



Chester Bethel UMC

Nov. 9, 2025

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pan Manocchio
Special Music: Paul Wilson
Greeter: Lorraine MacMillan
Usher: Bill White
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

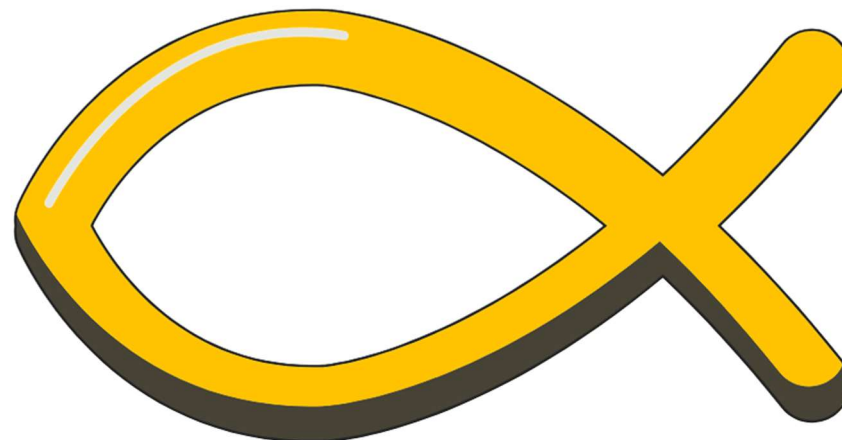
*Flowers are given
to the glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Donahoe Family (L); Keith Saulsbury (H); Harry Taylor (H); The Barnhart Family (O); Steve Schellberg (H); Brione (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); KFK (O); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (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) and disasters.

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



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Announcements

- If anyone has a key to the front door they are no longer using, please return it for volunteers who need keys.
- There are envelopes on the Narthex table for our Claymont Community Center Thanksgiving collection. They will buy perishable food like milk, cheese, and turkeys for our neighbors—we are thankful for what we have.
- If you are offered a free turkey by a supermarket and don't wish to use it, **please** bring it to church, put it in the freezer, and we will make sure they are taken to Claymont the week prior to Thanksgiving. Thank you!
- The Missions Committee wants to learn more about the charities we support. We contacted Child, Inc. and the Executive Director, Lori Sitler, will be here today to give a short talk. To help Child, Inc. we have collected school supplies—Thank you!

Dates To Remember

November 12 –Admin. Council at 6
13 –Preschool Fundraiser *Joe Corbi* in Narthex
16–Missions Mtg after service
27 –Thanksgiving Day
30 –First Sunday of Advent
December 2– Opening day for Advent Bible Study; Zoom
7pm
4 –Advent Bible Study at 10 in Narthex

November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 145)

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

People: **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.**

All: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
UMH # 103

VETERANS DAY PRAYER¹

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans – those people who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. We remember the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. May we respect them, thank them, and honor them. We pray that you will watch over these special

¹ Adapted from Prayer #6: <https://www.vfwpost3513.com/chaplains-prayers>.

people, and also their families, who made their own sacrifices. May you bless all of these with peace in their lives after service, that they may know the fruits of their labor. Amen.

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 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

Shine within our hearts, loving God, the pure light of your divine knowledge; and open the eyes of our minds and hearts, so that we may understand and embrace the message of the Scripture. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Haggai 2:4-9
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 20:27-38

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “How Great Thou Art” vv. 1&2
UMH # 77

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 – “Sent Forth by God's Blessing” UMH # 664

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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

³<https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/MARCH-22-25-BULLETIN.pdf>.