



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 22, 2023

10:30 A.M.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.



Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Educational ministries are currently held on the second week of each month. These Second Sundays include childcare and youth programming beginning at 10:00 a.m. and multi-age church school for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. Visit catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families to learn more.

Today, you can find children's bulletins, books, and activities in the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship Hall is available for families to use if desired. The service can be heard in the room and there's plenty of space for active children.

WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Catonsville Presbyterian Church recognizes that people of all ages have varying abilities and needs. If you meet or see someone with differing needs, whether an adult or a child, please recognize that underlying conditions may occasionally cause behavior that might be misrepresented as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way you might assist and otherwise be understanding and supportive.

If you or a family member has special needs, please speak to one of the pastors or the Deacon of the Day. We want to fully appreciate each individual's gifts and talents and help you to feel a part of this faith community.

“Jesus’ response to the Pharisees and Herodians does create an insoluble problem, but that is what it is meant to do. You know you have a problem, at least if you are a disciples of Jesus, when you do not have a problem.”

Stanley Hauerwas

Matthew, Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible (Grand Rapids, 2006).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist
("We Now Implore the Holy Ghost")
BuxWV 208, Dietrich Buxtehude

Today's prelude is based upon a German chorale which has its roots in the 13th century. Martin Luther wrote additional stanzas, adapting it as a hymn, his version first appearing in Wittenburg in 1524. The text is a prayer to the Holy Ghost to watch over and protect us during this life until we return home. Themes of faith, love, and hope make this appropriate for general use throughout the liturgical year. The lavishly ornamented melody by Dietrich Buxtehude creates a peaceful, meditative setting.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

In this hour of worship, when we name things for what they really are,
we give to God what is God's.

Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead,
we give to God what is God's.

With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,
we give to God what is God's.

Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

† Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. And yet, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want—heart, mind, soul, and strength—we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you.

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory to God, Whose
Goodness Shines on Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at catonsvillepres.org.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, illumine these words, that they may become your Word and your gospel, your good news. Speak to us with power that redeems and makes all things new. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96
Pages 550-551 of the Old Testament

HYMN # 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22
Pages 24-25 of the New Testament

SERMON

“What’s in your wallet?”
Ken Kovacs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

We give out of abundance, whatever that may be. If you would like to contribute financially to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, scan the QR code or use the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian,
American spiritual, arr. Gilbert Martin

Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy
In my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart.

† DOXOLOGY # 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call ours—whether it's sitting in an offering plate or whizzing along digital paths—but also our thoughts, our plans, our time, our dreams, our days. It's all yours, God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

† HYMN # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

† BENEDICTION

The glory of the Lord is all around you, here in this sanctuary, beyond this sanctuary, and within your hearts. Everywhere the children of God go, so does the image of God.

So go, bearing invisible glory to make you brave;
the love of God, to make you strong,
the peace of Christ, to make you kind,
and the power of the Spirit, to make you alive,
today and tomorrow and all the days to come. **Amen.**

† POSTLUDE

Tocatta in E Minor, Johann Pachelbel

Johann Pachelbel is one of the foremost composers of the middle Baroque period. Surprisingly, and despite the popularity of his music today, he was largely forgotten until a rising interest in Baroque music during the mid-20th century when scholars began studying and publishing his music. Pachelbel prioritized contrapuntal simplicity and clarity in his compositions, and his music is not as harmonically adventurous and creative as, for example, the compositions of Buxtehude. During his lifetime, he was best known as an organ composer, and he wrote a large body of music for both liturgical and non-liturgical use.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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SOURCES

Image: Gold Aureus struck under the Emperor Tiberius between 14 and 37 AD. Inscription: TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVTVS (“Tiberius Caesar Augustus, son of divine Augustus”).

Liturgy (adapted) by Carol Holbrook Prickett for *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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LEARNING & GROWING

Prepare for the session with the resources and articles available at catonsvillepres.org/belonging

Christian Nationalism

October 22 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library

Christian nationalism is a political ideology and cultural framework that seeks to merge American and Christian identities. In this day when both American identity and Christian identity are undergoing massive shifts in definition and meaning, the reappearance and rise of Christian Nationalism (CN) is an alarming, reactionary response. The subtitle of Andrew L. Whitebread's new and important work, *American Idolatry*, gets at the heart of the issue: *How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church* (Brazos, 2023). CN subscribes to a particular understanding of who is "in" and who is intentionally left out or pushed to the margins, who belongs, and who doesn't.

God's Glorious Creation

November 5 and 19 | Led by Mark Buehlman | 9:00 a.m. in the Library

God is longing for us to connect with God's glorious creation, and to be good stewards of it. The two November classes will cover a couple of areas of God's creation: the "just right" timing of climate, and the breathtaking design of plants, animals, and natural systems. As part of the sessions, we will discuss some of the science involved, human impacts, and ways we and the church can protect and help restore these systems. Led by Mark Buehlman, author, speaker, inventor, and teacher, who has over 45 years of diverse environmental experience. Most recently, he worked for 11 years as an Adjunct Professor at the Community College of Baltimore County, where he taught Environmental Science and Environmental Law.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday, October 26 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

This fall, we're exploring the Letter to the Ephesians. Written by the apostle Paul, or one of his disciples, to Christians living in and around Ephesus, this letter celebrates the life of the church, a unique community established by God through the work of Jesus Christ.

