

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i> – Mann / Warriner	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 99:1-3</i>	Pastor Tim Valentino Pat Strain
Hymn	<i>457: Rise Up, O Men of God</i>	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	Shirley Long
The Response	<i>Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16</i>	Shirley Long / Pat Strain
The Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 21:23-32</i>	Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	<i>2 Samuel 24:24</i>	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<i>444: Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> (Verse 3)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	<i>Build My Life / Crowns Down</i>	Congregation
Sermon	<i>Raised Immortal, Part 15: Standing and Serving in Resurrection Hope</i> (1 Cor 15:58)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	<i>380: Living for Jesus, A Life That Is True</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	<i>Ye Servants of God</i> – Croft / DeCou	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Rhea Nowacki, 610-743-0314

Lector	Shirley Long	Children's Church Leader	Tracy Farmer, Doris Whitt
Responder	Pat Strain	Nursery	Jennifer Heinsey + Virginia Hauer
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Bob & Francy Lindenmuth
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist	Sonya Valentino, Marcy Garman	Video Technician	Dawn Sharp
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	Counters (September)	Dave Focht, Mike Oswald
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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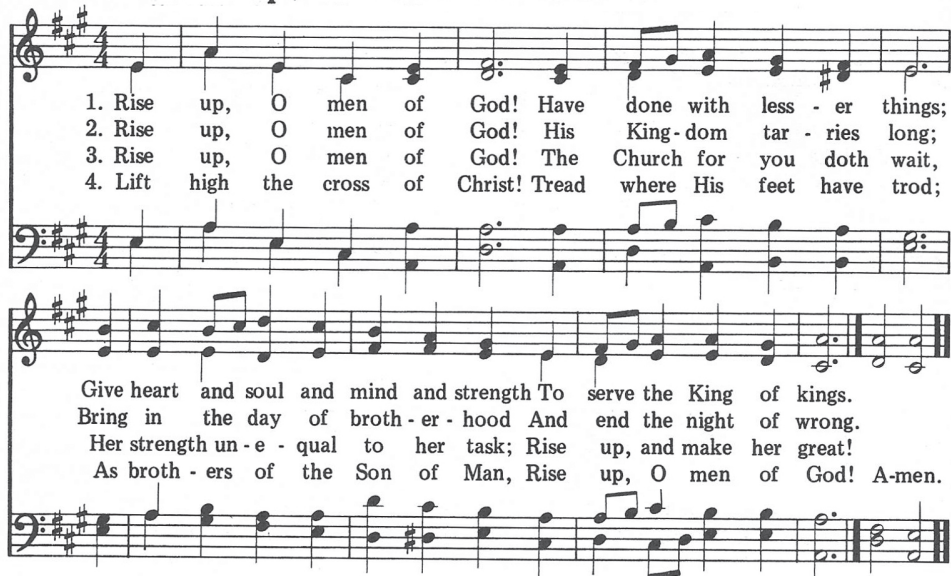
Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

¹ The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
**he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.**

² Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.

³ **Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.**

457 Rise Up, O Men of God!



1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;
2. Rise up, O men of God! His King - dom tar - ries long;
3. Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.
Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.
Her strength un - e - qual to her task; Rise up, and make her great!
As broth - ers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O men of God! A-men.

WORDS: William P. Merrill, 1911
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

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FESTAL SONG
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The Old Testament Reading:
Exodus 17:1-7

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Response: **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

² **I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—**

³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

⁴ **We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation**

the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders
he has done.

¹² **He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.**

¹³ He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

¹⁴ **He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.**

¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

¹⁶ **he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.**

PLEASE STAND The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 21:23-32**

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Worship in Giving: 2 Samuel 24:24

²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”

444 Sweet Hour of Prayer

WORDS: William Walford, 1845
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1861 SWEET HOUR L.M.D.

3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so - la - tion share,

Till, from Mount Pis-gah's loft - y height, I view my home, and take my flight:

This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize;

And shout, while pass-ing through the air, Fare-well, fare-well, sweet hour of prayer!

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Build My Life

Worthy of every song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh,
we live for You

Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You,
we live for You

[CHORUS]

**Holy, there is no one like You,
there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me**

Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You,
we live for You

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

I will build my life upon Your love,
it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
and I will not be shaken
I will build my life upon Your love,
it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
and I will not be shaken

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

Crowns Down

Oh, Enthroned in glory, my Savior King
Your loving kindness has welcomed me
Though I'm unworthy of Majesty
You wrap the lowly in royalty

**And so I will lay my crowns down at Your feet
You are holy, holy
And I will give my life as an offering
You are worthy, so worthy, Lord**

Oh, Here at Your altar to seek Your face
Broken and poured out without restraint
In full abandon before my King
Here I surrender my everything

**Here I will lay my crowns down at Your feet
You are holy, holy
And I will give my life as an offering
You are worthy, so worthy, Lord**

**I will lay my crowns down at Your feet
You are holy, holy
And I will give my life as an offering
You are worthy, so worthy, God, yeah**

And holy, holy, holy is the Lamb upon the throne
We join with all of Heaven in the Everlasting song

(REPEAT ABOVE 3 MORE TIMES)

**Here I will lay my crowns down at Your feet
You are holy, holy
And I will give my life as an offering
You are worthy, so worthy, Lord
I will lay my crowns down at Your feet
You are holy, holy
And I will give my life as an offering
You are worthy, so worthy, Lord**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb upon the throne
We join with all of Heaven in the Everlasting song
Sing holy, holy, holy is the Lamb upon the throne
We join with all of Heaven in the Everlasting song

