

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. In Room 103 Infants/Toddler Nursery will be open at 10:30am. Room 100 is now available throughout the whole service for children 2–3 years old. The lesson won't start until the sermon begins. Jr. Church (4yrs to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) does not meet on Communion Sundays.

Gluten-free bread (in small, clear, zippered bags) is available for communion.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

#### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

#### \* GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 100 (Pew Bible, p. 635)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God!

People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

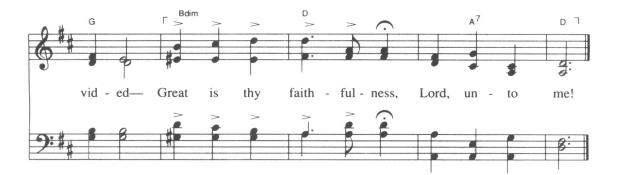
Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

\* Hymn (Trinity #32) — Great Is Thy Faithfulness (music next pages)

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness





Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref. William M. Runyan, 1923

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#### **PASTOR EVANS**

## \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word, in particular, one whole day in seven.

## \*Doxology

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

#### ELDER BOB ALMOND

#### **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

New Testament reading — Hebrews 4:1–13 (Pew Bible, p. 1277)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

<sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,'"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

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<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:1–13 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (followed by Private Confession of Sin)

O you plenteous source of every good and perfect gift, shed abroad the cheering light of your sevenfold grace over our hearts. Yes, Spirit of love and gentleness, we most humbly implore your assistance. You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will. When, therefore, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace; enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PASTOR EVANS

(Anselm)

#### Assurance of Pardon

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us. Romans 5:6–8 (Pew Bible, p. 1198)

#### WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

#### WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



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## Offertory Response — Carried By Love (S. B. Boersma; David Lantz III)

Far from the flock, far from the fold; lost in the dark, frightened and cold. Captured by fear, bound by despair; crying for One to hear my prayer. Search me and find me, lost and alone. Search me and find me, carry me safely home.

Out of the night, black as my shame, I hear a voice calling my name. Shepherd of Love, calling to me, offering grace abundant and free. Lifted by hands gentle and strong, into His arms where I belong. Held by the One sent from above. Covered by grace and carried by Love.

## \* Hymn — Just As I Am (music next page)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100. Parents please pick up children after the service. There is no Junior Church (4yrs to 2nd grade) on Communion Sundays.

CHANCEL and **GRACE AND PEACE** Choirs



**PASTOR BARBER** 

#### **GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING**

Designed for Rest — Genesis 2:1–3 (Pew Bible, p. 2)

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2:1–3 (ESV)

Exodus 20:8–11 (Pew Bible, p. 78)

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Deuteronomy 5:12–15 (Pew Bible, p. 191)

<sup>12</sup> "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day."



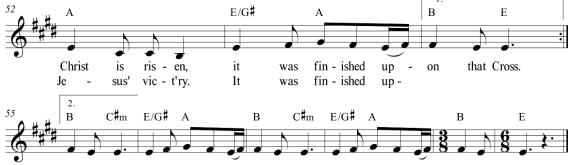


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We offer both wine and grape juice during the Lord's Supper. Wine will be placed on the outer ring of the tray, and grape juice will be placed on the inner ring of the tray.

WE COMMUNE WITH GOD IN THE LORD'S SUPPER AND WE SING

Gluten-free bread (in small, clear, zippered bags) is available for communion.

Song — Jesus, I Am Resting (music on pages 10–11)

## The Deacons Offering

When we celebrate communion on the first Sunday of the month we also have a this special collection for the Deacons Fund. These funds are reserved exclusively for needs of mercy to all people, but especially to those in the family of believers. Our deacons disperse these funds as needed as a tangible expression of our communion in Christ and love for one another.

