

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



September 29, 2024
11:15 am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

CENTERING THOUGHT: (Ruth Duck, hymn #692 in *Glory to God* hymnal)

God replace my stony heart with a heart kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
Spirit, open my heart for the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 71)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my refuge.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. My praise is continually of you.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN: PH # 441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Let us confess our sins and shortcomings, for God loves us and is always ready to forgive.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus you have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy upon us.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Remember that God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. God sent Christ in order to fulfill the law. Now we walk according to the Spirit, who bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. Friends, claim your legacy; we are forgiven.

*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:

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

MESSAGE: *Lessons in Love from Our Pets*

Gail Wagner, CLP

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN: PH #466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(Book of Common Worship; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

For we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

SENDING

*HYMN: PH # 477 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*AMEN

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- October 6 **World Communion Sunday.** Celebrant: Gail Wagner, CLP
Guest Speaker: Jeremy Charles
- October 13 **Guest Speaker:** Gail Wagner, CLP
- October 20 **Guest Speaker:** Matt Waddell, CLP
- October 27 **Reformation Sunday.**
- November 6 **Session Meeting** in the manse, at 6:30
- November 10 **Guest Speaker:** Gail Wagner, CLP

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TONIGHT! Rob Culp, our former youth minister/leader will be on TV: on the premier episode of *The Summit* which airs Sunday, September 29 on CBS, at 9 pm. (It's a reality show in which "sixteen strangers embark on a 14-day trek through the perilous New Zealand Alps to reach a distant peak.")

The collection for Thailand that will be traveling with Pastor Ela and The Peace Team **totaled \$710.** West Kish will be adding to this. The funds will be distributed to help with some of the immediate needs of our Pakh-5-Nan friends. Please continue to pray for God's direction with this endeavor and thank you for your generosity.

Emergency Pastoral Care while Pastor Robertson is away will be covered by Rev. Graham Fowler. He has requested that rather than calling him directly, CLPs Gail Wagner and Matt Waddell act as liaisons regarding any situations that call for his attention. Please contact Gail at (717) 348-1059 or (717) 667-6526 with any concerns.

There will be a **Reformation Recital at St. John's Lutheran Church,** Lewistown, Sunday October 27 at 3pm. Lisa Griffith, Pastor Ela and many others will be performing.

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

During the month of September, the PCUSA encourages a 'Season of Peace,' leading up to the elections in November and World Communion Sunday on October 6. PCUSA resources from the Self Development of Peoples will guide our worship as a time of preparation, information and inspiration for this and for the Huntingdon Presbytery trip to Thailand. Our team worships in person with Pakh 5 Nan congregants on World Communion Sunday. Hold all our sisters and brothers in Pakh 5 in prayer on that day as our team holds all of you in our hearts there with them.

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Dave Adams is now in Room 409A at Valley View. He misses home. It would be wonderful for some people to drop in and visit while the pastor is away.

Our Town Big Valley, which had Pastor Ela and about 10 other members of West Kish participating, just won the Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for WPSU!

October is restocking month of the items most used: including cereal and instant oatmeal, canned fruit, canned pasta, pancake mix and syrup, soup and peanut butter. Thank you for continuing to support the blessings box.

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