Just bring your Bible and join us at 10:30 a.m. (in the library or via Zoom). We finish promptly at noon. Visit catonsvillepres.org/belonging to view the schedule or access the Zoom meeting.

Youth Group

October 22 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth in grades 6-12 will gather to make Halloween cards for our college-age students before playing "Minute to Win It!" Snacks will be served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Schedules

Dorothy Boulton will return on Sunday, October 29.

Trick or Treat Trail

Children are encouraged to wear costumes and visit the Woodlands for fun, fellowship, and candy after worship on October 29! Everyone is welcome to provide candy and/or volunteer for the event by signing up at tinyurl.com/cpc-trick-or-treat. Contact Jenny Hutton (jenhutton2010@gmail.com) or Jeff Bolognese (jabolognese@gmail.com) with any questions.

Adopt a Turkey

Once again, we are partnering with Grace AME to provide a Thanksgiving meal to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. For the past several years, Catonsville Presbyterian Church has worked with Grace AME to provide food for the Thanksgiving holiday to those in need. You can contribute in one of three ways:

1. Bring nonperishable food contributions to worship with you on Sundays.
2. Drop off contributions at the October 20 or November 2 food collections.
3. Contribute financially online at catonsvillepres.org/give

Clothing Drive for Westside Men's Shelter

Deacons are collecting winter clothing for the Westside Men's Shelter. The shelter is in need of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, and warm boots. Collection bins in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and on the Church House porch will be available for donations from November 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. One of the Deacons will deliver the donations each week to the shelter. There are three ways you can give:

1. Drop off items in the collection bins
2. Make a financial gift through the online giving form by selecting "Westside Men's Shelter" from the available funds.
3. Make a check out to CPC and include "Westside Men's Shelter Clothing" in the memo line.

Catonsville Concerts at 3

This afternoon, we are delighted to host Catonsville Concerts at 3 for their first program of the season. Pianist Katie Mahan will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven, and Gershwin. Make plans to attend this completely free, non-ticketed event!

Contemplative Prayer and Meditation

The Contemplative Prayer and Meditation group will be gathering in person several times in the coming months. The next in-person meeting will be on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Zoom meetings will continue on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. as scheduled.

Grace AME Harvest Fest

You're invited to Grace AME's Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 28 from 2-5 p.m. This fall festival will include entertainment, food, vendors, and community groups. This is a great opportunity to connect with our siblings at Grace AME, so mark your calendars!

Messenger Deadline

The upcoming winter Messenger will be published on or about December 1 and cover the seasons of Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany. All submissions must be received no later than November 10. Please let Michael Cuppett know if you would like to contribute.

Books for Adult Education

Copies of *American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church* by Andrew L. Whitehead are available for purchase for \$10. Whitehead shows how Christians harm their neighbors when they embrace the idols of power, fear, and violence. He uses two key examples--racism and xenophobia--to demonstrate that these idols violate core Christian beliefs. Through stories, he illuminates expressions of Christianity that confront Christian nationalism and offers a faithful path forward. Copies can be picked up in the church office or on Sunday mornings.

Fellowship Hour Hosts

Hosts are needed for Fellowship Hour each Sunday. If you are willing to serve for 30-45 minutes on a Sunday this fall or winter, please contact Stephanie Stevens (shfemrite@gmail.com)

Upcoming Lecture

The Dismantling Racism Committee invites you to a lecture at the Institute for Islamic-Christian-Jewish Studies (ICJS) on October 23. Guest lecturer Dr. Walter Earl Fluker challenges us as communities to adopt a stance of interreligious collaboration to achieve social justice, equity, and transformation. Visit tinyurl.com/icjs-lecture to learn more and register for free.

GIVING UPDATE

We publish these numbers every week out of our gratitude for your financial giving. Thank you for your generosity towards our ministry and life together!

Actual income	\$ 645,926
Actual expense.....	\$ - 653,341
Total	\$ -7,415
<i>Per capita</i>	<i>\$ 1,860</i>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at catonsvillepres.org/events.

Day	Event	Location/time	Contact
Today	Adult Education	Library, 9 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Catonsville Concerts at 3	Sanctuary, 3 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Jeff Bolognese jabolognese@gmail.com
Mon.	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
Tues.	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff meeting	Church House, 1 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
Wed.	Deacons' meeting	Library / Zoom, 7 p.m.	Tom Enokian taenokian@gmail.com
Thurs.	Bible Study	Library / Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org
Next Sun.	Trick or Treat Trail	Woodlands, after worship	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
	Worship Committee	France Room, after worship	Howie Nixon hlnixon@gmail.com

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
8.7.8.7.8.7.7