# Circleville Church

# of North Huntingdon, PA



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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor March 30, 2025

Our mission is to share Christ with the world through worship, service and witness.

## THE CONFIDENT DECLARATION OF THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished... ... that I am forgiven. (Isaiah 53:5) 2. Jesus was wounded... ... that I am healed. (Isaiah 53:5) 3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness... ... that I have been made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9) 4. Jesus died our death... ... that we share His life (Hebrews 2:9, John 10:10) **5.** Jesus was made a curse... ... that I have entered into spiritual blessings (Galatians 3:13) 6. Jesus became poor on our behalf... ... that I have become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9, John 10:10) 7. Jesus bore our shame... ... that I share His glory (Hebrews 12:2) 8. Jesus endured our rejection... ... that I have His acceptance (Ephesians 1:5-6) 9. Our old self died in Jesus... ... that I have become a new creation (Colossians 3:-10)

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude... "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" by Crosby, Doane "Why We Sing" by Gillian

Fred King, Jr., Accompanist

Welcome and Announcements

Scott Heckert, Worship Leader

- \* Passing of the Peace
- \* Ringing of the Bells
- \* Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, all ye faithful...

People: to worship, praise, and pray.

Leader: Come, all ye unfaithful...

People: for God's love welcomes us home. Leader: Come into the presence of Christ...

People: for Christ's grace makes us new and whole.

- \* Opening Prayer
- \* Hymn of Praise #57 (Hymnal)

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Praises and Prayers – Nancy Zerbe

(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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory... "Thankful" by Jacobson, Jack

\* Offertory Response #95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Invitation for Children #2233 (TFWS)

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

Children's Message... "Don't Worry" (Saddleback Kids)

Brandon Dempsey

Scripture... Galatians 5:13-25 (NKJV)

Scott Heckert, Worship Leader

Message... "Walk in the Spirit"

Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor

\* Hymn of Dedication #521 (Hymnal)

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give your peace. Amen. Numbers 6:24-26)

\* Postlude... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Neander, Erneuerten Gesangbuch

## **Memory Verses:**

This Week: The Divine Exchange

**Last Week:** "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1 (NKJV)

<b>Ongoing Prayer Needs:</b>	Greg Clark
Kathy Irey	Cora Jean Qualey
Jane Jancisin	Jessie Roycroft
Rick Frischolz	

Statistics: Attendance last Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 44; Sunday School, 4

Homebound: Mr. Glenn Neubert, 714 Ellsworth Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644

Birthdays: April 4, Cheryl Kunkle; April 5, Marshall Gorr & Aidan Pierce

<sup>\*</sup> Benediction (in unison):

#### Received March 23, 2025

General Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 3,367.00	\$ 3,746.00	+\$ 379.00
Year-to-date	\$ 40,404.00	\$ 27,304.00	-\$ 13,100.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 385.00	\$ 6,265.00	+\$ 5,880.00
Year-to-date	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 24,453.00	+\$ 19,833.00

#### This Week

Sunday	Worship Team meets every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. behind the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to make announcements should also meet at that time.  Three & Four year old Sunday School following the worship service.
Monday	Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m.  Dartball is away, playing Paintertown, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Mid-Week Lenten service at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday	Walk Thru the Bible, 9:00 a.m. AA meeting, 8:00 p.m.

## **Looking Ahead:**

Amil 6	Communion
April 6	ChangeForGood will be a donation for the Gideons
April 13	Palm Sunday. If you want to be in the Palm parade led by the 3 & 4 year old Sunday School class, meet in the back of the sanctuary.

#### **Notes of Interest:**

**Please Note:** We will be locking the front door around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you need to leave and come back in, please let someone know so they can open the door for you.

Our Food Pantry needs the following: Shells & Cheese, soups (all kinds), cereal, canned potatoes, pineapple, Mandarin oranges, jelly, peanut butter, tuna and **spaghetti sauce**. We **do not need canned vegetables**. We have so many cans, and people are not taking the vegetables.

Walk Thru the Bible sign-up sheet and registration forms are on the table in the narthex. The deadline has been extended.

