

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
June 30, 2024 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE: Bach/Siloti Prelude in Bm

INTROIT: Spirit Song

WELCOME:

SHEEP PEN: Keep Your Wit(nes)s About You!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by a few confessions and the Holy Spirit!)

ONE: We believe in God, the Father, the Almighty...

**ALL: maker of heaven and earth. - (Apostles Creed)**

ONE: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God...

**ALL: eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. (Nicene Creed)**

ONE: We believe that Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. (Theological Declaration of Barmen)

**ALL: We believe the Spirit gives us courage to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. (Brief Statement of Faith)**

ONE: We believe and confess the Scriptures sufficient to instruct and make perfect the children of God...

**ALL: We affirm and avow scripture's authority to be from God. (Scots Confession)**

ONE: We believe that the chief and highest end of humanity...

**ALL: is to glorify God and to fully enjoy him forever.**

**(Westminster Confession Shorter/Larger Catechism)**

ONE: We believe that the church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. (The Confession of 1967)

**ALL: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Brief Statement of Faith)**

OPENING PRAYER:

ONE: Let us pray: **ALL: Gracious God, Saving Lord Jesus, ever-moving and motivating Holy Spirit – we come again - standing together with those gathered here today – and with those who have proclaimed your grace throughout the ages – to bear witness to you and your presence in our lives. Let this hour not just be something that gets done – but let it move us to become more like you and to love as you do. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me? (GTG #726)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

ONE: Let us pray:

**ALL: Gracious God, you call us to profess our faith in you. We must confess that too often we fail to do so. Rather, in the things we say and do – and in the things we leave undone and unsaid – we profess faith in other things like materialism, politics and partisanism, my-way-or-the-highway-isms that stop us from living into the vision of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us, God. Give us wisdom, courage and hope to proclaim your power, love and justice to the world. Amen.**

ONE: Let us pray now - with the Spirit – quietly in the stillness of our hearts...

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

ONE: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with each other in community.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: What A Friend We Have in Jesus (GTG #465)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

ONE: Let us pray: **ALL: Holy Spirit, illumine our understanding and inspire our response to God's holy word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**1 Peter 3: 8-15          Mark 8: 27-30**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord! **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Series: Spirit-Inspired**

**Week Seven MESSAGE: Creedal Confessions**

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Take Up Your Cross (GTG #718)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Philippians 2: 5-11*)

Striving to adopt the mind of Christ Jesus, we believe: that though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

**BURNING QUESTIONS?**

\*CLOSING HYMN: At The Name Of Jesus (GTG #264)

\*BENEDICTION: Go Now In Peace

*Go now in peace...never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

POSTLUDE: Chopin Nocturne 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
TODAY June 30, 2024

9:00am	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE – Chapel
10:00am	Sewing Seeds of Love
10:15-10:45am	Friendship Time
11:00am	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

THIS WEEK: July 1-5

Mon, July 1	Share & Care 6:30pm
Tues, July 2	Office Hours 11-4
Wed, July 3	Office Hours 11-4
Thurs, July 4	HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 12	Sewing Seeds of Love Class 1-3pm S'more Time with Jesus 6pm
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STEWARDSHIP: Service June 23, 2024 – Weekly Giving: \$1653

Attendance: 46

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**Happy Birthday**

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**Sewing Seeds of Love**

For ages 8+ Find us on Facebook

**SUMMER SEWING WORKSHOPS**

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- Friday, July 26th - Fish Backpack **1-3 pm**
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- Friday, August 23rd - Skirts **10 am-12 pm**

Space is limited! \$20.00 per person per workshop

Register by calling  
Debbie @ 443-430-4948

**SEWING FOR A CAUSE**

Sunday Mornings  
FROM 10:30 – 12:00 NOON

LEARN HOW TO SEW WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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20 South Main Street  
Berlin, Maryland 21811  
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Join us at the Ballgame!

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