

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

September 13, 2020

CONFIRMATION CLASS – 11 AM

“So each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

Romans 14:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTISM – 11 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

L: In the midst of our failures,

P: We stand in God’s grace.

L: In the midst of our struggles,

P: We boast in our hope through Christ.

L: In the midst of our suffering,

P: We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

L: In every part of our lives,

P: The love of the Father has been poured into our hearts.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:1-6

ANTHEM

“All Because of God’s Amazing Grace”

Vicki Georgic

Lori McCann

Peg Morrison

OPENING PRAYER

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-11

*HYMN

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 21

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

No. 309

SERMON

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Heavenly Father, our Savior told us, "Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for My sake will gain it." We confess that we often close our ears and minds to this kind of risk. Lord, we are sorry for being unfaithful. Please forgive our fearful hearts. You alone know how desperately we need connection with You and with one another. Give us courage so that we may respond to Your call to us for a deeper life. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, where Christ Jesus remains at the center. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*HYMN

“Power of the Cross”

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

NEW COVENANT PARTNERS - Today we welcome to the life of our church new covenant partners Grace Barton, Jacob Barton, Joshua Boettner, Max Palmiero, and Grace Smith who have completed the confirmation class. We also welcome Joel and Jane Symonds who join us as covenant partners through affirmation of faith.

BAPTISM TODAY – The rose on the altar is to celebrate the Baptism today of Madeline Jane Symonds, daughter of Joel and Jane Symonds. Madeline was born on January 6, 2020.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY: 6:30 PM Men's Study
TUESDAY: 1 PM Charlotte's Bible Study 1 PM Quilting
WEDNESDAY: 9 AM Coffee & Conversations 5 PM Community Dinner
SUNDAY 20th: 10:10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Outdoor Worship
12:30 PM Club 35

WORSHIP SERVICE – Over the next 2 months, starting on September 20th, we will host outdoor worship at 11 AM, weather permitting. Similar to the church picnic, you will need to bring your own chair and space out in the church yard or parking lot on the playground side. When the weather allows, we will only have the one service and we will stream it for those who cannot come. We will make an announcement each week, on Wednesday, based solely on the weather forecast to allow for proper time to prep what is necessary for the service. Reservations are no longer required or needed. Whether we're outside for 1 service, or inside for 2 services, Sunday school will start at 10:10 AM each week. Junior Church and Nursery Care are available during our 11 AM service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! We are offering socially distant Sunday School at 10:10 AM for Preschool through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, and 6th through 12th grade. Our Sunday school intro music time will continue at a later date, so children will be dropped off directly at their classrooms. Children will be asked to wear a mask to come into the room and when they are closer than 6 feet. An adult class led by Dave Freund is also being offered at 10:10 AM.

HERE WE GO! YOUTH GROUP TODAY - September 13th at 12:30 PM. All 6th -12th graders are invited to join us for fellowship and fun! CLUB 35 kicks off on next Sunday, September 20th at 12:30 PM. All 3rd – 5th graders are invited!

DRIVEWAY VISIT WITH PASTOR STEVE – Please call the church office or send Pastor Steve an email if you are interested in scheduling a socially distant outdoor visit with him at your home.

HOLTGRAVER FAMILY – The Deacons are collecting gift cards (restaurant and gas) to assist Danny and Haley as they travel back and forth from the NICU in Pittsburgh for the next few weeks as their newborn twins continue to develop. If you would like to help, gift cards can be dropped off at the church.

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE - at Meridian Fire Hall on Tuesday, October 6th from 12 PM -5 PM. We are again teaming up with the American Red Cross to find donors for our local community blood drive. If you are able and willing to donate, please go the Community Outreach page on the church website to sign up! If you are not a computer/internet person and would like to sign up, simply contact the church office for assistance!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Trunk or Treat - October 17th from 4 PM – 6 PM. We will need people to decorate trunks. Contact Mike Barton if you are interested.

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