

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

APPRECIATION

Nicole Sanders

*HYMN

"May You Run and Not be Weary"

see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE²

"Fugue in G Major"

J. S. Bach

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. *Worship notes:* *congregation is invited to stand - **Bold** is to be said by congregation

¹ We congratulate all our high school graduates, some of whom were not able to be with us today: Hannah Ahmad, Alex Cocco, Aaron Lieboff, Maeve Merzena, Marshall Overheiser, Gabe Parsons, Kaitlin Pietras, Max Ward, and Grace Warznak.

A wonderful PPC tradition continues thanks to our Blanket Makers! We are grateful to Lauren and Mary Finlayson, Carol Meyer, Kim Newport, Amy Pszczolkowski, and Lee White for creating warm, colorful, handmade blankets that symbolize the love and warmth this congregation wants its graduates to feel as they venture forth on the next step of their journey through life.

² We are so blessed to have such a talented music staff at our church! If you would like to listen to the postlude, feel free to move closer to the front of the church after the benediction where you can sit with others who will also be listening mindfully. "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!" (Psalm 150:1)

Family Reunion: Meeting Some of Our Long-Lost Relatives *Bezalel*



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PENNINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

~June 16, 2019~

Family Reunion: Meeting Some of our Long-Lost Relatives *Bezalel*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

As the music begins, please quiet yourself in anticipation of the worship of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nancy Mikoski

HYMN SING: OLD AND NEW

(Two favorites suggested by congregants and two newer contemporary Christian songs to learn³)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Bruestle

God created us in love.

Create us anew in love as we worship you, God.

Jesus Christ redeemed this world in love.

Reclaim our hearts as we worship you, God.

Holy Spirit moves in this world giving us gifts to use for the blessing of others.

Move within us as we worship you, God.

With grateful hearts let us worship our Triune God together!

*HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn #643

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Wondrous God, in generosity and love you pour out the Holy Spirit for us. We confess that often we ignore your promptings, too wrapped up in what we are doing to see what you are prompting us to do. Forgive us when we fail to ask for your help and for the times we squander the gifts you have given us. Reshape us Lord, by the grace of Jesus Christ, that we may live our lives empowered by your Spirit, for your honor and glory. (*silent confession*). Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE HYMN

"Love the Lord Your God"

Hymnal #62

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Allison Neary

God our helper, teach us your paths and show us your ways. By your Holy Spirit open our minds that we may be led by you. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. David Hallgren

(Young worshippers may go to Child Care in Room 102 in the Nursery School building. Cherub Music time will resume in September. Visitors welcome.)

*HYMN

"O Beauty Ever Ancient"

Hymnal #650

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 31:1-11

SERMON

"Bezalel"

Rev. Nancy A. Mikoski

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING and MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

"O, Most Merciful"

ad. Anthony Greening

Adult Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Loving God, we present our tithes and offerings to you. Enable us to go forth from worship empowered and transformed for life, giving thanks for your presence and your gifts. Inspire us with creativity and love. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Alex Cocco, Aaron Lieboff, Gabe Parsons, Hannah Pietras, and Max Ward¹

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS



(Find this schedule at pennpres.org/localevents and in the PPC e-mail newsletters.)

June 26 – WEDNESDAY – 7:00 pm (new time) – Summer Fun Event: Monday Blues Jazz Orchestra and Pie Social in the Courtyard -Please let the church office know if you plan to bring a pie to share and what kind by June 24, Monday: 609-737-1221, x-10 or office@pennpres.org.)
July 12-13 – starting at 6:30 pm on the 12th – Summer Fun Event: Family Campout in the Courtyard (hot dogs, campfire songs and games, etc.)
August 3 – SATURDAY – 2:00 pm – Summer Fun Event: Attend the Hopewell Valley Children’s Theater production of “Peter Pan Jr.” in which multiple members of the PPC community are performing (Buy your own tickets at HVCT.org; tickets are \$10 for children and senior and \$15 for others; they go on sale a month before the show date)
August 4 – SUNDAY – 2:00 pm - Summer Fun Event: Attend the Hopewell Valley Children’s Theater production of “Footloose” in which multiple members of the PPC community are performing (Buy your own tickets at HVCT.org; tickets are \$10 for children and seniors and \$15 for others; they go on sale a month before the show date)
August 14 – WEDNESDAY – 6:30 pm – Summer Fun Event: Corn Hole and Other Yard Games, and Caravan to Cream King

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WELCOME! We extend a warm greeting to newcomers and visitors and invite you to join fully in the life of our church. Coffee/fellowship hour is held following our service. For printed information, please stop by the Visitors Welcome Table. **CHILDREN’S BIBLES** are available. Please feel free to look for one for your child and take it to where you are seated. **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BAGS** with paper, crayons, etc., are also available. **RESERVED PARKING** is available for people who must park close to our entrances. Please respect the special needs of others. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** We appreciate your consideration in not taking flash pictures, and silencing cell phones during the worship services, as it is disruptive to the other worshippers. Thank you.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Joanne, Kristin, Sarah, Melanie, Lauren, Caitlyn, and Alexandra Hoffmann;
Angie Holler; Annie Hunter; Beth Hutton;
Bruce and Ethan Jeffs, and Melissa McQuoid

IN MEMORIAM

On June 6, Lynda Matthei died. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Her daughter Gayle is making arrangements for a memorial service, and when details are set we will share them with the congregation. We expect the service to take place in July at PPC.

