



**Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ Bible Sunday; 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

\*please stand as you are able

### Way of the Week #16

**16. GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Rejoice, you get to give. Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

**Ideas for Action:** Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### **Chorale**

Joel Krott, Organ

Jongen

### Introit

#### **Built on the Rock**

Adult Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano; Michael Martin, Director

Lindemann

### \*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 119)

Elder Paul Booker

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

Come, let us love the Lord our God.  
We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

## Opening Hymn No. 694 (verse 1)

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### ***Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken***

Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

## Prayer of Adoration

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Elder Booker

## Call to Confession

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Wes Allen

## Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

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Lord God, Through the study of Your Word, we learn much about Your perfect will for us. But knowing Your will and doing Your will are entirely two different matters. We acknowledge that our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. We don't have the willpower in our own strength to be faithful to Your greater purpose. We confess these inadequacies. Have mercy upon us, dear God and change our hearts. Help us to be faithful to times of prayer and to asking daily for Your strength. By Your grace alone, may we delight in doing Your will completely, leaving nothing undone. We ask all of this in the merciful name of Jesus. Amen.

*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!**

## Presentation of Bibles

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Holly Ascitutto & Wes Allen

*Today we as a church family we celebrate a Faith stepping stone in the life of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. It is Bible Sunday, where our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive their own Bible. We ask the congregation to pray that God's Word and love become real to each of them.*

**Congratulations to Brady Catanella, Bryce Catanella, Sean Connlain, Sophia Gandy, Alexandra Harper, Samantha Long, Emma McNab, Fischer McNab, Jacob Neindorff, Noah Olsen, Clara Rose, Hannah Walker**

## Anthem

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### ***Built on the Rock***

Arr. Wolff

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano; Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Michael Martin, Tenor;  
Frank Mitchell, Bass; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Built on the Rock, the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distress, (sic)  
Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones, builded for His habitation; (sic)  
He through baptismal grace us owns, heirs of His wondrous salvation.

Were we but two His name to tell, yet he would deign with us to dwell,  
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes telling how God did receive us;  
The alter recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His table doth give us;  
Here stands the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. Amen

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## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Stuart Spencer

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## Offertory

Wes Allen

*Please continue your faithful giving as we begin our programming year. Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from your phone via the Church Center app.*

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## Offertory Music

### **How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings**

Psalm 84/Liddle

Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!  
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest,  
where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, even Thine altars.  
O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.  
O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,  
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness  
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

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## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### **"Gathering Seriously"**

Scripture Text: [Matthew 18:15-20 \(NRSV\)](#) (Pew Bible NT page 20)

Sermon Series: Scatter ... Gather

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## Hymn No. 710 (verse 1)

### **We Are Called to be God's People**

Frank Mitchell, Bass; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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## Music in Preparation for Service

### **Built on the Rock**

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Joel Krott, Organ

## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Carol Morgan and Barbara Wetherill
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Miller, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Jane Murphy
<b>Interim Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by Charles Plymale and Joyce Palla to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents Virginia and Drexell Plymale

**Bible Sunday:** TODAY from 9:45-10:45 a.m., Sunday School Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream Social by the Wong Garden; bring a blanket or chairs. Welcome back, we have MISSED you! Third graders receive Bibles. 😊

**New protocols --** Session has revised COVID-19 safety protocols through October. Masks are mandatory when gathering indoors (both those vaccinated and unvaccinated) when [Burlington County](#) is deemed to have high or substantial community spread. At this time we are requiring masks. This applies to worship and all indoor meetings. Congregational singing is discontinued, singers are masked, and seating is distanced. We'll continue to serve communion in pre-packaged units, and will not serve or eat food indoors. Food may be eaten outside.

**Fall Inquirers Class -- Sunday, Sept. 19 (12:15 pm):** Meet with Session to present one's Statement of Faith and be officially received into membership (FH). New members will be welcomed during worship **Sept. 26**.

**Adult Education Starts Sept. 19:** Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall Adult Education hour. Dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. Study guide provided electronically on the church website/events.

**NEW! Youth Parent Information Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 26 at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall** ... middle school and high school parents, grades 7-12. The meeting will be hybrid with a Zoom option. Luke Maxted was recently hired as our part-time Interim Youth Director. Luke and his wife Kelly are fellows with Urban Promise. Next spring, they return to England with their two sons where they hope to launch an Urban Promise site in London. Luke serves with our youth advisors as they together lead our Senior High Fellowship on Sunday evenings and our Middle School Fellowship on Wednesday evenings. **Zoom link on online event page.**

**Choir Open House: Wednesday, Sept. 29th from 6-7 p.m.** – Current/past choir members and FPC members are asked to come and **bring a friend!** Meet with current choir members and see video clips of the recent European choir tour and youth choir concerts to see how rewarding joining youth choir can be! Tour music facilities. Contact Kristen Perkowski ([732-779-8948](tel:732-779-8948)) or Laurie LaMonica ([609-304-9720](tel:609-304-9720)). To-go dessert will be provided.

**"Now Is The Time" ...** It's coming! Sunday, October 17 is Consecration Sunday; COMBINED 9:30 a.m. worship; Dedicate your personal 2022 *Estimate of Giving* cards during worship, mail to the office, place in the offering ahead of time, complete your estimate online or drop off after worship in a Drive-Through Dedication as we did last year and receive a blessing from our pastors.

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 24** is The Church Has Left the Building. Watch for details and information.