

*East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church*  
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



November 10, 2024  
11:15 am  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Congregation reads text in BOLD**

\*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT: The Serenity Prayer (in unison)

**God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

\*HYMN: PH #262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION: (Nehemiah 9:17)

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to**

**righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*A time for silent reflection and self-examination*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Psalm 32:22)

“The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

\*PEACE OF CHRIST:

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our Sanctuary. The Peace of Christ be with You!!

**And, also with You.**

\*GLORIA PATRI:

***Glory to be the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Ruth 3: 1- 5, 4: 13-17

Mark 12: 38-44

SERMON: Widows and Others

Gail Wagner, CLP

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN: PH #434 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Confession of Belhar)**

- 1. We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**
- 2. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**
- 3. We believe**
  - that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**
  - that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**
  - that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;**
  - that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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, forever. Amen.**

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

**CALL for the OFFERING**

\*DOXOLOGY:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

\*HYMN: PH #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

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| November 16 | <b>David Haughwout Memorial Service</b> , at 11:00 am  |
| November 24 | <b>Reedsville Community Thanksgiving Service</b> , Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reedsville,<br>at 7 pm |
| December 1  | <b>Advent Begins</b>   |
| December 1  | <b>Wreaths Across America</b> , Church Hill Cemetery, noon   |
| December 24 | <b>Christmas Eve Services</b><br>7 pm East Kish<br>9 pm West Kish  |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The church is hosting a meal following David Haughwout's Memorial Service. **Desserts are needed for the meal.** Please consider baking a cake, cookies, or other dessert. See Donna with questions.

Volunteers are requested to help as ushers (and other ways) at David Haughwout's Memorial Service, Saturday, November 16, 2024, 11:00 am.

Pastor Ela will be away for a retreat on the Lord's Prayer Nov 7 – 12. Emergency pastoral concerns may be directed to Gail Wagner (CLP) who will be in contact with Rev. Robertson and/or Rev. Joy Kaufmann. Gail can be reached at (717) 348-1059.

This week, we continue our **Wreaths Across America** will be laying wreaths at Church Hill Cemetery this year. The ceremony will be Saturday, December 14, at noon. If you would like to purchase a wreath for a particular individual, the cost is \$17. They will place it or you can place the wreath.

**December is “Breakfast Foods Month”** for the Blessing Box. When you're shopping, please look for cereal, instant oatmeal, pancake mix, peanut butter, or canned fruit. (Of course, we continue to appreciate any other donations as well.)

If you are participating in the **Mifflin County Children and Youth Christmas Program** THANK YOU in advance. Thanksgiving has not yet occurred but I am trying to get things organized for this busy season. Those of you who requested a child's name have received that information and their tags. This year the gifts should be WRAPPED and labeled. Those of you who choose to participate through monetary donations should make the check out to EKPC (indicating it is for the Children and Youth Christmas Program) and we will issue them one check. Your monetary donations can be put in the weekly offering plate. All money and gifts need to be at the Church by Sunday December 8th. **Please contact Cassie Campbell if you have any questions. (717) 247-5478.**

**The Reedsville Community Thanksgiving Service**, featuring the bell choir, will be held at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reedsville at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is Jeffrey Bell, Director of Habitat for Humanity in Mifflin County. Habitat for Humanity recently celebrated its 25th anniversary here in Mifflin County by breaking ground on a 12th house. Habitat provides personnel and counseling to assist in life skills in economics, budgeting, and fiscal management. All donations collected during this community service will be given to Habitat of Humanity.

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 10:15, each Sunday, in the Parlor.

**Dave Adams** is now in Room 409A at Valley View. Morning is the best time to visit.

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Ushers: Carol Lockard and Paul Raber