



Chester Bethel UMC

October 18, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Pastor: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Paul, Stan and Cliff
Greeter: Sylvia Illuzzi
Usher: Dora Greer
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

*Flowers are dedicated in
celebration of
of Bill and Laura White's
20th wedding anniversary*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

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



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Announcements

- Today is Paul Wilson's birthday-wish him a happy one!
- As you know, our collection for the **Good Samaritan Fund** is held on communion Sundays. Because of the worsening economic situation, many requests for assistance must be turned down in the office. If you wish to contribute to the mission of helping with power bills and rent, there is a basket on the Narthex table for such donations. Thank you for your generosity!
- If you would be willing to lend a hand painting, we need help re-painting the master bedroom in the parsonage. Many hands make light work—please see Pastor Kelly.
- Pastor Kelly will be out of town from Oct. 23-31st.
- **Toiletries**, gloves, socks, and scarves are being collected in labelled baskets in the lobby. **Food donations** are still going to Claymont Community Center from the wagons next to the door.
- **November 1 is All Saints Day.** If you have loved ones, recently deceased, you would like to remember during the service, please place the clearly written names in the offering plate.

Dates To Remember

- Fall Bible Study is this week will cover the chapter entitled - "Laughter". Tuesday Zoom at 7 and Thursday in person at 10 am.
- Oct 12-24 – Kid to Kid food drive with Preschool families
- October 24 – Trunk or Treat from 1-3 pm—please come!

October 18, 2026 9:30 AM
21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

People: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: **Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is the Lord!**

Leader: Moses, Aaron, Samuel, and all your prophets cried out to you,
and you answered.

All: **You are a God who forgives and protects your people fiercely!**

*OPENING HYMN – “Amazing Grace” vv. 1-5 UMH #378

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

¹ The Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy 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

God of many voices, of languages familiar and different, connect us with your scripture today through your Holy Spirit. May we hear your word in a new and different way. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 33:12-23
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Abide with Me” vv. 1-4 UMH #700

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 – “How Great Thou Art” vv.1-3 UMH #77

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Rising in body or in spirit*

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Thank you!



²“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”