

The Love of Christ Compels Us...UP (Worship)

- Grace and peace to you! **Welcome to our Lord's Day worship service.** Whether you are a believer or doubter, sinner or saint, you're invited to be a part of our faith community. **There's a place for you here!** To whoever will come, this congregation opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- John Creekpaum will be guest preaching **Sunday, April 29.** Deacon Sherry Ibbs will serve as
- **Pentecost Service, Sunday, May 20, 11AM.** Come dressed wearing the color RED as we celebrate the birth of the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Pentecost service will also include the **ordination & installation of new Ruling Elders & Deacons.**

The Love of Christ Compels Us...OUT (Mission)

- Ruling Elder Jacob Bennefield will be going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, May 16-23. A **commissioning service** will be held during our May 13 worship service.
- Michaela Philson will offer a **"Minute for Mission"** Sunday, May 20. The mission project will be especially attractive to people who enjoy knitting. More info to come.

The Love of Christ Compels Us...IN (Transformation)

- **Midweek Bible Study & Spiritual Formation**—Topic: "The Meaning of Christian Community." Through Bible readings and selections of Christian writings, we are discussing the nitty-gritty of what it takes to establish and sustain Christian community over the long haul. Speak with Pastor Rodgers if you're interested in attending as the meeting dates/times fluctuate.
- **Our Christian Education Groups meet every Sunday morning, 9:45AM. Regardless of your age, come join us and watch your faith grow deep and wide.**
All ages gather in the back of the sanctuary for fellowship before separating into groups.
Group #1: Younger Students (Pre-K—Grade 6)
Group #2: Older Students & Adults (Grade 7 & Up)
- Join us **Sundays in April (9:45AM, back of the Sanctuary)** as we discuss Jesus' main priorities by answering the following question: **"What did Jesus consistently say and do during his ministry that would be instructive for us?"**

The Love of Christ Compels Us...TOGETHER (Fellowship)

- **Attention Church Members:** Please pay your 2018 Per Capita Offering as you are able. The total is \$38.09 for each member. Remember that the largest portion of the Per Capita offering stays right here in Shenango Presbytery, providing staff support and coordinated resources for ministry for our 45 congregations in the presbytery.
- **April Leadership Meeting:** Deacons: Sunday, April 15, 12PM

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The Lord's Day, April 15, 2018

11 o'clock service

Service of Christian Worship—3rd Sunday of Easter

Childcare is available for children ages Pre-K through Grade 2. They are dismissed downstairs after the children's message. If you prefer, your children are welcome to remain with you for the entire worship service.

MUSIC TO LEAD US INTO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Lindsay Rodgers, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

◇ OPENING HYMN, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus {see insert}

{◇ If able, please stand}

◇ OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

In this moment of silence, examine your heart and silently confess your sins to God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

◇ OUR RESPONSE OF THANKS TO GOD

Hymnal #43, Gloria Patri

"Glory be to 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 PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BIBLE PROJECT “VERSE-OF-THE-WEEK” {See Text Box on opposite page.}

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TODAY’S BIBLE READING – John 20:24-31 {Pew Bible page 883}

OUR RESPONSE TO THE HEARING OF GOD’S WORD

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON Rev. Adam Rodgers

HYMN OF RESPONSE #385, I am Thine, O Lord

◇ AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

◇ THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING TO GOD Hymnal #39, 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.

◇ UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus’ love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit’s wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus name. Amen.

◇ CLOSING HYMN #550, He Lives

◇ VOICING OUR VISION

The love of Christ compels us, and we no longer live for ourselves but for Christ who died to give us life.

◇ THE GIVING OF GOD’S BLESSING

◇ MUSIC SENDING US OUT TO SERVE GOD AND THE COMMUNITY

This Week (April 15, 2018)

Pianist: Lindsay Rodgers
Greeters: Adam & Heather Edinboro

Next Week (April 22, 2018)

Pianist: Lindsay Rodgers
Greeters: Maxine Amos & Bev Voorhees

April 2018 Giving-To-Date: \$2,603.09
March 2018 Giving-To-Date: \$4,955.00

**COMMUNITY BIBLE PROJECT
“VERSE-OF-THE-WEEK”**

Peter said to them,
“Repent, and be baptized
every one of you in the
name of Jesus Christ so
that your sins may be
forgiven; and you will
receive the gift of the
Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:38