

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARKET SQUARE

Presbyterian Church

20 South Second Street ▪ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 18, 2026 ▪ 11:00 A.M. ▪ PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY



Jesus said, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that
are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Matt. 22:21b, NRSVUE



OUR MISSION

To proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ by welcoming friend and stranger alike into our diverse and inclusive family of faith regardless of race, class, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or worldly condition of any kind as we celebrate our gifts, work for justice, peace, and a sustainable environment, reach out in mission, and witness to God's transforming love.

Children's Ministry

Children of all ages are always welcome! There are two shelves in our Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) with sequin boards, crayons, markers, coloring sheets, and puzzles as well as a few library books that go along with the theme of the worship service. From September through Memorial Day, education for children K-6 is offered in the Children's Education Room (Level 4) immediately following the children's sermon (around 11:15 a.m.). Every Sunday, nursery care is available for children (infants through 5-year-olds) in the nursery on the fourth floor. The nursery is staffed by Sidney Dame, our nursery caregiver, and volunteers.

The Beacon Light

Want to stay in the loop? The *Beacon Light* is our weekly email that goes out every Wednesday, featuring sermon previews, upcoming events, music for Sunday worship, and updates on our church family and friends. To sign up, simply contact Nancy in the church office or you may do it through our website.

Parking Validation

Market Square Presbyterian does not own the garage but is pleased to subsidize parking for worshipers as our gift to you today. Parking validation is available in the atrium before you leave. Please have your license plate number ready to give to a staff member. The garage has a new procedure this year, and we want to make sure you get out smoothly!

Welcome, Visitors!

We're so glad you joined us for worship today! Please take a moment to fill out the yellow visitor card in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you have any questions during your visit, our ushers are here to help. You'll find them at the back of the sanctuary wearing "Usher" name tags. They'd be happy to answer your questions, direct you to the restrooms or a drinking fountain, explain our parking arrangements, or help in any way they can. If you'd like to learn more about our community, the best place to start is our website at marketsquarechurch.org or our Facebook page at facebook.com/MarketSquareChurch.

Media & Privacy Notice

The church regularly uses photos, videos, and audio recordings of services and programs for printed materials, its website, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube). Worship services and some events are livestreamed. Leaders (pastors, musicians, speakers, etc.) will appear on camera, and the backs of congregants' heads may be visible. If you prefer not to appear on camera, please sit on the right side (as you're facing the pulpit) near the wall and stained glass windows. During Communion, use the right-hand line, which is not on camera. Unless you tell us otherwise, the church assumes permission to use your photo or likeness. If you do not wish to be included, please contact the church office.

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*When you see this symbol † preceding a part of the worship service, please rise in body or spirit.
Bold type denotes parts spoken or sung by the congregation.*

WE APPROACH GOD

TOLLING OF THE BELL

*What does it mean to give faithfully? This morning, we'll hear Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel: "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Alongside the joyful call to worship in Psalm 96, we'll reflect on how our faith shapes our generosity and our commitment to one another. As we celebrate Pledge Dedication Sunday, we'll bring forward our pledges for 2027 as an expression of our commitment to the mission, ministry, and witness of Market Square Presbyterian Church. Market Square matters, and your pledge helps ensure that our work in this community and beyond continues. Thank you for being part of it! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. **Please silence your electronic devices.***

WELCOME

The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins

VOLUNTARY

Allegro con Moto

Jason Krug (b. 1978)

CHORAL INTROIT

I Will Bow

Frederick Chatfield

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free;
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.

I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,
I will bow and be broken, yea, I'll fall upon the rock.

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 96)*

Deacon John Dickinson

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Reverend Allison R. Smith

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...

† SILENT CONFESSION

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† KYRIE

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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† GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Passing of the Peace is an ancient Christian practice, a reminder that before we go any further in worship, we turn to one another and declare: you are seen, you are welcome, you belong here.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

At this time, children in the congregation may make their way forward for the children's sermon.

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96:1-9

(p. 550 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Psalm 96, text
John Rutter (b. 1945), music

Cantate Domino canticum novum. *Sing to the Lord a new song.*

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen:
and his wonders unto all people.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him:
power and honour are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:
bring presents, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
for he cometh to judge the earth.