#### \* GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

GRACE & PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm SUNDAY CELEBRATION — 5–7pm (includes Fellowship Groups, Young Adults, Youth Group, and Children's Ministry)

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## Jesus, I Am Resting

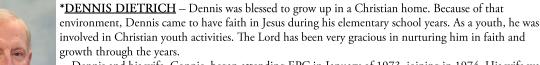


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## CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF RULING ELDER

(\*previously ordained to the nominated office)



Dennis and his wife, Connie, began attending EPC in January of 1973, joining in 1974. His wife was an active member of the church until she was called home to be with the Lord in September, 2002. Dennis has served EP in many capacities: co-teacher for the new believers and the young adults Sunday School classes, usher, small group, teacher, deacon, and was ordained as an elder in 1979. As elder he has served on Session committees, and is currently the chairman of the Administration Committee.

After retiring from a 35 year career from public school teaching, he was blessed with the opportunity to serve for ten years as a member of the Wilmington Christian School's faculty. Dennis has two married daughters with two children each and are both active in their respective churches



\*DAVID ROSE – David was born in Korea and orphaned as a young child. David was adopted into a loving Christian home where he grew up attending a PCA church in Colorado. In junior high David placed his faith in God through the mentorship of an elder. At Covenant College David met Kristen. They came back to Delaware, were married, and attended EP, the church Kristen grew up in. They count it a blessing to have raised three children at EP with loving support from many of you. David enjoys spending time with the family, playing games, home projects, exercising, and following the Premier League.

Over the past 27 years, David has had the opportunity to be a part of the extended covenant family at EP, enjoying your fellowship and being able to worship, work along side, and serve in different capacities. David desires to serve at EP with joy, being reminded of the grace that was shown to him which led to both his physical and spiritual adoption.



\*PAUL VEENEMA — Paul grew up in a strong Christian family in Northern New Jersey. He and his family worshipped at a vibrant Christian Reformed Church. He was discipled using the Heidelberg Catechism and publicly professed his faith and joined the church while in high school. Paul attended Eastern Christian school (NJ), K-12 and Calvin College (MI), '68-'70 where he was nurtured by believing teachers and coaches. Paul married Beth in 1970 and attended University of Michigan where he received masters degrees in Physical Oceanography and Mechanical Engineering. After graduating from U of M he joined DuPont in 1975. His first assignment was in Newark, DE where he and Beth were members of EPC. After six transfers to various assignments within DuPont, Paul and the family moved back to Newark in '89. He first became active on the EP Session around 2008. Paul has three grown children, all believers, and six grandchildren who live in the area. Paul retired from DuPont in 2013 and enjoys biking, hiking, fishing, golf, sporting clays shooting and traveling.



\*BILL ZINKAND — Bill was ordained a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church in America on May 3, 1998, and has been involved in Session work at three different PCA churches since that time. He is currently serving as Clerk of Session at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, PCA, of Newark, Delaware and is an adult Sunday School teacher and small group leader. Bill has been involved in work at the Presbytery level since his ordination, and is currently serving as Treasurer of Heritage Presbytery, a position he has held since 2015. Bill also serves on the Church Planting and Revitalization Committee, the Reformed University Fellowship Committee, and the Committee on Administration for the Presbytery. He has served at the General Assembly level as well, as a member of the Overtures Committee and Nominating Committee. Bill is married to Dory, who is a former Principal of Tall Oaks Classical School and currently serving as President of the Women's Bible Study and Fellowship at Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF DEACON

(\*previously ordained to the nominated office)



BILLY ANDERSON – Billy grew up in the Catholic Church, but was hardly practicing or a believer until coming to faith while in college. He was engaged with Athletes in Action, a subgroup of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and gave his life to Christ while on a service trip to Mississippi helping with Hurricane Katrina relief. Billy began attending E.P. Church in 2014 after meeting his now-wife, Amy. They married in E.P.C. in 2015. They have two sons, Luke and Caleb, together. Billy has assisted with services as an usher and a member of the security team. He also recently completed training to serve as a deacon and looks forward to helping meet the needs of both church and community members.



\*KEVIN BOTBYL – Kevin grew up in a Christian home and watched his parents serve in various roles within the church. Kevin made a public profession of faith when he was 16 after listening to a sermon series from the Gospel of John. He came to Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 1984 while attending the University of Delaware. He and his wife, Cheryl, were married here in 1996 and their now-adult daughters, Margaret and Irene, grew up at EPC. Kevin loves serving his EPC family in various capacities — decorating the church for holidays and special occasions, working in the gardens, teaching the 4s/5s Sunday School class, and as a deacon since 2021.



