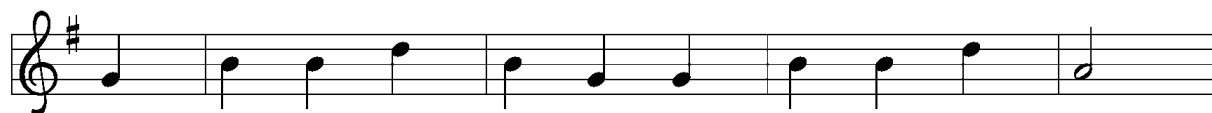
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection

C: Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**
(Please be seated)


GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE


Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and

a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Teresa McNamara

(Please stand as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 778

O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –APOSTLES CREED**

**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.**

(Please be seated)

+ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD +

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God in your mercy,)

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

OFFERTORY

ELW 481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord’s in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and*

for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able)

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

A: Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Feb's Income: \$13,916

Average Attendance: 20

Feb's Expense: \$18,764

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary by Roy and Susan Shillady.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 3/16

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Gary P. – Usher

Pysher/Devine – Usher

Meghan G. – Altar

Scheduled to serve 3/23

Alan S. – Assisting Minister

Klines - Ushers

Downey/Deemer - Counters

Meghan G. - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Mar 17

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

Wed, Mar 19

5:30pm – Lenten Service/Dinner (Hall)

7:30pm - AA (Mtg Rm)

Thu, Mar 20

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sat, Mar 22

10:00am – Sanctuary Use (SOP)

10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sun, Mar 23

10:15am–Worship

12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Mike Longo

Rob Hahn

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Judy McGrane

Kelly Conaghan

Scott Smith

Cliff Kellett

Lois Saunders

Eileen Maloney

Linda Martin

Jackie Bernduer White

Jackie Dewitt

Maureen Colahan

Ann Ferguson

Sonya Baxter

Ed Shoup

Jean Cilurso

Phyllis Horton

Lou Vallies

Geralyn Gerakaris

Kathy Shoup

Lynn McGrane

John Hoyt

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Mar., please call the office).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, Bob Kerns, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

BREAD OF LIFE LENTEN SERVICE – Wed, Mar 19 at 5:30. Join us for a shared meal and Lenten service hosted by Holy Spirit in the hall. Help is needed for the meal. See sign-up sheets outside the office.

BREAKFAST SERVICE –Mar 31– Join us for our breakfast service in the Social Hall.

MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERING

BREAD OF LIFE LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES WITH MEAL WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30PM

March 19 - host: Holy Spirit, Secane - preacher: Pr. Marie

March 26 - host: St. Tim's, Aston - preacher: Pr. Scott

April 2 - host: St. Matthew's, Woodlyn - preacher: Pr. Terri

April 9 - host: St. John's, Folcroft- preacher: Pr. Terri

NEW DIRECTORIES -. Please look on the back table in the Social Hall for copies. If you would like one emailed to you, let the office know.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2025 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are now \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS –There will be a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

BOTTLE CAPS - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

PRE-K REQUEST – Looking for empty 1 lb. tin coffee cans for a craft project. Just leave in the office.



Teachers' Teammates

This year during Lent we will be having a collection for a charity we have not donated to previously, Teachers' Teammates.

Teachers' Teammates is a non-profit organization that provides resources for K-12 students and teachers in Delaware County to help them succeed in their education. They distribute free school supplies to students and teachers in public, charter and parochial schools where at least 65% of the students qualify for the National Student Lunch Program.

What makes this different from the backpack collection is that they also accept used items. These used items must be in good working order, readily usable without assembly, and free of dirt, mold, water damage or pet hair. Reusing these items reduces waste and helps our environment. They also accept items other than school supplies like toys, puzzles, arts and craft supplies, reusable shopping bags, office supplies and more. A list for acceptable and unacceptable donations can be found on the table outside of the sanctuary.

At the present time there is a special need for school supplies for the 2nd semester: markers- dry erase and highlighters, filler paper, pens, crayons and colored pencils, pencil sharpeners- hand held barrel type erasers, wedge rulers, pencil pouches 3 hole with grommets, 2 pocket folders and glue sticks.

The collection will run **from March 1- April 6th**. The collected items will be taken to their warehouse in Folcroft. You can also donate money on their website: teachersteammates.org or donate to their Amazon Wishlist. I hope the members of Holy Spirit will support this worthwhile outreach program.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Holy Spirit is sponsoring its 19th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2025. The Egg Hunt will begin at 12 noon.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Bags of candy to fill the Plastic Easter Eggs. **ALL CANDY MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED** (please send in candy that will fit in a one inch egg). There is a container in the Narthex for you to leave the candy in. Please bring in the candy as soon as possible so we can plan ahead. No hard candy please.
- For the food – needed are hotdogs and water. See the signup sheets in the front hallway. Please give the hotdogs to Bill or Cyndi Kline, Nancy Harris or Gary Pysher. The water can be left under the table when you first enter the social hall.
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- HELP on the day of the hunt. We can use volunteers to help with the hunt, craft table, registration and just being on hand to greet our community and join in the fun.
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ALL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE FRONT HALL.

Thank you!

HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane, PA - (Ridley Township)

19th ANNUAL COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG HUNT

for kids ages 2-10

Saturday, April 12, 2025

11:30 a.m. – registration

12:00 noon – Easter Egg Hunt 2 & 3 Year olds

12:15ish p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt for 4-10 year olds

Hotdogs * Drinks * Prizes * Craft for kids

Reservations are required!

Go to: holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com
to make reservations or if you have questions.





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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Purpose and Perseverance

This week's gospel text from Luke presents another temptation for Jesus. The Pharisees approach Jesus with a warning about his safety, telling him to "get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you" (Luke 13:31). Not only do the Pharisees want Jesus to leave, but one can assume they also want Jesus to stop doing what he was doing: speaking against the Pharisees, teaching about God, and healing on the sabbath. We know the Pharisees are "very hostile" (Luke 11:53) toward Jesus, so we can conclude that their warning is not a genuine expression of concern but rather an attempt to stop his mission and ministry.

However, Jesus will not be distracted or turned away from his purpose, even if that includes moving toward his own death in Jerusalem. In Jesus' ability to fulfill his purpose, even in the midst of opposition, we find inspiration as we seek to live our lives in concert with God's purposes. As Christians, Jesus' purpose is our purpose. The church, the body of Christ, doesn't exist for itself. Rather, the church exists to be a partner with God in God's mission to love, bless, and reconcile the world.