Veni Creator Spiritus	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,</i>
Mentes tuorum visita:	<i>and in our souls take up Thy rest;</i>
Imple superna gratia	<i>Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid</i>
Quae tu creasti pectora.	<i>to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.</i>

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

(p. 24 in the New Testament section of the pew Bible)

SERMON

“What Belongs to Caesar and What Belongs to God”
The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

† RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of 1967*)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO GIVING OUR OFFERINGS & PLEDGES OF COMMITMENT

(*If you would like to contribute online, please use the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.*)



PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS & OUR 2027 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

*Together, we can do so much more for the Kingdom of God than we could ever do by ourselves. As partners in Christ's service, we support the church through our presence, our prayers, our gifts, and our financial generosity. **Market Square Matters!** Our pledges of commitment for 2027 help ensure that our mission, ministry, and witness in this community and beyond continue and grow. We give with faith that, through our generosity, God will allow us to do abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine!*

We invite you to bring forward both your weekly offering and your completed pledge card. Place your pledge card in the basket and your offering in the offering plate on the table, and please take a bookmark as a reminder of our shared commitment to Market Square. If you're unable to come forward, simply raise your hand, and one of our pastors will be happy to come to you.

If you would like to make an online pledge, please visit our website and click on the orange "Online Pledge Card" below the "Members" and "Donate" tabs or use the QR code in your bulletin insert. The donation QR and the pledge QR are two different things.

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OFFERTORY

Abundant Gifts

Adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, text
Richard Proulx (1937 – 2010), music

Christ gave abundant gifts to his church.
Some he made apostles, some were prophets,
Some evangelists; some there were he made pastors and teachers;
to equip God's people for their work of ministry
And to build up the body of Christ.

Glory to God on high, God of pow'r and might.
You are my God. I can neither add to your glory nor take away from your pow'r.
Yet I will wait upon you daily in pray'r and praise.
Therefore serve patiently and cheerfully,
rememb'ring that the work to which you are called is God's work;
It is in God's hand, and done in God's name to God's glory.

O follow Christ whose servant you are.
Share the burden of those whose cross is heavy.
You are mark'd as a person who proclaims
that among the truly blest are the poor, the troubled, the powerless, the persecuted.
Be prepared to be what you proclaim.
Serve Christ simply and willingly.
Have no fear but be humble and full of hope.
Let your joy in Christ overcome all discouragement.

† DOXOLOGY NO. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† SENDING HYMN NO. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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† CHORAL RESPONSE

As we sing the first verse of “Blest Be the Tie That Binds,” you may notice people around you reaching for one another’s hands. This is a simple sign of our unity in Christ. You’re welcome to join hands, hold one another in prayer, or remain as you are, whatever feels comfortable to you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

† VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Alphonse Mailly (1833 – 1918)

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Worship Leaders This Morning

PASTORS

Rev. Stanley J. Jenkins
Rev. Allison R. Smith

MUSIC

Tyler Canonico-Dilley
Caleb Leckrone
The Sanctuary Choir
The Market Square Ringers
James Mackley, cello
Sean Meara, Crucifer

TECH/DESIGN

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mildred and Leroy Walmer, and my brothers, Rodney and Bruce Walmer, by Lana Walmer.

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, October 18 (21st Sun. after Pentecost)

First Reading: Exodus 33:12–23

Psalm: Psalm 99:1–9

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22

Sunday, October 25 (22nd Sun. after Pentecost)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1–12 Psalm: Psalm

90:1–6, 13–17 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

Staff Notes

Rev. Stan will be on study leave from October 22 through October 31. He returns to worship on All Saints Day, November 1.

Our Ministry Today

Breakfast Coordinator: Janet Kunkel

Breakfast Preparers: Beth El Temple

Breakfast Servers: Ray Kunkel, Marty Shifflett, Carol Mayer, Cindy Bendroth, Pamela Purdy

Atrium Flowers: Ray Davis

Nursery: Karen Blashford

Ushers: Jeremy Bair, Kirk Ney, Gail & Dale Laninga

Elementary Teachers: Jim & Trudy Mumper

Flower delivery: David Minnich, Ray Davis

10/23 Friday Dinner:

Shift #1: Nancy Snyder & Team, Dae Allen

Shift #2: Ray & Janet Kunkel, Andy Herring, Joel Lopez

All Saints Sunday

Looking ahead to November, on the first Sunday we'll gather for All Saints Sunday, a time to remember those we love and hold close in our hearts. During the 11 am English language service, the Sanctuary Choir will present Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, and we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As we do every year, we will name out loud and toll a bell in memory of our beloved saints. This year, we will remember Lois, Roger, Scott, Patty, Suzette, Sandy, and Danny. You're invited to light a candle in memory of someone dear to you as we share in this tender time of remembrance, gratitude, and hope.