³ **MUSIC NOTES:** One of our “new” hymns today, *Sanctuary*, was written in 1982, early in the church’s contemporary music movement, to remind worshippers of Paul’s words to the church at Corinth: “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s spirit dwells in you?” We ask God to prepare us that we may live into that calling on our lives. As you sing, you are invited to reflect on how God has been preparing you throughout your life.

WE WISH ALL THE FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES A HAPPY SUNDAY AND A BLESSED YEAR OF HAPPY TIMES & GOOD MEMORIES.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Can you help prepare and serve snacks for Urban Promise’s summer camp on any or all the days of the camp, July 15 through July 18? The total time involved is an hour and a half. Arrive at Urban Promise at 2 pm and complete service by 3 pm. Contact

Hope Anderson at hopeanderson.ppns@gmail.com or the church office at 609-772-1221, x-10.

- Can you help with childcare during worship services this summer? There is a sign up display in Upper Titus during fellowship time that shows which days are open. Or, contact Carol Meyer (caroljordanmeyer@gmail.com or 609-658-8227.)

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ALL SUMMER LONG TO SUPPORT ARM IN ARM'S FIGHT AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER. Many families in our community are food insecure, and their children depend on subsidized lunches at school, an option not available during the summer. Please help fill our red wagons every week with nutritious food. We got off to a great start this past week. Let's keep it going.

THERE ARE STILL SOME REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES AVAILABLE FOR \$12. Make planning ahead easier for yourself by getting a second bottle or give a bottle to someone who'd appreciate that you care about them and the environment. Just \$12. Contact or come by the church office. Exact change is appreciated.

PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME – This week we are praying for Somalia, in eastern Africa just above the equator and at the southern end of the Red Sea and jutting into the vital waterways to and from the Suez Canal.

Mogadishu is the capital, which has been scarred by many years of conflict. (This was the location for the Black Hawk Down, where rebels took down an American helicopter.) Somali and Arabic are official languages, but people also speak Italian, a leftover from colonial days, and also English. Sunni Islam is practiced in Somalia. This country's topography is mostly flat to undulating plateau rising to hills in northern Somalia, and it has the longest coastline of any mainland African country. It is the third highest source of refugees globally. People flee violence and extreme poverty. The average life span for men is only 50 and for women, it is 53. As of 2012, the population is only about 10 million range.

People play soccer and there have been successful track and field athletes from Somalia. A group of Somalis living in Sweden formed a team and participated in the Bandy World Championship (a form of ice hockey) in 2014-2018. They were the first African team to do so.

Somalia has a diverse climate. There are a variety of mammals only found there (e.g., the Pygmy gerbil and elephant shrew.)

There are also lions, Sudan cheetah, reticulated giraffe, African Bush Elephant in the south, gazelles and ostriches. Many of these animals are endangered.

The SIAD regime fell in 1991 and two decades of conflict and civil war followed. Despite deep poverty, famine and severe humanitarian concerns, Somalia has one of the highest fertility rates in the world. (Each woman has an average of 6 children.) Terrorism is a major concern. The terrorist group al-Shabaab (an affiliate of al-Qa'ida) and ISIS regularly fight to discredit and destabilize the government and fight against each other to establish their control. The central government lacks control of much of the country. Many flee to neighboring Kenya, and their presence and numbers is a source of instability and conflict within that country because of the resources to provide humanitarian aid.

A portion of Somalia has declared independence and calls itself "Somaliland." They have their own government, flag, and currency, but they are not internationally recognized as their own country. Since the civil war started, not a single tourist had visited Somalia, until 2010 when a Canadian man named Mike Spencer arrived and declared himself a tourist.

Somalia is an extremely dangerous part of the world for Christians. They are severely persecuted, but that has not deterred many missionaries. Many organizations are working with refugees to address hunger, medical treatment, and other needs.

SCHEDULE:

June 17 – MONDAY – 6:00 pm – PPC vs. Graceway @ Hopewell 1 Field

(<https://sites.google.com/site/1977mesl/field-directions?authuser=0>)

June 18 – TUESDAY – 7:00 pm – Support Team meets

June 18 – TUESDAY – 7:30 pm – Facilities and Stewardship Committees meet

June 21 - FRIDAY - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm - PresPlus Picnic at Pennington Point –

Special Note from PresPlus: If you have not been contacted by someone about the picnic and would like to attend, please call Barbara Pratt at 609-737-2767.

June 23 – SUNDAY – Worship service followed by fellowship time