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Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Faye Hipkiss
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan
Flutist	Shirley Long	Children's Church	Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter	Melanie Leedom	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Lector	Maureen Logan	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Responder	Lisa Dreibelbis	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
		Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

203 All Glory Be to God on High



1. All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks to Him for -
 2. O Fa - ther, for Your lord - ship true We give You praise and
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Of God, cre - a - tion's
 4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, Who brings us con - so -

ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God foils their dark en -
 hon - or; We wor - ship You, we trust in You, We give You thanks for -
 au - thor, Re - deem - er of Your wan - d'ring ones, And source of all true
 la - tion: To men and wo - men saved by Christ As - sure Your in - spi -

deav - or. He bends his ear to ev - ery call And
 ev - er. Your will is per - fect, and Your might Re -
 plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O Lord di - vine, Con -
 ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and bit - ter death, Grant

of - fers peace, good - will to all, And calms the trou - bled spir - it.
 lent - less - ly con - firms the right; Your lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 form our lives to Your de - sign, And on us all have mer - cy.
 us Your warm, life - giv - ing breath; Our lives are in Your keep - ing.

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Call to Worship: **Psalm 34:1-3**

- ¹ I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Daniel 2:1-6, 10-13, 24-28a**

¹ In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. ² So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, ³ he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

⁴ Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

⁵ The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. ⁶ But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."

¹⁰ The astrologers answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. ¹¹ What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans."

¹² This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³ So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

²⁴ Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."

²⁵ Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means."

²⁶ The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?"

²⁷ Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come.

The Response: **Psalm 124:2-8** (Responsive)

- ² If the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us,
³ **they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;**
- ⁴ the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
⁵ **the raging waters
would have swept us away.**
- ⁶ Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
- ⁷ **We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;**
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.
- ⁸ **Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 16:13-20**

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Worship in Giving: **Isaiah 58:10**

- ¹⁰ If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord 381

4. Teach Thou my lips to sing, my heart to praise; Be Thou my
 Lord and King thro' all my days. Teach Thou my soul to cry, "Be Thou, dear
 Sav - ior, nigh, Teach me to live, to die, saved by Thy grace." A - men.

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Holy, holy is He
 Sing a new song to Him who sits on
 Heaven's mercy seat

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 Holy, holy is He
 Sing a new song to Him who sits on
 Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
 You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
 Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
 Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
 To You: the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
 You are my everything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
 At the mention of Your name
 Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water
 Such a marvelous mystery
 Oh, You're worthy, mystery
 You are worthy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
 You are my everything and I will adore You
 I will adore You

Waymaker

You are here
 Moving in our midst
 I worship You
 I worship You
 You are here
 Working in this place
 I worship You
 I worship You

You are here
 Moving in our midst
 I worship You
 I worship You
 You are here
 Working in this place
 I worship You
 I worship You

[CHORUS]

*Way Maker, Miracle Worker
 Promise Keeper
 Light in the darkness
 My God, That is who You are*

[REPEAT CHORUS]

You are here
 Touching every heart
 I worship You
 I worship You
 You are here
 Healing every heart
 I worship You
 I worship You

You are here
 Turning lives around
 I worship You
 I worship You
 You are here
 Mending every heart
 I worship You
 I worship You

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

You wipe away all tears
 You mend the broken heart
 You're the answer to it all
 Jesus

You wipe away all tears
 You mend the broken heart
 You're the answer to it all

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

You are here
 Touching every life
 I worship You
 I worship You
 You are here
 Meeting every need
 I worship You
 I worship You

Out in the Highways and Byways of Life 494

1. Out in the high-ways and by-ways of life, Man-y are wea-ry and sad; are wea-ry and sad;
 2. Tell the sweet sto-ry of Christ and His love, Tell of His pow'r to for-give; His pow'r to for-give;
 3. Give as 'twas giv-en to you in your need, Love as the Mas-ter loved you; the Mas-ter loved you;

Car - ry the sun-shine where dark-ness is rife, Mak-ing the sor-row-ing glad.
 Oth-ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove True, ev - ery mo-ment you live.
 Be to the help-less a help - er in-deed, Un - to your mis-sion be true.

Refrain
 Make me a bless - ing, make me a bless - ing, Out of my
 life may Je - sus shine; Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior,
out of my life
 I pray, I pray Thee, my Sav-ior, Make me a bless - ing to some-one to - day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 3: PROMOTION SUNDAY for Sunday School students

Saturday, September 9: CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

@ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

Sunday, September 10, 17, 24: CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

supporting our missionaries

Monday, September 11: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, September 14: MEN OF ADVENTURE

@ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kirby Keller

Thursday, September 14: WOMEN OF FAITH

@ 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge

Monday, September 18: FAMILY CARE MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Sunday, September 24: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC following morning worship

at the Myerstown Rod & Gun Club. Please sign up to bring food.

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • canned vegetables • canned fruits
 • crackers (Saltines and other types of boxed crackers) • regular items—basically
 anything will help fill their shelves. They are serving 47 to 53 families.

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please
 send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

DENOMINATION WIDE PRAYER SUMMIT

 Evangelical Congregational Church

Saturday, September 16, 2023

9 AM to 3 PM • \$15 (includes lunch)

**Friday night accommodations available in
Aspen Lodge. Cost for accommodations*:**

\$75 per person for double occupancy

\$105 per person for single occupancy

**includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday*

To register, go to Twinpines.org.

[Registration Deadline is Sept. 11th.]

Questions? Contact Jonah at Twin Pines:

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 Christ Community CHURCH

Annual Fall Church Picnic

- Following morning worship
- Sign up sheet found in the narthex
- Please bring a lawn chair
- Bring your A-game for Corn Hole!

Sunday • September 24 • 12:15 pm
Myerstown Rod & Gun Club