



Chester Bethel UMC

February 2, 2025

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell choir Director: Pam Manochio
Special Music: Paul Wilson
Greeter: Dora Greer
Usher: Carol Williamson
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

*Altar flowers are given to the
glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

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

Joseph Glasgow (H); CA Wildfire victims and their families(L); Linda Lyons (H); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Darene Hazel (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Jane Dean (H); 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 (H); Mabel Ladd (H); 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

- Don't forget to bring cans or boxes of soup by Feb. 9th.
- Bible Study for March is based on **Luke** by Adam Hamilton. If you would like us to order you a book please let the office know before Feb. 18th. They will be \$13 each.
- We're assembling a **phone list** for folks that prefer church communications by call. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex. We want everyone to stay in touch!
- Starting in January through June the Missions Committee has designated the following charities for your mission donations:
 1. Child, Inc.
 2. Neighborhood House
 3. Sojourner's Place
- As we rotate volunteer leadership of our church for the next term, we are currently in need of a **Finance Chair**. Seeking someone who is organized, good with numbers, capable of faithful oversight of the Finance Committee, and willing to learn about our church's financial policies! If interested, please see Pastor Kelly!

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 9 –Souper Bowl Sunday (canned or dried soups for Claymont Community Center's food pantry)
- Feb 18th—deadline for book orders

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 71)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me!

People: **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope and my trust;

All: **But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Gather Us In” vv.1, 3 & 4 FWS # 2236

OPENING PRAYER

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.¹

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service, and love. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:21-30

¹ Written by Ruth C. Duck, *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated*, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 38-9.

²http://www.valleypresct.org/uploads/8/0/1/6/80162/prayers_for_illumination.pdf.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”
v. 1, refrain & v.2, refrain FWS #2158

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 are invited to give in one of the following ways:

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office*

Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work 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!

INVITATION TO THE HOLY COMMUNION TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH p. 12

Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and

we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH p. 13
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION UMH p. 11
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN – “God of Love and God of Power”
UMH #578

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing, in body or spirit
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