

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary	Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness – S. Wesley / Parks	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Musical Call to Worship	He is Exalted	Pastor Tim Valentino Pat Strain
Hymn	67: We Come, O Christ To Thee	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 32:1-14	Shelley Miller
The Response	Psalms 106:1-7a, 19-23	Shelley Miller / Pat Strain
The Gospel Lesson	Matthew 22:1-14	Shelley Miller
Worship in Giving	Proverbs 22:9	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	357: There Is A Place of Quiet Rest (Verse 1)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	He Will Keep You / Knowing You	Congregation
Sermon	Everything We Need, Part 2: Preventing Arrested Spiritual Development (2 Peter 1:5-9)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	458: Fight The Good Fight With All Thy Might	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	Raise the Song on High – Steven Scott	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-1153

Lector	Shelley Miller	Children's Church Leader	Deb Smith
Responder	Pat Strain	Nursery	Julie Barskey & Jenn Danielson
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Bob & Franci Lindemuth
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

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He Is Exalted

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him.
He is exalted,
forever exalted,
And I will praise His name.

**Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth,
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.**

He is the Lord,

67 We Come, O Christ, to Thee



WORDS: Margaret Clarkson, 1947
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770

DARWALL
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The Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 32:1-14**

¹ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

⁹ “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’ ” ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Response: **Psalms 106:1-7a, 19-23**

¹ Praise the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?

³ Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

⁴ Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,

⁵ that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

⁶ We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

⁷ When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles.

¹⁹ At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

²⁰ They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

²¹ They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt,

²² miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

²³ So he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

PLEASE STAND

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 22:1-14**

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Worship in Giving: **Proverbs 22:9**

⁹The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor.

357 There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

1. There is a place of qui - et rest Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin can - not mo - lest, Near to the heart of God.
Refrain
O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait be - fore Thee Near to the heart of God.

WORDS and MUSIC: Cleland B. McAfee, 1901

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He Will Keep You

I lift my eyes and see,
I need not be afraid
All my help comes from the Lord
Who the earth and sky has made

[CHORUS]

**He will keep you from all evils,
behind you and before
He will sustain you,
through this journey
From now and evermore**

The Lord will never sleep
My steps He has ordained
For the One who holds the night
Is the Sovereign of my days

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

[CHORUS]

**Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord**

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die

458 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
2. Run the straight race thro' God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
3. Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide, His bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide;
4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He chang-eth not, and thou art dear;

Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Life with its way be - fore us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Trust, and thy trust-ing soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
On - ly be-lieve, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. A-men.

WORDS: John S. B. Monsell, 1863
MUSIC: William Boyd, 1864

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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

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

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

Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
• Zinn Commons & Zoom

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

Thursday, October 22 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Do you have a heart for prayer? This might be for you. We have an **Intercessory Prayer Team** that prays on Sunday during the service.

We each sign up in advance for a Sunday when we will spend time in prayer during the service, including each part of the service. We also pray over prayer requests. Some of us pray in the prayer room (next to the front entrance), some from our pews or where ever works for them. We would love to have you join our team.

For more information talk to Francy Lindenmuth or call her at 717.866.3367.

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

Sunday, November 1 @ 12:00 p.m. ANNA'S CIRCLE MTG • Zinn Commons

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



GOAL: 75 BOXES

Sunday, November 22 • Boxes due today **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
Shoe boxes and brochures are available in the Narthex along with lists of items 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.) Thanks for participating in this program that puts the gospel in the hands of children around the world.

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.

HELP NEEDED IN NURSERY DURING WORSHIP We are in need of a volunteer to assist in nursery 2 Sundays each month. Please talk to Pat Shroff if you could help with one of these Sundays. **Help is needed on the 4th and 5th Sunday each month.**