

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 18, 2022

PRELUDE *Dawning of Assurance* Gregg Sewell

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from John 1)

L: *In the beginning was the Word;*

C: the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: *In Him was life—and the light for all humanity.*

C: The light shines in the darkness,

L: *and the darkness has not overcome it.*

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible* Black #1, vv. 1,2,3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION(from Psalm 139 & Colossians 1)

A: Search me, God, and know my heart;

Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**Point out anything in me that offends You,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.**

-Silence for personal confession-

**A: Thanks be to You, Lord, in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Tom Edmunds

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 42:5-7* (p. 1033)

Matthew 5:13-16 (p. 1378)

RESPONSE

L: *The word of God*

A: for our good.

MESSAGE

For the benefit of others

PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

OFFERINGS & DOXOLOGY

***HYMN** *Renew Your Church* Black #311, vv. 1,3,4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sing a New Song of Joy* Hugh Livingston, Jr.

**please stand as you are able*

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Bulletin Covers are in loving memory of Joseph Moyer.

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Friendship Café opens in Fellowship Hall after morning worship.

Stop down for some good food & conversation! +

Looking ahead...

World Communion Sunday, Oct 2 (the choir returns!)

Firepit Fellowship, Oct 13

All Saints' memorial service, Oct 30

Thanksgiving service, Nov 20

NEWS & NOTES

The **Adult Forum** begins this week—an opportunity for conversations that connect Biblical texts with current experience. This week's topic: questions of freedom from Paul's letter to Philemon. Sundays, 10.30-11.30am in Fellowship Hall.

The **midweek study** meets Wednesdays, 7-8pm online. The current study on Old Testament kings & prophets is exploring the books of Samuel & Kings. Find info for connecting via zoom at the website.

September Mission: Central Dauphin NutriPacks.

Kids' activity packets (for kids & grandkids) are available to take home. Check the foyer and Fellowship Hall.

Drop in for a **Men's Breakfast** on Sept 24, 8.30am at St. Thomas Restaurant. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board so we know how big a table to book.

The **St. Thomas Dulcimer Society** will play for Fort Hunter Day on Sept 18 in the Little Heckton Church, from noon to 2pm. The day also includes arts & crafts, demonstrations, exhibitions, and various entertainments.

Join a group from St. Thomas to see **'David' at Sight & Sound** on October 27. For more information or to reserve a ticket (\$65.55 by Sept 25), contact John (text 717.421.0016).

Order forms for **St. Thomas logo shirts** are available in Fellowship Hall.

Calling all **soup helpers!** Jeff has agreed to make ham vegetable soup on November 12. If you are available to help on that day, please call the office and let Carol know.

Get to know the

HOSPITALITY TEAM

PURPOSE: Creating opportunities for "life on life" fellowship among those who are part of/connected with St. Thomas

GOAL: To provide fellowship and opportunities to participate in the life of St. Thomas

The Hospitality Team sponsors ongoing events and projects such as the weekly Friendship Cafe, online announcements through the church office, welcome bags to visitors and occasional Sunday potluck brunches. The team has sponsored activities such as a chili/soup event, football tailgate party, coffee and holiday events. Started during the pandemic and continuing, the team arranges "drive-by" opportunities for connecting with shut-ins to celebrate milestones and to deliver caring thoughts.

Under the umbrella of the Hospitality Team the group has organized the advent festival and helped with the firepit fellowship and other musical events; the Team also coordinates efforts with the St. Thomas Community Impact team.

Your participation is welcome! Become a part of the team or perhaps lead/help with an occasional event. New ideas are welcome as we strive to make St. Thomas a warm and inviting faithful community.

Current team members:

Sandie Bartholomeo

Pattie Hanawalt

Barb Meehan

Leslie Richardson

Missie Schmidt

Connie Stackhouse

Laurie Soles

Connie Stackhouse

Bert Wallower

Cindy Sobkowski

Laurie Soles