

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	No One Understands Like Jesus - Peterson / Wilson	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Deuteronomy 33:26-27	Rev. Tim Valentino Lisa Dreibelbis
Hymn	410: What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Shirley Long
The Response	Psalms 1:1-6	Shirley Long/Lisa Dreibelbis
The New Testament Lesson	Philemon 1:4-21	Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	2 Corinthians 9:7	Rev. Tim Valentino
Sunday School Promotions and Teacher Recognition		
Prayer Hymn	312: Simply Trusting Every Day (v. 2)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	Battle Belongs In Christ Alone with Solid Rock	Congregation
Sermon	Singing in the Rain, Part 9: Trusting God through Crisis (Psalms 116:1-19)	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	23: How Can I Say Thanks	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	Holy Is the Lord - Bradbury / DeCou	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638

Lector	Shirley Long	Children's Church Leader	Sonya Valentino
Responder	Lisa Dreibelbis	Nursery	Christie & Dave Dennis
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Flutist	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitar	Scott Auchenbach	Counters, month of September	Dave Focht, Mike Oswald
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan		

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 410



WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
10.9.10.9 Ref.

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 33:26-27

²⁶ “There is no one like the God of Israel,
**who rides across the heavens
to help you and on the clouds
in his majesty.**

²⁷ The eternal God is your refuge,
**and underneath are the
everlasting arms.**

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷ If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸ and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹ “Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

The Response: Psalm 1:1-6 (Responsive)

¹ Blessed is the one who
does not walk in step with the wicked
**or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,**

² but whose delight is in the law of the
LORD, and who meditates on
his law day and night.

³ **That person is like a tree planted
by streams of water, which
yields its fruit in season**

and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

⁴ **Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand
in the judgment, nor sinners in
the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD watches over
the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
leads to destruction.**

The New Testament Reading: Philemon 1:4-21

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Worship in Giving: 2 Corinthians 9:7

⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

312 Simply Trusting Every Day

2. Bright - ly doth His Spir - it shine In - to this poor heart of mine;

While He leads I can - not fall, Trust - ing Je - sus—that is all.

Refrain

Trust - ing as the mo - ments fly, Trust - ing as the days go by;

Trust - ing Him what - e'er be - fall, Trust - ing Je - sus—that is all.

WORDS: Edgar P. Stites, 1876
MUSIC: Ira D. Sankey, 1876

TRUSTING JESUS
7.7.7.7 Ref.

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle,
You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain,
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now,
for I am safe with You

(CHORUS)

***So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You***

And if You are for me,
who can be against me?
For Jesus, there's nothing
impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes,
You see the beauty,
When all I see is a cross, God,
You see the empty tomb

(REPEAT CHORUS 1X)

***Almighty Fortress, You go before us
Nothing can stand against
the power of our God
You shine in the shadow,
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
the power of our God***

(REPEAT ABOVE 2X)

(REPEAT CHORUS 1X)

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sins curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

***On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

(REPEAT CHORUS 1X)

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From lifes first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand

23 How Can I Say Thanks

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?

Things so un-de-served, Yet You gave to prove Your love for me; The

voic-es of a mil-lion an-gels could not ex-press my gra-ti-tude.

All that I am, and ev-er hope to be; I owe it all to Thee.

Refrain
To God be the glo-ry, To God be the glo-ry,

To God be the glo-ry For the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raised me;

Fine
To God be the glo-ry For the things He has done.

Just let me live my life; Let it be pleas-ing, Lord, to Thee.

D.S. al Fine
And if I gain an-y praise, Let it go to Cal-va-ry. With His

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MY TRIBUTE
Irregular meter

* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 7 RECOGNITION & PROMOTION SUNDAY for Sunday School students and teachers

Monday, September 8 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Thursday, September 11 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge
MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller

September 14 @ 9:00 a.m. LECTOR WORKSHOP • Room 210

September 15 @ 6:30 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY CARE MINISTRY • Zinn Commons

Beginning September 24 @ 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • **BOTH** on-line & in Zinn Commons

Sunday, September 28: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC * following morning worship
• Featuring a puppet show! • Myerstown Rod & Gun Club

October 5 @ 10:30 a.m. COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5 @ 8:00 p.m. THE FAITH & SCIENCE CENTER'S STARGAZER EVENT *
Myerstown Rod & Gun Club

October 11 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. WOMEN'S RETREAT • Zinn Commons

Saturday, October 18 @ 11:00 a.m. THE FAITH & SCIENCE CENTER'S PICNIC & DISCUSSION *
Blue Marsh Lake (Leave from the Convenience Parking Lot)

Sunday, October 19: CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons. *
Please sign up to attend and/or bring food.

Saturday, October 25: from 3:00-4:30 p.m. TRUNK OR TREAT in church parking lot.
• Candy donations are greatly appreciated to help out those who are decorating their cars for Trunk or Treat. There is a box in the lobby for your donations. All candy must be wrapped. Sugar free, peanut free and gluten free items are also needed.
• Let us know if you will be decorating a car by signing the sheet in the narthex.

SHARING CUPBOARD NEEDS

- **SPAGHETTI SAUCE • CANNED FRUIT**
- Soup • Cereal • Snack Foods • Peanut Butter
- Corn • Chips & Pretzels • Cookies & Crackers
- Spaghetti • Liquid & Bar Soap • Toothpaste
- Women's Care Items

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

Christ Community Church

Free! ONE DAY Women's Retreat

Saturday
October 11, 2025
10:00am to 2:00PM

Register at
www.christcomm.church
Registration Opens 9/1/25

Breakout Session Choices

- ♦ Individual discipleship
- ♦ Impactful prayer ministry
- ♦ Intentional Bible study
- ♦ Inspiring card ministry

ENCOURAGING MESSAGE | IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Family/Sensory Room - now available!

Christ Community Church provides a room where parents and teachers can take a child who needs to calm down and regroup in order to return to the sanctuary or classroom. We are calling it the Family/Sensory Room and it can be found in **room 203**.

There is a bin containing various fidget/ tactile gadgets to help the child regain composure. We recommend the adult give the child a choice of two items from the bin and set the timer for no more than 5 minutes.

Take time to calmly review behavioral expectations before returning the fidget items to the bin and going back to the classroom or sanctuary.

Christ Kids' Church - update

Is your child attending Kids' Church during worship? Please provide a phone number that can be used to reach a responsible party in case the child needs assistance during morning worship. Also be sure to set your phone to vibrate prior to the start of the service. If your child needs your attention for any reason, we will first attempt to take them to the family room and contact you.

When worship is over, please pick up your children from Christ Kids' Church (room 110) by 12:00 pm.