



The Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church

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**Service for the Lord's Day
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
140th Anniversary**

September 28, 2014 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE pianist Audrey Helmick

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
INVOCATION**

***HYMN 331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S
PRAYER** (unison)

You, Lord, are ever-present, gracious, and holy. In

these seasons of autumn harvest, we pray that you would raise a new generation. We pray that this day we may hear your Word made new, and that you might make us a new creation. Lead us in worship and in Spirit.

We pray together our Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

(Lord's Prayer p. 35 in hymnal)

*** HYMN 280** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

It is only eleven o'clock, and we are already confessing our sin. It is not so much this day that we confess. We would repent of all the sins, omissions, and ignorance of this world in which we participate. Forgive us of our vain pride that too often blinds us to others around us. Lead us in prayer that

will renew our souls, bring joy to our hearts, and lead the world in peace. To you we offer our silent prayers... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

**People: And Christ lived for us; Christ died for us;
Christ was raised for us; Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Behold, the old life is gone, the new life has begun. Rejoice and know that in Christ, God forgives us.

*** PRAYER RESPONSE** **Blue Hymnal 572**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

135th Litany: Celebrating the Church Local (responsive)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness therein.

God's love endures forever.

We remember the past, and seek to learn lessons from it. Yet, this is the time left to us. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God's love endures forever.

This congregation gathers as part of Your church, through the ages, yet we live with a vision of Your call into Your Kingdom. May your kingdom come.

God's love endures forever.

Before this sanctuary was built in 1874, God supplied the faith to go forward for generations to come in Berkeley Springs. Our spiritual foundation was established in Christ long before the first bricks were laid here. Still, God does not build a home with bricks and mortar alone, but with people of faith and prayer.

God's love endures forever.

Lord, You hold us with ties that bind; yet, You also give us freedom to choose how to live. We pray for wisdom in this life.

God's love endures forever.

This is our time to serve the Lord, with courage, imagination, and new commitment, together and individually. We shall serve our communities and the church as God leads us.

God's love endures forever.



Praise the Lord!

God's name be praised.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
Arrangement – Walker Williams, Commissioned for the 140th anniversary

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

4 Cents a Meal Hunger Offering

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28: 10-19

GOSPEL READING

John 3: 1-9

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5: 17

SERMON

Making All Things New

Bob Osborne

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***GLORIA**

(Words below)

Hymn 583

“Gloria, Gloria! In excelsis Deo.

(Gloria, gloria, to God in the highest

Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia, Alleluia”.

Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, Alleluia!)

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

solo by Adrienne North

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***HYMN 687**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

****congregation stands as able***

We pray that you find Christ's blessing and presence among us in our service of worship. If you have any questions or would be interested in joining this church, please, don't hesitate to speak to the minister or one of the members.

Announcements:

Today, we welcome guests who may have come for our 140th Anniversary of the founding of this congregation. The service today will be followed by lunch next door and a program.

We gather to worship the Lord. At the same time, it is appropriate to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of this congregation. While 140 years may not make us the oldest church in the area, we do have the oldest serving sanctuary in Morgan County. Much older congregations include Tuscarora, Tomahawk, and Opequon Presbyterian Churches nearby, and these were among the first established congregations in the valley. We admire the frontier spirit of our early ancestors and our Presbyterian heritage of keeping faith with our Lord.

Thank you to the hard work of the 140th Anniversary Planning Committee, the Worship Committee, and the Fellowship Committee for bringing everything and everyone together.

Thanks to Adrienne North, Mary Lou Stottlemeyer, and Cheryl Hurley who provided the flowers in today's worship to the glory of God.

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on October 5, 2014 for the purpose of electing new officers of the church.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in worship.

Birthdays this week include Raynette Mock and Dave Griffiths.

Youth assisting in the service include Dale and Destiny Hedrick; Kalee Sherrard; Madison, Hannah, and Sterling Slusher; and Audrey Helmick.

Christian Growth and Nurture Committee plans to meet October 2 at 6:00 p.m..

We received \$1,286 last week in offerings. We will need \$1,345 in average weekly offerings going forward to meet the 2014 church budget.

Please consider the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church in your will or estate planning.

Invite a friend to church