

He hath made
every thing
beautiful
in his time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Elizabeth, Guest Speaker
Craig, Liturgist
Joe, Music Tech

September 27th, 2026

Lunch at Pfeiffer Nature Center

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Exodus 17:1-7 (pg. 64 [79 LP] OT)

TIME OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Each day is a gift; each Sabbath day—a special gift; a day set apart; time offered by God, inviting us,

People: **To step aside, slow our pace, change our gait; in some way to keep time differently; let go of the “usual.”**

Leader: That we might *see* with new sight; *hear* new voices, new sounds; find life speaking to us in a new way;

People: **And remember Whose we are—God’s own; created in Love, redeemed by Love, kept in the company of Love now and forevermore!**

*HYMN #469

“Morning Has Broken”

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Everlasting God, Creator of every morning we know, of every new day that opens before us, forgive the opportunity we squander as we fail to acknowledge the gift You are in our lives. We live satisfied with our own accomplishments, with our own purpose and expectations that fail to look or hope beyond what we know we can control. Forgive us, Dear Lord. Restore the wonder of your Spirit dwelling within us. Renew our trust in You. We pray in Christ’s Name. Amen.

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI (pg. 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16* (pg. 537 [661 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 2:1-12* (pg. 197 [240 LP] NT)

GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23-32* (pg. 23 [28 LP] NT)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord...

People: **Praise be to God**

SERMON

Elizabeth

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #335 *"Though I May Speak"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

MINUTE FOR WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Julie

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #485 *"To God Be the Glory"*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

THE WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING will be received on October 4th, World Communion Sunday, but your gifts to the offering are welcome at any time! Special offering envelopes are in the pew and will be inserted in bulletin next week. The Mission Committee has set the offering goal at \$600.

Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

For the week beginning September 27th, 2026

GREETERS: Julie
PRAYER FAMILY: Terry and Judy
ELDER for the Month: Bizzy/Sep: Diana/Oct

Monday 9/28 Office Closed
Tuesday 9/29 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 9/30 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday 10/01 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Friday 10/02 Office Closed

Sanctuary Cleaning for Oct. 4th: Diana

Next Sunday, October 4th 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
World Communion Sunday
Guest Minister: Rev. Lee
Liturgist: Karl
Greeters: Brenda
Music Tech: Judy
Video Streaming Tech: Cso

HEARING ENHANCERS are also available in the Narthex.

We will be collecting **RICE** this week for the **PORTVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**.

A **PICNIC**, will be held following worship **today** at Pfeiffer Nature Center located at the top of Lillibridge Rd. It's not too late to join us!

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT



**Rev. Bruce at 716-378-6773 or
Judy at 716-933-6303**



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October Mission Highlight

This Halloween, we will once again participate in the community trick-or-treat event by hosting a family-friendly display on the church's front lawn and distributing candy to local children. To support this community outreach effort, we welcome donations of **bagged candy**. Donations may be delivered to the church office. We are also seeking **volunteers** to assist with **setup**, **work the event**, and **cleanup**. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex in the coming weeks.



IT'S A FUNDRAISER for the

African American Center for Cultural Development

Everyone is invited

Lou Ruby and the Famous Hickey Tavern
will present Master Bluesman, Magic Terry Bellamy
performing in Concert.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at
FAMOUS HICKEY TAVERN
96 W. Main Street, Allegany, NY

**There will be refreshments, a donation jar
and chances to win a fifty/fifty drawing.**