We cry holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord

380 Living for Jesus a Life That Is True

1. Liv - ing for Je - sus a life that is true, Striv - ing to please Him in
 2. Liv - ing for Je - sus who died in my place, Bear - ing on Cal - v'ry my
 3. Liv - ing for Je - sus wher - ev - er I am, Do - ing each du - ty in
 4. Liv - ing for Je - sus through earth's lit - tle while, My dear - est treas - ure, the

all that I do; Yield - ing al - le - giance, glad - heart - ed and free,
 sin and dis - grace; Such love con - strains me to an - swer His call,
 His ho - ly name; Will - ing to suf - fer af - flic - tion and loss,
 light of His smile; Seek - ing the lost ones He died to re - deem,

Refrain
 This is the path - way of bless - ing for me.
 Fol - low His lead - ing and give Him my all. O Je - sus, Lord and
 Deem - ing each tri - al a part of my cross. Bring - ing the wea - ry to find rest in Him.

Sav - ior, I give my - self to Thee, For Thou, in Thy a - tone - ment, Didst

give Thy - self for me; I own no oth - er Mas - ter, My heart shall be Thy

throne; My life I give, hence - forth to live, O Christ, for Thee a - lone.

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1917
 MUSIC: C. Harold Lowden, 1915

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 and/or on line

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY @ 9:00 a.m. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES COMBINED • Zinn Commons

TODAY, September 27 ANNUAL FALL PICNIC★ following morning worship
 • Myerstown Rod & Gun Club • Sign up sheet in the narthex

Monday, September 28 @ 5:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MTG • Zinn Commons
 @ 5:30 p.m. CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY MTG • Including supper
 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE MTG • Zinn Commons • New Module Begins

Wednesday, September 30 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
 • Zinn Commons & Zoom

Sundays in October COLLECTING FOR MISSIONARIES' CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Sunday, October 4 @ 10:00 a.m. WORLDWIDE COMMUNION • Sanctuary

Sunday, October 4 @ 12:00 p.m. ANNA'S CIRCLE MTG • Zinn Commons

Monday, October 5 @ 6:30 p.m. MY PALS SCHOOL BOARD MTG • Zinn Commons

Thursday, October 8 @ 7:00 p.m. MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller
 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Monday, October 12 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MTG • Zinn Commons

Friday, October 16 to Saturday, October 17 24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL★
 • From Anywhere in the World • Contact Sonya for more info

It's that time of the year! **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
 is in full swing. Shoe boxes and brochures are available in the Narthex.
 There are also suggestion lists for ideas of what to
 pack. New this year, we will have a bin you can put
 individual items in if you don't think you can
 fill a box. Our goal is 75 boxes. Thanks for
 participating in this program that puts the
 gospel in the hands of children around the world.



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.

The Faith & Science Center

AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

invites you to join us for the first night of
“Faith & Science Journey (MODULE 3) Creation Faith
Foundations—Knowing the God of Creation”

SEPTEMBER 28TH @ 6:30 PM

.... As major questions and real-to-life scientific discoveries are casting doubt on the viability of evolutionary theories, and scientific materialism can't explain a fine-tuned universe, we need to seek the truth of who is the intelligent designer that made all life and the universe around us so amazing. Science points us to someone whose greatness we cannot fathom- let's find out who this "God of Creation" might be. A strong case for Faith is found in the Bible- with Science now joining in.

After September 28th, the group will be meeting several times in October and November to go deeper into this exploration.

We will have times of teaching, short videos, and good discussion during these gatherings, including some refreshments. It would be great to have you with us on this journey.

For more information contact DAVID BOOSE • 717.825.1081 • debaubus@hotmail.com



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Meeting in Zinn Commons
121 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET
MYERSTOWN, PA 17067
Entrance at the back of the church along route 501

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 18 CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.*

Please sign up to attend and bring food.

Monday, October 19 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE MTG • Zinn Commons

Saturday, October 24 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.***

Monday, November 16 @ 6:30 p.m. FAMILY CARE MTG • Zinn Commons

Sunday, November 22: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your boxes need to be returned today.



Saturday, November 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.: HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Operating the hot chocolate stand • Corner of Main and Locust Streets

See Lisa Dreibelbis for more info • Please sign-up to participate!*

Saturday, November 28: MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

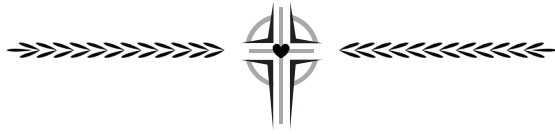
Forming at 2:30 p.m. • Walking at 4:00 p.m. • Please sign-up to participate!*

2026 One-Day Women's Retreat Prayer Vigil.

For this year, we will putting into practice what we have learned by having 24-hours of uninterrupted prayer.

If you would like to participate, there is information, a sign-up sheet, and a prayer vigil guide in the narthex. Our brothers in Christ are welcome to participate, too.

To leave prayer out is to leave God out. (EM Bounds)



Dear Friends,

As we prepare to observe **PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY** in October, we wish to recognize Pastor Tim and Sonya for their faithful and enduring service to our congregation. Their ministry has strengthened our church through:

- Consistent, thoughtful exposition of God's Word.
- Leadership in worship and music that enriches our fellowship.
- A continual example of Christ's compassion, integrity, and devotion.

In acknowledgment of their commitment, we will be collecting a **special love offering** to present as a token of our appreciation. Those who desire to contribute may do so by placing their gift in the offering plate using the *orange envelope* provided in your offering box or an envelope marked "Pastor Appreciation."

We also invite you to write a personal card or note expressing your gratitude and encouragement.

Thank you for your kindness and for your faithful participation in the life of our church.

Respectfully,
Shawn Garman