

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend in Lent

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!*

## PRELUDE

“Pater Noster Op. 50, No.2”

Arthur Foote

Translation: “Our Father”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Centering Meditation:*

“For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his  
descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.”

Romans 4:13 NRSV

## CALL TO WORSHIP from Romans 4

Bill Runner, Rich Oley, Liturgists

Hear of God’s promise.

**The promise rests on grace.**

God gives life to the dead.

**The promise rests on grace**

God calls into being things that did not exist.

**The promise rests on grace.**

God came to us through Jesus.

**The promise rests on grace.**

Jesus died and rose again to save us.

**God’s grace comes to us through our faith.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of Abraham our father, God of Sarah our mother, we remember with gratitude your  
covenant that undergirds our lives with certainty and gives us peace. Through the gift of  
your Son, you freed us from sin and death, and we are thankful. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

# 117

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;

sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD’S (DISCIPLE’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.

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### A GIFT OF MUSIC

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Rich & Rebecca Oley

Words by O. Westendorf Music by R. Kreutz

## CALL TO OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;

# 95

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, you have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? We can deny ourselves and give generously for the cause of Christ in our world. Bless our offering, Dear Lord. Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 NRSV

#### THE MESSAGE

Promises We Can't Keep

Pastor Robin

#### HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

# 140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

#### BENEDICTION

God's promises endure from generation to generation.  
May the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
the God who sent Jesus to redeem us,  
the God whose covenant is eternal,  
bless you and make you fruitful. **Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. by Carol Tornquist



## COVENANT

Fourth Weekend of February, 2021

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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7 THROUGH MARCH 13**

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims.

**Concerns:** Ken Kirk, our homebound friends, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jen Prutzman, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Allan Kinsman, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Ricky, Bonnie Brader, Jean Parrs, Donna Kachmar, Tammy Wahl, Mary Ellen Pajor.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

**Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson**, US Air Force

**LCDR John W. Gilligan**, US Navy

**Sgt. Scott Kocher**

**Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips**

**Todd Mark**, US Army, South Korea

**Col. P.J. Perrone Jr.**, Fort Belvoir, VA

**Major Erika Reese**, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

**Specialist Alex Barilla**, US Army, Kansas

**Spc. Brandon Pall**, Fort Hood, Texas

**Jon Laity**, US Navy, Japan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock**, US Air Force

**Elijah Geise**, U.S. Marines

**Sgt. Amy Polachek**, US Marines, Quantico, VA

**Rick Hodle, Jr.**, US Navy

**Sgt. Josh McCue**, US Air Force

**Specialist Charles Yavorski**, FT. Bragg, N.C.

**2<sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad**, Hill AFB, Utah

**Travis Butler**, US Navy Reserves

**Lt. Mary Ketchner**, Silverdale, Wa

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson**, 109<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.

**Rick Hodle III**, US Army

**Pfc. Michael Biesecker**, US Marine Corps Reserves

**Jackson Rogers**, US Marines, Okinawa

**Raphael Zbysheski**, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

Welcome To Worship

We are so glad to worship with you this morning!

*Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm*

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Cathy Nicks & Susan Roesse

**LITURGIST: Weekend of February 28-** Richard Oley

**ACOLYTE:** Ava Shaffer

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28:** Fred Wesley

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Audrey Lutsey by the Kucewicz family

Sun. Feb. 28	Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30-11:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45pm Hybrid
Mon. Mar.1	Bible Study on Zoom 1-3pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Tues. Mar. 2	Children of Light 4:30-5pm Hybrid Chapel Chimes 5-5:30pm Live Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm Live Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. Mar. 3	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Mission & Outreach meeting 6:30pm Music rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Mar. 4	Grief Share Meeting in Lounge 6:30-8pm Lenten Bible Study 7pm Social Hall
Fri. Mar. 5	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. Mar. 6	Conference worship recording 11am in the Sanctuary Worship Team Meeting 11am in the Lounge Worship 5:30pm with Communion & Baptism

**THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)**

George and Jean Parrs, 756 Demunds Rd., Dallas, Pa. 18612

**COMING UP FEBRUARY 28 THROUGH MARCH 6**

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Cathy Nicks & Susan Roese  
**LITURGIST: Weekend of March 7-** Cindy Biesecker  
**ACOLYTE:** Connor Snell  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH :** Thomas Ketchner  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Betty Crawford Killian by Family

Sun. Mar. 7	Worship 9:30am with Communion Sunday school 10:30-11:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45pm Live Youth Group 4-6 pm
Mon. Mar.8	Bible Study on Zoom 1-3pm Praise Band Concert 7pm
Tues. Mar.9	Children of Light 4:30-5pm Hybrid Chapel Chimes 5-5:30pm Live Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm Live Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom Trustee Meeting 7pm
Wed. Mar. 10	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Mar. 11	Grief Share Meeting in Lounge 6:30-8pm Lenten Bible Study 7pm Social Hall
Fri. Mar. 12	Community Care Cabinet 10am Girl Scout Cookie Sale 5-7pm Parking Lot
Sat. Mar. 13	Worship 5:30pm Girl Scout Cookie Sale 11am – 3pm Parking Lot

**Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 86**  
**On Line Worship: 66**  
**February 21: \$7,196**  
**Financial Goal: \$6,214**

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**COMMUNITY CARE CABINET:** Donations continue to be accepted throughout the year. A container is in the Narthex for donations. The Community Care Cabinet is open for clients here at SUMC every Friday from 10:00 to 10:30am. For more information contact Sue Holdredge at [sue.holdredge1@gmail.com](mailto:sue.holdredge1@gmail.com).

**LITURGISTS:** Anyone who wishes to sign up as liturgists for 2021, please contact the office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Anyone who wishes to purchase altar flowers in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

**GRIEF SHARE:** The grief support group meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Men's bible study is Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Anyone who wishes to join, please contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** A 5-week Lenten bible study entitled "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado, is being held Thursdays at 7 pm. Anyone interested, please contact Brenda Kopalek at [kadec23@hotmail.com](mailto:kadec23@hotmail.com)

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We will be selling flowers for Easter. Deadline for ordering is March 5, 2021. Order forms can be obtained in the Narthex. You can place order forms in the church mailbox or call the church office at 570-675-3616 or email at [shavertownumc@susumc.org](mailto:shavertownumc@susumc.org) to reserve your order. Profits from the sale will go to Raise the Roof 2 fund.

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED** We are collecting bags of small, wrapped Easter Candy for the Easter Eggstravaganza. A collection bin is located in the narthex. Please bring candy in by March 19.

**YOUTH GROUP** Youth Group is restarting! We will meet on March 7 in the Social Hall from 4 to 6pm. All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are welcome.