\*SCOTT CHERRY – Scott came to Christ as a young child after consistently being exposed to the gospel at home, church and school. He developed an understanding and appreciation for reformed doctrine during high school and college and began attending EP in 2005. Scott has been serving as a deacon here since 2008. Current areas of service include: assisting with communion, administration of the Watkin's scholarship, organizing fruit baskets/visits for our widows and shut-ins and managing the church's insurance.

Scott and his wife Kathy reside in Newark, Delaware with their three children, Natalie age 9, Calvin age 7, and Elias age 5. Scott works as an operations manager for JP Morgan. In his free time he enjoys hiking, running, soccer, board games, and volunteering at Delaware Valley Classical School, where his children attend.



SCOTT COLLINS – Scott has lived most of his life in the tri-state area. He grew up in a PCA church and joined as a communing member during high school. He went to college for a total of eight years, attending Liberty University and the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. After college, he came back home and started a private practice in Elkton, MD. He and his wife, Megan, became members at EP in 2013. Scott and Megan have two sons, Benjamin and Luke. He and his family are involved at EP by helping with nursery, preparing communion, and being a part of the Audio/Visual team. Scott's life has been geared toward serving others and believes God is calling him to the office of deacon. He enjoys a wide range of pastimes, including board games, computers/IT, painting, carpentry, family time, walks in Fair Hill, mountain biking, volleyball, and fixing the next thing that breaks in the house or office.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF DEACON (continued)

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\*JARED GUCKENBERGER – Jared is a dedicated member of the EP community. He and his family arrived in Delaware in 2003 and soon found their spiritual home at EP, drawn in by its warm and welcoming atmosphere, robust family programs, and, most significantly, its commitment to strong biblical teachings. Jared is happily married to Susan, and together they are proud parents of three sons, all active members of our congregation. With 29 years of experience at Celanese/DuPont, Jared brings a wealth of professional expertise to his role as a Deacon, where he finds joy in caring for the church community. Beyond his service, Jared also has a passion for various athletic activities, DIY projects, and embracing new challenges.



\*ROGER JAMIESON – Prior coming to EP Church, Roger was a member of New London Presbyterian Church in PA, where he served on the Board of Trustees and then the Board of Deacons. In 2005 he started attending EP Church, and joined in 2006. Shortly after joining EP, Roger became an usher and in 2008 was installed to the Board of Deacons. He has also served for many years on the Finance Committee, and has been the church Treasurer for the past eight years. During his time at EP Church, Roger was blessed to meet Sherry, and they have now been married for fifteen years. Together, they have three children, and eight grandchildren. Roger and Sherry are involved in a Home Fellowship Group, and the men's and women's Bible study groups. For relaxation he enjoys fishing, listening to classical music, and taking walks in the woods with Sherry.



\*BEN MALLARY – Ben grew up in a Christian home in a rural area, north of Pittsburgh. He began following Christ after coming to know several mature Christian men who projected a genuine, tangible love for Christ and who also took an interest in Ben. He and his wife, Sara have 2 adult children (Paul and Gordon) and enjoy reading, hiking and travelling. Ben also enjoys motorcycling (on and off road), mountain biking and volleyball. He'd like to take a stab at really learning harmonica one day. Ben has served as a Deacon for several years and feels called to engage, encourage and share Christ with the lost, currently expressed in his role with the WyldLife Christian club at Shue middle school.



\*DAVID VISSER – David grew up in Hingham, Massachusetts with his 3 brothers in a Christian home. At that time, he accepted the call to follow Jesus and committed his life to follow Him. In 1965 when he graduated from college in Boston he was hired by DuPont and moved to Delaware. Shortly after moving to Delaware, he met his wife, Judy, at a local church (the best place to meet a wife). Two years later they were married. David and Judy have three children: Bill, Debbie, and Tim. They started attending EP in 1974. In 1976 David was elected to serve on the Board of Deacons. David thoroughly enjoyed working at DuPont in The Engineering Development Lab for over 55 years, retiring a few years ago. David and Judy have ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Currently David is the Facilities Committee Chairman and enjoys working "behind the scenes" at EP doing diaconal work. He also enjoys family gatherings with his kids, playing indoor/outdoor games with them and chasing them around the many playgrounds. David and Judy thoroughly enjoy vacationing with their family in the White Mountains of

New Hampshire. David's life Bible verse is Proverbs 3: 5&6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."



