

SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 21, 2023

PRELUDE *This is My Father's World* Tim Doran

WELCOME & PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 35)

L: *Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;*

C: it is fitting for the upright to praise Him!

L: *For the word of the Lord is right and true;*

C: He is faithful in all He does.

L: *The Lord loves righteousness and justice;*

A: the earth is full of His unfailing love!

***HYMN** *Praise Ye the Lord* Red #8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 51, Colossians 1)

**A: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your unfailing love.
Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin.**

-Silence for personal confession-

**A: You have rescued us from the dominion of
darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of
the Son You love—in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Missie Schmidt

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 19:23-25* (p. 999)

Romans 5:1-8 (p. 1605)

RESPONSE

L: *The word of God for our good.*

A: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Loved by God*

PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

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

OFFERING *Idylle* Max Oesten

*DOXOLOGY

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Red #272; vv. 1,3,4

CHURCH LIFE Music at St. Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Thanks Be Unto God* Howard Wetherill

If you're new to or checking out St. Thomas, welcome!

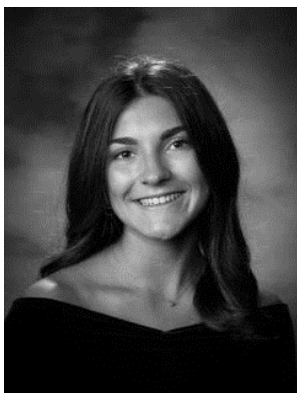
SPRING GRADUATES 2023



Adeline Forester chose to further her education through HACC, graduating with an Associate degree in General Studies. “While I don’t believe my college door is shut, I do plan on taking a break and going into the workforce. My family, friends, and dog are a very important part of my life and a huge reason I was able to complete my education.”



Dean Shaw is graduating from University of Delaware, School of Engineering. Dean has earned a degree in Biomedical engineering. He is the son of Tony and Stephanie Shaw and grandson of Bob and Barb Meehan.



Ava Shaw is graduating from Souderton Area High School in Harleysville, PA. Ava is a member of the National Honor Society and an avid field hockey and lacrosse player. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh as a biochemistry major. Ava is the daughter of Tony and Stephanie Shaw and the granddaughter of Bob and Barb Meehan.

NEWS & NOTES

The **Midweek online study** (Wednesdays, 7-8pm) is moving through 1 Thessalonians. Join in once or often (use the link found at the website) for lively conversation!

Spiritual gifts: What are they? What do we do with them? How do they fit in the church and daily life? Questions like these will be considered during the current Adult Forum series on the resources God supplies for the work calls us to do. Plan to be part of these informative, hands-on sessions—Sundays, 10.30am.

Home hosted dinners are back by popular demand and a sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Sign up to be a guest or a host. Dinner groups will be arranged, and each guest brings a portion of the meal. The season is perfect to enjoy indoor and outdoor dining!

Drop in for **Morning Coffee** on Tuesday, June 6, 10-11am.

The next **Firepit Fellowship** features food and live music. Invite a friend, bring a chair, and enjoy a fine evening! Tues, June 6, 7pm.

If you have a **prayer request**, or want to pray for others in and connected with St. Thomas, contact the church office.

The **History Preservation Committee** has forms in Fellowship Hall to record memories about worship during Covid. Please take a few minutes to describe and share your experiences.

Boat Church—instead of a service at the building on June 18, Sunday’s worship will be on *The Pride of the Susquehanna*.