

Organ Voluntary	Arise to Life - Edward Broughton	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	Ephesians 2:19-22	Pastor Tim Valentino Kaye Focht
Hymn	237: How Firm a Foundation	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Shirley Long
The Response	Psalms 130:1-8	Shirley Long / Kaye Focht
The Gospel Reading (Please stand)	John 11:38-44	Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	Psalms 54:6	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	241: I Lay My Sins on Jesus (vs. 4 only)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	Graves into Gardens / Jesus, Only Jesus	Congregation
Sermon	Eyes on Christ, Part 11: Take Away the Stone (John 11:1-45)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	310: Jesus is All the World To Me	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	Rise and Rejoice - Franklin Ritter	Pat Shroff

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

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Responder	Kaye Focht	Nursery	Faye Hipkiss, Ginny Hauer
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Flutist	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Dawn Sharp, Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	Counters (March)	Kaye Focht, Vivian Hardy
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	My PALS Preschool Ministry Director	Sharon Wenger

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237 How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fier-y tri-als thy path-way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re- pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex-cel-lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 The riv-ers of sor-row shall not o-ver-flow;
 My grace, all suf-fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply:
 I will not, I will not de-sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be with thee, thy trou-bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on-ly de-sign shake,
 That soul, though all hell should en-deav-or to

To you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
 Up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
 And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.
 Thy dross to con-sume, and thy gold to re-fine.
 I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake!" A-men.

WORDS: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

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Call to Worship: **Ephesians 2:19-22**

¹⁹You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household,

²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’ ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

The Response: **Psalm 130:1-8**

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

**²Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

³If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

**⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence,
serve you.**

⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

**⁶I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait
for the morning, more than
watchmen wait for the morning.**

⁷Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

**⁸He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

PLEASE STAND: The Gospel Lesson: **John 11:38-44**

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

Worship in Giving: Psalm 54:6

⁶I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.

241 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

4. I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly, mild;
I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly Child:
I long to be with Je - sus, A - mid the heav'n - ly throng,
To sing with saints His prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song. A - men.

WORDS: Horatius Bonar, 1843
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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Graves into Gardens

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures
that fade are never enough.

Then You came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now
satisfied here in Your love.

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
there's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws,
Lord, You've seen them all,
and You still call me friend.

'Cause the God of the mountain
is the God of the valley.
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace
won't find me again.

Oh, there's nothing better than You
there's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.
You turn mourning to dancing.
You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory.
You're the only one who can.

[CHORUS]

You turn graves into garden.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
there's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.

There's nothing better than You.
there's nothing, better than You
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can.

Jesus, Only Jesus

Who has the power to raise the dead?
Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness
Jesus, only Jesus

Who can make the blind to see?
Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace
Jesus, only Jesus

[CHORUS]

Holy, King almighty Lord
Saints and angels all adore
I join with them and bow before
Jesus, only Jesus

Who can command the highest praise?
Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed
Jesus, only Jesus

(REPEAT CHORUS 1X)

You will command the highest praise!
Yours is the name above all names!
You stand alone, I stand amazed
Jesus, only Jesus!
Jesus, only Jesus!

(REPEAT CHORUS 1X)

You will command the highest praise
Yours is the name above all names
You stand alone, I stand amazed
Jesus, only Jesus

Jesus, only Jesus
There's no other
Jesus, only Jesus

310 Jesus Is All the World to Me



1. Je - sus is all the world to me, My life, my joy, my all;
2. Je - sus is all the world to me, My Friend in tri - als sore;
3. Je - sus is all the world to me, And true to Him I'll be;
4. Je - sus is all the world to me, I want no bet - ter friend;



He is my strength from day to day, With - out Him I would fall.
I go to Him for bless - ings, and He gives them o'er and o'er.
O, how could I this Friend de - ny, When He's so true to me?
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when Life's fleet - ing days shall end.



