

October 18, 2026
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

founded prior to 1721

*“O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.”*

Psalm 96 :1 NRSV

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE “Canzona in D Minor” *J.S. Bach*
“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”

Gathering in God’s Name

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Exodus 33:12, 14, 19

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, “I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”

Lord, you have promised us, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

Lord, you have blessed us, saying, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”

Lord, you have humbled us, saying, “I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”

Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

*HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #12

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Matthew 22:15-22

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ, and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.

Forgive us, O God, and by your grace, restore in us the image of your face.

(Silent Confession)

In Christ's name we pray...

Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 96:1-9 NRSV

- ¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Gift of Love" Hal H. Hopson

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "In Whose Image" Matt Randolph

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #716

- 1 God, whose giving knows now ending,
from your rich and endless store,
natures wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION Tim Elkner, Clerk of Session

Received into Active Membership:

- David & Nancy Bischoff – by Reaffirmation of Faith
- John & Mary Reitz – by Letter of Transfer from Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, PA
- William & Jean Stolz – by Letter of Transfer from Saint John's Lutheran Church in Tamaqua, PA

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:27-28

²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP

PROFESSION OF FAITH AS CHRIST'S BODY

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHARGE TO THE NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Dave, Nancy, John, Mary, Bill, and Jean, as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional "debts") hymnal p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Prière À Notre-Dame" L. Boëllmann

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending in God's Name

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #307

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

***BENEDICTION**

***EXTENSION OF PEACE**

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.
And also with you.

CHORAL RESPONSE "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

John Newton

POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory" *arr: A. Lovelace*

**All those who are able may stand.*

Reflection for the Christian Life

This week, set aside some time to take inventory of your life. Consider your spiritual gifts. How do you use them in the service of God and others? Consider your material goods. How do you make use of these possessions?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY Sunday, October 18th, Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost / New Member Sunday**, Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 9:00 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, October 18th**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, October 18th**, Adult Sunday School, in the Conference Room, 10:20 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, October 18th**, Celtic Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, October 18th**, CWS CROP Walk, Lancaster, 1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, October 19th**, Boy Scouts Troop 53
- **Tuesday, October 20th**, Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Tuesday, October 20th**, Donegal Outreach Team Meeting, in the Conference Room, 5:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 21st**, Men's Breakfast, Gus's Keystone Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 21st**, Staff Meeting, in the Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 21st**, Choir Practice, in the Choir Room, 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 25th, Reformation Sunday ~ ONE SERVICE** ~Traditional Worship, in the Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, October 25th**, Congregational Meeting for Officer Elections in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 a.m. service
- **Sunday, October 25th**, Over 70's Luncheon, in the Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m.

TODAY IS THE DAY!

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No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 57 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

LANCASTER CROP HUNGER WALK

***Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
64 Hershey Avenue, Lancaster, PA. 17603***

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. Kickoff

2:00 p.m. Walk Begins

Donations can be made in multiple ways...

- Dropping an envelope in the collection basket (envelopes are available in the communication center or any envelope will do labeled as CROP WALK)
- Accessing our electronic giving app/portal (specify it is for the CROP walk)
- Using our Facebook CROP walk posting (click the donate button)
- Mail your donation to the church office (specify it is for the CROP walk)
- Through our Team Leader (Carl Lori)
- Our CROP Walk webpage at

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/dpc-admin-asst>

Thanks for helping feed the hungry, both in our community and throughout the world.