

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's and Women of the Church Day

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Bike Ride for the Homeless, May 2024

CENTERING THOUGHT:

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counselor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 1)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

*HYMN: PH #239 *How Happy Is Each Child of God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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:

First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Gospel John 17:6-19

MESSAGE: *Church in Transition* Matt Waddell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN: StF #2051 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.

INVITATION TO 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

*HYMN: PH #426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

May 17	Third-Friday Event , Reedsville Square, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
May 25	Jeremy Mertz, and band Ma’aM , on WPSU, at 10:00 pm
May 26	Memorial Day Service , Church Hill Cemetery, 2:00 pm
June 8	East-Kish Open House , Reedsville Community Days
June 12	Session Meeting , Manse, 6:30
June 21	Third-Friday Event , Reedsville Square, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
July 21	Service and Picnic with West Kish , Greenwood Furnace

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Remember: May is “can month” for the Blessing Box. When you're shopping, please consider picking up cans of fruit, soup, and/or pasta for the Blessing Box. (Of course, we continue to appreciate any other donations as well.)

Ken McNitt has kindly volunteered to set up a stand at the May 17 Third-Friday event in Reedsville. He will be our liaison with the Reedsville Community Association. This is a great opportunity to increase our visibility in the community. **At the May 17th Third-Friday event, we plan to promote the summer day camps and have a**

fishing game for children. PLEASE SIGN UP TO distribute information and handout pamphlets at the table. Sign-up sheets are in the back.

East Kish will hold an open house from 7:00 am – noon on Saturday, June 8, during Reedsville Community Days. We will be distributing bottles of water and offering use of the upstairs bathroom. The sanctuary will be open for people to see and Bill and Jene may play short sessions of music during the morning. **Volunteers are needed to welcome guests. PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP on the day of the event. Sign up sheets are in the back.**

Jeremy Mertz and his band Ma'aM will be featured on *The Local Grove Presents: Ma'aM*. The show will air on WPSU TV on Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 pm.

It's camp time, again!

This year, East Kish will host four sessions of day camp.

Art Camp: June 17 – 21 Times: 9 am – 1 pm ■ For children who have completed 3rd grade & older ■ Lunch provided

Computer Progaming Camp: June 24 – 28 Times: 1 pm – 5 pm ■ For children who have completed 4th grade & older ■ Snack provided

Crafting & Cooking Camp: July 8 – 12 Times: 9 am – 1 pm ■ For children who have completed 3rd grade & older ■ Lunch provided

Little Kids' Camp: July 15 – 19 Times: 9 am – 1 pm ■ For children who have completed kindergarten through 3rd grade ■ Lunch provided

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KIND**

The yard signs, created by West Kish congregation, are still available. If you would like one for your yard, there are extra signs in the East Kish office. A \$12 donation would be appreciated, to cover costs.

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