



*Sunday Worship*  
*March 16, 2025*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

**PRELUDE**

Given From You

Blake

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Today is a day to sing praise to God!*

**God continually blesses us, each and every day.**

*Even in the midst of cold and darkness, the warmth of God's love is real.*

**We can count on God to be here for us.**

*Let your hearts rejoice and your voices shout praise to God.*

**For God is great and worthy to be praised. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #35** Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, confirm our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

**Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***\*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.**

***FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON***    Philippians 3:17-4:1

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #213*** (verse 1-4)    In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; low, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joy that through all time abide.

***GOSPEL LESSON***    Luke 13:31-35

***SERMON***    Foxes and Hens

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***    from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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.**

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

***OFFERTORY***

***\*DOXOLOGY***

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

***\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

**O God, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

## ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 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.**

**\*HYMN #821** How Can I Keep from Singing?

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

*REFRAIN:* No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing,  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *REFRAIN*

3. What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *REFRAIN*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *REFRAIN*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 16, 2025**

**This week, the carillon is in memory of Martin Klair. Martin lived in Buckingham Valley and was the father of Nancy Klair Smith.**

**WELCOME SUSAN LEWIS:** who is our guest musician this week.

**CONGREGATION MEETING:** following services today. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Bell Sub-Committee.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** As we have done for many years, during Lent we will be collecting coins for One Great Hour of Sharing. Coins will be collected throughout the weeks leading up to Easter when we will take the final offering. At that time, additional donations other than coins will also be received. Fish boxes are available on the table outside the sanctuary for those who wish to collect coins.

**SNACK ITEMS NEEDED:** Once again our congregation will provide snacks for the homeless in Philadelphia through the Welcome Church. On the divider in Fellowship, you will find slips of items we need. Items need to be brought to the church no later than March 23rd.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Our next gathering will be held on March 23, 7 p.m. We will begin with our meeting and then pack snacks for the Welcome Church.

**WELCOME CHURCH:** On Sunday, April 6 is the next opportunity to attend the outdoor worship of the Welcome Church in Philadelphia. Prior to the service, we will be handing out snack bags to those in the area that are homeless. If you would like more information, or would like to join us, please contact Su.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** The gathering will be 6:00 PM at The Anchor Presbyterian Church. It's Pet Night! Those gathered will make pet treats and toys for the local SPCA animal shelter in Lahaska. All are encouraged to wear an animal print or bring a favorite stuffed animal companion. Dinner is potluck. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week, we are asking for canned chicken, tuna, and salmon in water. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

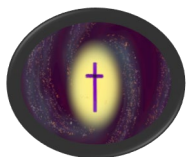
**This week's calendar of events:**

<b>March</b>	<b>16</b>	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
		11:00 am	Congregational Meeting followed by Coffee Hour
		4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>March</b>	<b>17</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>18</b>	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
		6:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>19</b>	11:30 am	Mid-week Lenten Worship
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

**Elder of the month:** Bob Propsner                      **Deacon of the month:** Leanne Yerkes  
**Ushers:** Courtney Woolslayer and Rachel Dell'Orefice                      **Sunday School Teacher:** Karen Myers

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Evin Kimbel, Ray Curran, Dick Wright



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