

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Organ Voluntary	Adoration Medley - Arr. Leatherman	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	157: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain	Pastor Tim Valentino Kaye Focht
Hymn	1 Peter 1:3	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The First Reading	Acts 2:14, 36-41	Shirley Long
The Response	Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17	Shirley Long / Kaye Focht
The Gospel Lesson (Please stand)	Luke 24:13-35	Shirley Long
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	1 Timothy 6:17	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	434: What A Friend We Have in Jesus (v.2)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	Ancient Words / Same God	Congregation
Sermon	Life in His Name, Part 2: On the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	525: Face to Face with Christ My Savior	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	Praise to the Living God - Edward Broughton	Pat Shroff

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

Lector	Shirley Long	Children's Church Leader	Stephanie Hammer, Deb Smith
Responder	Kaye Focht	Nursery	Lori & Jim Danielson
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
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 (April)	Shirley Long, Grace Miller
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	My PALS Preschool Ministry Director	Sharon Wenger

157 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain



1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day, Christ hath burst His pris - on,
 3. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry To our King Im - mor - tal,

God hath brought His peo - ple forth In - to joy from sad - ness.
 And from three day's sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en.
 Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal;

Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, And with true af - fec - tion
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;

Wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 From His light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing. A - men.

WORDS: John of Damascus, 8th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1859
 MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

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The First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

³⁶“Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Response:

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (Responsive)

¹I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

²**Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

¹⁰**I trusted in the LORD when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;** ¹¹**in my alarm I said, “Everyone is a liar.”**

¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

¹³**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.**

¹⁶Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

¹⁷**I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.**

PLEASE STAND:

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of

our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Worship in Giving: 1 Timothy 6:17

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

434 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?

We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?

Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, 1855
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

[CHORUS]

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses
The One who opened up the ocean
I need You now to do the same thing for me

[CHORUS]

O God, my God, I need You
O God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now
O Rock, O Rock of Ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath,
but I've got my own giants!

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

You heard Your children then,
You hear Your children now
You are the same God,
You are the same God
You answered prayers back then,
and You will answer now
You are the same God,
You are the same God
You were providing then,
You are providing now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

You moved in power then,
God, move in power now
You are the same God,
You are the same God
You were a healer then,
You are a healer now
You are the same God,
You are the same God
You were a Savior then,
You are a Savior now
You are the same God,
You are the same God

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

525 Face to Face with Christ My Savior

* Sign-up Sheet
in the Narthex

LOOKING AHEAD

1. Face to face with Christ my Sav - ior, Face to face—what will it be—
 2. On - ly faint - ly now I see Him, With the dark - ling veil be - tween;
 3. What re - joic - ing in His pres - ence When are ban - ished grief and pain;
 4. Face to face! O bliss - ful mo - ment! Face to face—to see and know;

When with rap - ture I be - hold Him, Je - sus Christ who died for me?
 But a bless - ed day is com - ing When His glo - ry shall be seen.
 When the crook - ed ways are straight - ened And the dark things shall be plain.
 Face to face with my Re - deem - er, Je - sus Christ who loves me so.

Refrain
 Face to face I shall be - hold Him, Far be - yond the star - ry sky;

Face to face in all His glo - ry, I shall see Him by and by!

WORDS: Carrie E. Breck, 1898
 MUSIC: Grant C. Tullar, 1898

FACE TO FACE
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PROPERTY CLEAN-UP: WEED PULLING

Time to catch up with yard work on **our** church property! **Let's pull the weeds** before they get out of control – specifically around the foundation of our building. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER**, no sign up necessary. Let Maureen know you are willing to help.

Need for VBS: **GREEN PLASTIC TABLE CLOTHS**

- TODAY** @ 12:00 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON* • Zinn Commons
- Monday, April 20** @ 6:30 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY CARE MEETING • Zinn Commons.
- Wednesday, April 22** @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • Zinn Commons & Zoom
- Thursday, April 23** @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH • Student Life Center
- Saturday, April 25** @ 9:00 a.m. JOURNEY WITH JESUS DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR FOR WOMEN* • Zinn Commons
- Monday, April 27** @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE DISCUSSION (Chapters 7-8 of the Meyer Book) • Room 211
- Sunday, May 3** • following worship ANNA'S CIRCLE MEETING • Zinn Commons
- Thursday, May 7** @ 6:00 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING • Zinn Commons
- Thursday, May 7** • National Day of Prayer: PRAYER WALKS • More info soon!
- Saturday, May 9** • noon - 2:00 p.m. REMEMBER THE LADIES LUNCHEON* with speaker Linda Manwiller • Zinn Commons
- Monday, May 11** @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

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.

