



Sunday, October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday of Kingdom Time
World Communion Sunday
The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Voluntary

God So Loved the World

Pat Shroff

— Stainer / Paxton

Call to Worship

1 John 3:1-2
(Responsive)

Pastor Tim Valentino
Shirley Long

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

**And that is what we are! The reason the world does not
know us is that it did not know him.**

² Dear friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

**But we know that when Christ appears,
we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

Opening Hymn 74: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Congregation

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Tim Valentino

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

Lector	Shawn Garman	Children's Church Leader	Tracy Farmer, Jen Danielson
Responder	Shirley Long	Nursery	Christie & Dave Dennis
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Bob & Franci 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 (October)	Pat Strain, Margo Fox
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	My PALS Preschool Ministry Director	Sharon Wenger

Bread: Shirley Long • Cup: Kirby Keller • Cup: Pat Strain
Communion Ushers: Gene Bugg and Mike Oswald

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74 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, Obreathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave:
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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The Old Testament

Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Shawn Garman

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁷ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

The Response:

Psalm 19:1-14

(Responsive)

Shawn Garman

Shirley Long

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² **Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ **Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ **It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

**The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

**The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.**

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

**they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.**

¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.

**Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.**

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,

LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PLEASE STAND The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46 Shawn Garman

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

BEHOLD THE LAMB (THE COMMUNION HYMN)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Sermon

Everything We Need, Part 1: Participating in the Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:1-4)

Pastor Tim Valentino

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

Pastor Tim Valentino

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise,

Pastor: For he has given us his Son. Hallelujah!

Sanctus:

Holy Forever

Congregation

**All: Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all**

**And the angels cry, "Holy"
All creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever**

Memorial Acclamation

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Words of Institution, Fraction, and Pouring

Pastor: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread,
and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king
of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it
to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**People: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world.**

Pastor: And after the supper, Jesus took the cup, and he gave
thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the
universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he poured the cup,
and gave it to his disciples, saying. "Take and drink.
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the
remission of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from
our sins by his blood, to him be glory and
power for ever and ever! Amen.

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer Led by Pastor

Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tim Valentino

People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Commune

- The Bread of Holy Communion
- The Cup of Holy Communion

Prayer & Invitation Led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

Closing Hymn **236: Standing on the Promises** Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude

All Glory to Jesus

Pat Shroff

— J. Peterson / DeCou

236 Standing on the Promises

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ SIGN UP in narthex
and/or on line

Month of October COLLECTING FOR MISSIONARIES' CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Envelopes available in the narthex

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

TODAY @ 10:30 a.m. WORLDWIDE COMMUNION • Sanctuary

TODAY @ 12:00 p.m. ANNA'S CIRCLE MTG • Zinn Commons

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

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

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

Sunday, October 18 CHURCH DINNER @ 12:00 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

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.** ★

Wednesday, October 28 @ 6:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MTG • Zinn Commons

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

Sunday, November 22 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD • Last day to return boxes.

Friday, 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! ★

Monday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY MTG

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)