**OUR MISSION** We exist to change lives through sharing Christ. We carry out this mission in three ways:

#### **GATHER** — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—November 12, immediately following the morning service to elect officer candidates. Childcare will continue through the meeting

## **DISCIPLE** — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM

YOUTH GROUP—Tonight, 5-7PM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays, 9:15AM & 6:30PM - "True Woman" by Susan Hunt MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday mornings from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. "Fear of the Lord" by Michael Reeves. Contact Pastor Post for more information

YOUTH FALL RETREAT—November 10-12 - Meet at EP at 6:00pm for carpooling and departure. If you have not already submitted, both payment and health information form are due at time of departure. (Because of retreat there will be no youth choir or youth group on 11/12).

## SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Karl & Debbie Dortzbach-MTW: Global Leaders Development; Brandon & Rebecca Farquhar (Mission Anabaino: Norwalk, CT; Jud & Jan Lamos-MTW: 1826 Network; Dal & Beth Stanton-MTW: Ukraine (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

#### Attendance and Financial Information for October 29, 2023

SS: 150 - AM: 301

#### General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received \$ 14,063.80 Weekly Budgeted Requirements \$ 20,409.21 Year-to-Date Gifts Received \$857,810.85 Year-to-Date Requirements \$898,005.24 Year-to-Date Expenses \$839,274.09



## OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

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#### THE SESSION

Moderator - Rev. Chad Barber • Clerk - Bill Zinkand<sup>23</sup> • Alan Beattie<sup>25</sup> • Bernie Cohen<sup>24</sup> Dwight Derby<sup>25</sup> • Dennis Dietrich<sup>23</sup> • Chuck Heidel<sup>25</sup> • David Rose<sup>23</sup> • Paul Veenema<sup>23</sup> • Bill Vinson<sup>25</sup>

Brian Warshaw<sup>25</sup> • Guy Webster<sup>24</sup>

#### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Norman Marks<sup>'24</sup> • Dean Nairn<sup>'24</sup> • David Visser<sup>'23</sup>

#### **Missionaries and Benevolent Causes We Support** Mission to the World

Africa - Jim and Karen, World Relief/AIDS; Karl and Debbie Dortzbach

Belgium/18.26 Network - Jud and Jan Lamos • Chile - Verne and Alina Marshall • Cuba - Richard and Robyn Crane England - Rob and Jenny Ilderton • France - James and Jacki Gildard
French Speaking Haiti/Africa - Thomas and Lucy Wright • Global Training and Development - Jeff and Mischa Marlowe

Japan - Andrew and Megan Nairn • New Zealand - Steve and Rita Williams

Ukraine - David and Jill Martin; Dal and Beth Stanton • Serving in Sensitive Areas - Phil and Barb

#### Agencies of the PCA

Committee on Administration • Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College • Covenant Seminary Mission to the World • Mission to North America • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

#### **Other Christian Organizations**

A Door of Hope • Greater Europe Mission - Mark and Marti Mylin (France)

Harvest USA - Ellen Dykas • Heritage Presbytery Church Planting - Will Stern (Hope Presbyterian Church) InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Greg and Sandy Baker (UD) • Love, INC. (In the Name of Christ)

Navigators - TJ and KyongA Hayes • Pioneers - Scott and Jessica Weber

Reformed University Fellowship - Daryl Wattley (DSU)

Reformed University Fellowship International - Graham and Emily Guo (UD)

Serge (formerly World Harvest) - Josh and Kristi, Jason and Ai Keuh (Japan)

Third Millennium - Gary and Phyllis Waldecker

Wycliffe - John and Judy Williams (Mexico) • Young Life

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