When I am sad to Him I go, No oth - er one can cheer me so;
He sends the sun - shine and the rain, He sends the har - vest's gold - en grain;
Fol - low - ing Him I know I'm right, He watch - es o'er me day and night;
Beau - ti - ful life with such a Friend; Beau - ti - ful life that has no end;



When I am sad He makes me glad, He's my Friend.
Sun - shine and rain, har - vest of grain, He's my Friend.
Fol - low - ing Him by day and night, He's my Friend.
E - ter - nal life, e - ter - nal joy, He's my Friend.



WORDS and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1904

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Sunday, March 22 @ 12:00 p.m. EASTER CHOIR REHEARSAL • Sanctuary

Sunday, March 22 @ 12:00 p.m. FILLED EASTER EGGS DUE • Narthex

Sunday, March 22 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. (Show at 3:00 p.m.)*
FAITH & SCIENCE CENTER TRIP TO THE READING PLANETARIUM
500 Museum Road, Reading, PA 19611

Monday, March 23 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE DISCUSSION • Room 211
(Chapters 3-4 of the Meyer Book)

Wednesday, March 25 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • Zinn Commons & Zoom

Thursday, March 26 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH • Student Life Center

----- HOLY WEEK BEGINS -----

Sunday, March 29 @ 10:30 a.m. PALM SUNDAY SERVICE • Sanctuary

Sunday, March 29 @ 12:30 p.m. CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT* • Lower Lawn

Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30 p.m. OPTIONAL PRE-SERVICE FOOT-WASHING • Zinn Commons

Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE • Sanctuary

Friday, April 3 @ 4:30 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY FILM: THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST • Zinn Commons

Friday, April 3 @ 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE • Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5 @ 9:00 a.m. EASTER CHOIR REHEARSAL • Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5 @ 9:00 a.m. EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST* • Zinn Commons

Sunday, April 5 @ 10:30 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE • Sanctuary

----- HOLY WEEK ENDS -----

Monday, April 6 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE DISCUSSION • Room 211
(Chapters 5-6 of the Meyer Book)

Thursday, April 9 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH • STUDENT LOUNGE
MEN OF ADVENTURE • home of Kirby Keller

Saturday, April 11 @ 7:00 p.m. THRESHOLD: YOUNG ADULT GROUP • HANGOUT NIGHT
Meeting in Student Life Center

Sunday, April 12 after morning worship WIDOWS' MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY MEETING • Sanctuary

April 13 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Sunday, April 19 @ 12:00 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON* • Zinn Commons

Saturday, April 25 @ 9:00 a.m. JOURNEY WITH JESUS DISCIPLESHIP
SEMINAR FOR WOMEN* • Zinn Commons

Saturday, May 9 • noon - 2:00 p.m. REMEMBER THE LADIES LUNCHEON*
with speaker Linda Manwiller • Zinn Commons

Anna's Circle – Widows' Ministry of Prayer

Introductory meeting Sunday, **April 12** after morning worship



Anna's Circle A Ministry of Prayer

A new ministry of prayer is being formed for widows within the church community. Inspired by the example of Anna the Prophetess and the early church's recognition of widows devoted to prayer (1 Timothy 5), Anna's Circle will bring together women who desire to support the church through faithful intercession.

Widows are warmly invited to an introductory meeting on the first Sunday after Easter (**April 12th**) immediately following the morning service. At this gathering we will briefly share the vision for Anna's Circle and discuss future meeting times.

Contact **Dawn Sharp** for more information: 717-954-3042 • drsharp9.30@gmail.com

Inviting **ALL** ladies
Coffee & tea gathering • Celebrating us!
Remember the Ladies

When: **Saturday, May 9**
Luncheon: **11:30 a.m.**
Speaker: **Linda Manwiller at 1:00 p.m.**
Where: **Christ Community Church**



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Threshold:

Receive
a fresh
anointing
for what
lies ahead



Threshold: Young Adults
Group • Monthly Hangout Night
Saturday, April 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for our first Young Adult Monthly Hangout Night for our New Young Adult Group. We will be playing board games, watching *The Chosen Season 1* and getting to know each other.

We will be meeting in the Student Life Center.



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Easter Egg Hunt

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PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026
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RAIN EVENT WILL BE A
DRIVE-THRU EGG HUNT.

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.

NEW need for VBS: GREEN PLASTIC TABLE CLOTHS