**March** newsletter is on the gift table. Please take a copy and sign your name on the sheet provided.

**IMPORTANT EMAIL CHANGE!!!!!** We have great news - the office computer that is on its last leg is being replaced within the next month! When this change occurs, we will no longer be using a United Methodist email. Please update your email address for Grace/office to circlevillechurchgmc@outlook.com This is the same email that you will see on our website and on the front of the weekly bulletin and newsletter.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT - We have come a long way. Think back to about 2 years ago when we made the decision to disaffiliate and found out the fees we would need to pay to disaffiliate. Logic seemed to say how can we? But God had other plans, and we were able to accomplish this. Soon thereafter we found that the roof of the parsonage needed replaced. Who would have thought we could take on this huge financial burden. But God knew. In 2024 we realized we desperately needed to repair all 3 sections of the church roof to the tune of over \$84,000! Who would have thought that was possible?! God did. Most recently we needed to raise the roof for the last \$18,900 needed to finish the repair. In just 42 days you raised over \$20,600! God is Good - All the time! All the time – God is Good. Who would have thought we could have done all of this, at a time when our membership decreased. But God knew that Circleville Church has good and faithful members and are great stewards of the gifts God gives us. When we called to schedule the final repair for the narthex roof, we found the \$18,900 estimate has increased dramatically. It is now over \$27,000. We will be moving forward with this repair. Your faithfulness especially in these last 2 years has shown that we need to trust that God will provide what we need to be able to continue our ministries here at Circleville. Please continue to pray for the remaining funds needed for this repair. Two years ago, who would have thought we could do what we have done to this point? God knew our hearts.

**UPDATE** – The above information was submitted for the newsletter on Wednesday, March 19. God never ceases to amaze us how he works through you faithful servants. On Monday, March 24 (just a mere 5 days later) we have raised \$6265 of the needed \$6400 for completion of the roof project! Combining this with the funds from our March fundraiser we now have enough to complete this project! THANKS BE TO GOD!

MEET OTHER GLOBAL METHODISTS AND BECOME RENEWED Annual Conference in 2024 was an amazing event. Those of us that attended left the conference feeling God's presence and on fire for spreading the Good News. Allegheny West Annual Conference 2025 will be held June 18-21. If you feel like you need to be renewed in your faith, there is no better way than to be a part of this Global Methodist movement. Many opportunities exist for you to participate. Over 300 servant volunteer time slots need to be filled to help keep things running smoothly for those delegates who represent us. Volunteer time slots are generally scheduled for 3-hour shifts.

Positions available are Registration/Check-in, First Aid, Golf Cart driver, Ambassador/Director, Greeter/Director, and Clearing Cafeteria tables (30-minute time slot). If you would like more information, reach out to Phyllis, John, or Darlene. If you are ready to sign up to help serve one day at Mount Vernon University in Mt. Vernon OH, go to the website and see what Annual Conference 2025 Start Planting is all about. https://alleghenywestgmc.org/startplanting/

## **Band Meeting Questions**

Each week Methodists would meet together in groups of three to five people of the same gender (known as bands), and ask each person the following four questions:

- 1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
- 2. What temptations have you met with?
- 3. How were you delivered?
- 4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

## **Class Meeting Questions**

They also had small group meetings so-called class meeting consisted of 12 people with a series of questions.

- 1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
- 2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
- 3. Do I confidentially pass onto another what was told me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
- 4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
- 5. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
- 6. Did the Bible live in me today?
- 7. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
- 8. Am I enjoying prayer?
- 9. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?
- 10. Do I pray about the money I spend?
- 11. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
- 12. Do I disobey God in anything?
- 13. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
- 14. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
- 15. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
- 16. How do I spend my spare time?
- 17. Am I proud?
- 18. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisee who despised the publican?
- 19. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I going to do about it?
- 20. Do I grumble and complain constantly?
- 21. Is Christ real to me?

## **Sermon Notes:**

## Galatians 5:13-25 New King James Version

<sup>13</sup> For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

#### Walking in the Spirit

<sup>16</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [a] adultery, [b] fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, [c] murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> [d]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

## **Message of Salvation**

Are you saved?

Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you die at this moment? Here is the good news for you.

#### Everyone dies because of sin, and after that ...

You will die someday because of sin. You cannot avoid death, and death is not the end, but the beginning of an eternal life. What's important is where and how you will live eternally. With eternal happiness in heaven or eternal suffering in hell? If you deal with your sin, you can enter the heaven and live there eternally. How?

#### Jesus Christ has redeemed your sin.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and bore the cross shedding his blood to redeem your sin and triumphed in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, Christ paid off your sin and purchased a place for you in heaven, which he offers as a free gift.

### If you want for your sins to be forgiven and to be saved ...

- 1. Accept Christ's invitation by repenting your sins by asking, "Lord, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive all of my iniquities I have committed, and lead me to your kingdom."
- 2. Confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior," by praying,
  "Lord, I confess that You are my Savior who can deliver me from the eternal damnation
  of sin and death. Come into my heart and be my master for my entire life."
- 3. Rejoice, you are forgiven and given an eternal life without condemnation.
- 4. Congratulations! You become a child of God and a citizen of Heaven.

#### What's next?

- 1. Read the Bible, the Word of God, in which you will find Truth and Peace.
- 2. Join a local church where you will grow in faith
- 3. Do good works as much as you can. Sharing God's love for others is a form of worship.

If you, having read this, trusted Jesus for eternal salvation, please let us know. We would like to help you to grow spiritually.

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