

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Special Music: Bell Choir
Greeter: Barbara Coulbourn
Usher: Dora Greer
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

John Renshaw (LT); Norma Saulsbury (H); Sandra Greer (H); McFarlan Family (L); Sam (H); Janet Canavan (LT); Linda Lyons (H); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Donna McCormick (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex

Chester Bethel UMC

Nov. 15, 2026 9:30 AM



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Announcements

- Don't forget the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, with Preschool families and CB Thrift Shop. Please bring shelf stable foods or donate money (envelopes on board in lobby) so we can purchase turkeys, butter, and milk for our hungry neighbors.
- Missions Meeting today following the worship service.
- The Live Nativity creche will be put up on Saturday, Nov.21 starting at 9 am—meet at the garage—thank you! Call Bill for details.
- Mark your calendars for Dec 5 when we will decorate the church Christmas Tree at 9 am.

Dates To Remember

November 1- Dec 6 –Thanksgiving Food Drive
15 – Missions Meeting following church service
19 – Single Board Meeting at 6 pm
21 – Creche assembly at 9 am
29 – Fifth Sunday joint worship and fellowship at Chester Bethel—11 am! Potluck to follow.

December 5 – Decorate church Christmas Tree at 9 am

November 15, 2026 9:30 AM
25th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 123)

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes -
People: **to you who are enthroned in the heavens!**
Leader: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
People: **as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
Leader: so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
People: **until he has mercy upon us.**
All: **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

*OPENING HYMN – "Gather Us In" TFWS #2236

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.[1]

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

[1] From the Episcopalian *Book of Common Prayer*.

catholic Church,[2] the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.[3]

OLD TESTAMENT READING Judges 4:1-10
NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CLOSING HYMN – "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH # 121

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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[2]"Catholic" in this instance means "universal."

[3]https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf
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