



## November 17, 2024 ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- \*please stand as you are able

*Have you checked in for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you.*

### Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Sawyer McNab, Piano

#### *Gavotte and Variation*

Handel

### Introit

Sawyer McNab, Piano

*I Thank You, God*

Old English

*I Like to Go to My Church*

Butler

Primary Choir

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Kevin Fauvell

The work of the Father, the Creator, is visible.

**Let us respond with praise.**

The example of Jesus, our Lord is clear.

**Let us respond with obedience.**

The wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing

**Let us respond with joy.**

The Word of God is calling.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*Hymn No. 594

*Like a River Glorious*

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Fauvell

O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day-to-day lives.

**Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives.**

In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

**Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep speaking your powerful truth to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world. Amen.**

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession and surrender.)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

**Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. By His grace, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen**

## \*Gloria Patri

### Anthem

Carol Manion, Piano

***This Is The Day***

Sleeth

Junior Choir

## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Allen

## Way of the Week #6: Forgive ... Again

Speaker: Stuart Spencer

**6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN.** Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

## Offertory

Rev. Spencer



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## Offertory Music

***Thanksgiving Medley***

Horton

(From hymns Now Thank We All Our God; Come, Come, Thankful People Come; and We Gather Together)

Bell Choir (Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab); Kathy Gunsallus, Director

## \*Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

#### ***"Trusting God for Help"***

**Scripture:** Isaiah 26: 1-15 (Pew Bible page 653 OT)

**Sermon Series:** Bridge Over Troubled Waters

## \*Hymn No. 519

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#### ***It is Well With My Soul***

### Music in Preparation for Service

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

#### ***Cinquieme Prelude (from L'art de toucher le clavecin)***

F. Couperin

## \*Benediction and Going Forth

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Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are given from Joyce Wenzke to the glory of God and in loving memory of the wedding anniversary of Al & Joyce Wenzke.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Acolytes:** Sam Long and Alex Long; **Beadle:** Elder Kevin Fauvell; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Deliverer:** Karen Hynoski; **Trustee Greeter:** Peter Honeyford; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Shaffer and Susan Horn; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny or Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

### [Sunday, Nov. 17: Young Musicians Concert ~ 7:30 pm](#)

Our 60th Series of *Special Events* presents young, gifted musicians performing solo and instrumental works. Choristers & Chapel Choirs will also be featured plus performers from Temple University Center for Gifted Young Musicians. Free will offering.

## Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)

**Operation Christmas Child** -- We will again be a community drop off location from **Nov. 18-25** in Commons Lobby. [NEW: Sign up online on our event page for a shift or two.](#) This is a great activity for families to do together. For information contact coordinator Jean Kunkel at [jeankunkel215@gmail.com](mailto:jeankunkel215@gmail.com) or (856) 373-1102. We are looking to have four volunteers per shift. **Sign up in the Commons Lobby today too.** Shifts include:

- Monday, Nov. 18: 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 19: 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 20: 9 am - Noon
- Thursday, Nov. 21: 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm
- Friday, Nov. 22: 3-5 pm, 5-7 pm
- Saturday, Nov. 23: Noon-2 pm
- Sunday, Nov. 24: Noon-2 pm
- Monday, Nov. 25: 9 am-Noon (load the truck)

**Step by Step Fundraiser** – Take yourself to dinner **Thursday, Nov. 21** at PJ Whelihan's in Maple Shade and Step by Step Preschool receives a portion of the proceeds. 396 E. Lenola Road, 5-8 pm, dine in only.

**Poinsettia Orders** – Order forms will be in *Connections* Nov. 3, 10, 17 for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday December 15 and available to take home that day. [Download order forms](#) online as well. Plants are \$16 each. **Orders due by November 17.**

**Men's Winter Retreat** --- Men: start 2025 with a Band of Brothers in Christ for a weekend away in a gorgeous mountain lake setting. Dr. Stephen Henziel-Nelson, Senior Pastor of the Allentown (NJ) Presbyterian Church is our guest speaker. The younger men in your life are most welcome. Bring your sons, grandsons, sons-in-law (high school age or older). One of the two cabins will be a youth cabin. Led by Stuart Spencer. Online registration is now available! \$150/person, registration deadline: **December 1.**

**Women's Morning of Prayer** – Join with your prayer sisters on **Saturday, Nov. 23** from 8:00 am – Noon; sign up on the [event page](#) for a meaningful morning. Led by Arlita Winston.

**Advent Candle Lighters** -- During the Sundays in Advent, members of our church family will serve as candle lighters for the Advent wreath. The Worship Team is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for Advent **December 1, 8, 15 and 22**, as well as four Christmas Eve services on **Tuesday, Dec. 24** at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm and 11:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at [kevindfauvell@gmail.com](mailto:kevindfauvell@gmail.com) or (609) 220-0177 to take part in this Advent worship experience.

**Longest Night Worship will be Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** This unique service provides peace to those who may be dealing with grief, illness, anxiety, or depression this holiday season. If you have someone to invite, contact Alison Mackey in the church office to have them mailed an invitation letter.

**COMING:** Honor loved ones, family members, friends and business associates at Christmas while providing assistance to our ministries. Our **Alternative Gift Fair** will be available in person after services on **Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22.** Download the 2024 Catalog from our Church Center event page and website; gifts begin at \$5.00. To purchase gifts, visit the tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby. For questions contact coordinator Donna Leatherman at [donna.leatherman@comcast.net](mailto:donna.leatherman@comcast.net) or (856) 304-8001.

**Consecration Sunday** –If you haven't yet submitted your 2025 Estimate of Giving, please complete your 2025 card [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering plate. These estimates allow church leaders to accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.