Anna's Circle Widows' Ministry of Prayer GATHERING TIMES

We will meet on the **first Sunday of each month, beginning May 3**, immediately following the morning service. Location: Student Lounge (one floor below the sanctuary) If you would like to bring a small snack, please feel free to do so. Your presence would be a blessing.



For more information: **Dawn Sharp** @ 717-954-3042

Journey with JESUS



**APRIL 25, 2026 9:00AM TO 12:00PM
CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

WALKING WITH JESUS *PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY*

Bethany White will lead a hands-on session on how to study the Bible with the O-I-A Bible Study method. She will explore the need for good interpretation skills by letting Scripture interpret Scripture.

WALKING WITH JESUS & OTHERS *LIFE TO LIFE DISCIPLESHIP*

Vicki Smith will lead a session, focusing on developing life to life discipleship in your context. She will lead you to use practical skills to deepen your relationship with our Lord and steward lasting relationships with other women.

Register at
www.christcomm.church

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

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



121 South College Street, Myerstown
Sign up in church narthex or online before May 2
christcomm.church

Route #6 – 7+ blocks – Begin at W. Washington Ave. & Locust St. (Friedens Lutheran Church)

- 4 blocks south on Locust St. plus a pasture, house, and field to W. Stoever Ave.
- 1 block west/right on Stoever to S. Race St.
- 4 (more like 5) blocks north on Race St. to W. Washington Ave.
- 1 long block east/right on Washington to start

Route #1 – 12 blocks - Begin at W. Main Ave. & S. Race St. (@VFW)

- 5 blocks east on Main Ave. to S. Cherry St.
- 1 block south/right on Cherry to E. Carpenter Ave.
- 5 blocks west/right on Carpenter to Race St.
- 1 block north/right to start

Route #2 – 12 blocks – Begin at W. Park & S. Race St.

- 5 blocks east on Park to S. Cherry St.
- 1 block south/right on Cherry to Maple Ave.
- 4 blocks west/right on Maple to Locust St.
- 1 block north/right on Locust to Park Ave.
- 1 block west/left on Park Ave. to start

Route #7 – 20 blocks – Begin at Rt. 501 & Jefferson Ave. (across Rt. 501 from the library)

- 8 blocks south on Rt. 501 to W. Stoever Ave.
- 1 block east/left on Stoever to S. Railroad St.
- 9 blocks north/left on Railroad St., follow sidewalk
- 1 block a Rt. 422 to Rt. 501
- 1 block south on Rt. 501 back to start at Jefferson Ave.

Route #3 – 6 blocks – Begin at S. College & W. Center Ave.

(@ Myerstown Recreational Park)

- 2 blocks east on Center Ave. to S. Cherry St.
- 1 block south/right on *Cherry to E. Muth Ave.
- 1 block west/right on Muth Ave. to Railroad St.
- 1 block north/right on Railroad to Center Ave.
- 1 block west/left on Center Ave. to start

* Pray for all people on Cherry St.

Route #8 - 11 blocks – Begin at N. Cherry & W. Washington Ave. (@ Fireplace Church and Myerstown UCC)

- 5 blocks south on Cherry St. (Pray for people on E. Bahney Ave. as you pass by) to E. Maple Ave.
- 1 block east/left to Broad St.
- 3 blocks north on Broad St. (pray for people on E. Carpenter Ave. as you pass by) to Main Ave.
- 1 block west/left on Main Ave.
- 1 block north/right on Cherry to start

Route #4 – 6 blocks -Begin at W. Richland Ave. & Rt. 501 (@ pond)

- 1 block south on Rt. 501 to W. Stoever Ave.
- 2 blocks east/left on Stoever to S. Cherry St.
- 1 block north/left on W. Richland Ave.
- 2 blocks west on Richland to start

Route #9 – Drive – Begin at E. Main Ave & S. Quarry Drive (east end of town)

- South on Quarry Dr., follow winding road to E. Mill Ave.
- Turn left over bridge then turn right (back onto Quarry Dr.)
- South on Quarry Dr. to E. Richland Ave.
- West on Richland Ave. to S. Broad St.
- North on Broad St. to E. Mill Ave.
- East on Mill Ave. (pray for everyone on Mill Ave.) to S. Quarry Dr. (Do not go over bridge)
- Turn left onto Quarry Dr. to start at Main Ave.

Route #5 – 7 blocks – Begin at N. Cherry St. & E. Washington Ave. (@ Fireplace Church and Myerstown UCC)

- 2 blocks west on Washington Ave. to Rt. 501
- 1 block north/right on Rt. 501 to W. Jefferson Ave.
- 2 blocks east/right on Jefferson Ave. to Hoover St.
- 1 block south on Hoover to Washington Ave.
- 1 block east/left to start