Offering Envelopes

Michelle Sheaffer will soon be placing our order for 2027 offering envelopes. If you'd like to receive envelopes in the coming year, or if you no longer need them, please let Michelle know so we can be sure to have what you need. You'll find her contact information on the back of the bulletin. Thank you!

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NEXT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 25, 2026

WORSHIP

Korean Language Worship

9:30 am • Davis Chapel

The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching

English Language Worship

11:00 am • Sanctuary

Reformation Sunday: *On Reformation Sunday, we remember the 16th-century movement that challenged the church to return to the heart of the gospel and the good news of God's grace. We give thanks for those who helped bring about this change and for the reminder that we, too, are always growing in faith and finding new ways to share God's love with the world.*

Rev. Allison R. Smith preaching

Minister of Music & Worship Tyler A. Canonico-

Dilley • Sanctuary Choir

MISSION

Community Breakfast

8:00 am • Fellowship Hall

Charging Center

9:00–10:45 am • Fellowship Hall

Breakfast guests are invited to remain to charge their devices and keep warm/cool and dry.

Health Clinic for Breakfast Guests

8:30-10:30 am • Dave Volkman's office

Dr. Rahul Shenoy, Nurse Practitioner Deidania Rosado, and team from UPMC will provide medical evaluations, including physical exams, diagnosis of basic medical and mental health conditions, blood glucose checks, preventative health and nutrition education, mental health counseling, and referrals to clinics and social services.

EDUCATION

Adult Forum: "Epic Heroes, Epic Tales"

9:30 am • Conference Room (3rd floor). Rev. Allison will lead a series of classes examining the story of 1 and 2 Samuel alongside the Homeric Epics of the Iliad and the Odyssey. We'll take a closer look at the way these two different and yet similar epic tales portray their heroes, who are sometimes not very heroic at all. Our final session on November 1 will include some reflections from Market Square's Lunch and Learn participants who studied the books of 1 and 2 Samuel last year.

Children's Sunday School

11:15 am–noon-ish • Children's Education Room, 4th floor. For children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Children begin worship with their parents and leave after the children's sermon with their Sunday School teachers.

Korean Language Bible Study

11:00 am • Davis Chapel

Join Rev. Ki Nam on the third and fourth Sundays of each month for Bible study. The Korean Ministry invites participants to deepen their faith through Scripture and to put God's Word into practice through acts of mercy, care, and everyday faithfulness.

Movie Night at Market Square

Come enjoy the comedy that makes you feel like a million bucks! Watch the madcap fumbblings of a group of friends who hatch a dubious plot, only to have to include the entire town in their scheme.

The film, *Waking Ned Devine*, will be screened on Friday, October 23, at 6:45 p.m. by Dr. Jamie Caffier. Snacks will be provided, with discussion following the film. Come enjoy a fun evening with friends!

Location: If the elevator is working, the film will be shown in Geneva Hall. If it's still on the fritz, the film will be shown in the Conference Room (no steps required).

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Music This Week

Good morning! Today is Pledge Dedication Sunday, a time when we prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us and dedicate our financial commitments to the ministry and mission of the church. Our pledges are more than numbers on a page; they are expressions of faith, gratitude, and our desire to participate in God's work through this community. As we dedicate our pledges, we are reminded that stewardship encompasses all that we have and all that we are. Through our generosity, we help sustain worship, music and the arts, outreach, education, fellowship, and the many ministries that allow the church to be a place of welcome, service, and *a beacon of hope on the Square!*

Our opening voluntary, "Allegro con Moto," by Jason Krug, is an energetic and spirited work for handbells that showcases the expressive and rhythmic possibilities of the instrument. I'm excited to have the Market Square Ringers back in worship! The title, meaning "lively, with movement," perfectly captures the character of the music, which is propelled by driving rhythms, contrasting textures, and vibrant musical exchanges among the ringers. Krug's writing demonstrates that handbells can be far more than a source of delicate chimes – they can create excitement, momentum, and remarkable musical color. The opening voluntary invites us to listen for the many voices within the ensemble as they come together to create one joyful and energetic musical statement.

Written by Frank von Christerson, "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought," is a hymn of dedication and stewardship, inviting us to consider how we offer our gifts in response to God's abundant grace. Drawing on the biblical tradition of bringing the firstfruits of the harvest, the text reminds us that our giving is not simply an obligation but an act of thanksgiving and worship. The hymn is set to the tune *Forest Green*, the beloved English folk melody arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Its broad, lyrical character gives the text a sense of warmth and dignity, allowing the congregation to sing together of generosity, gratitude, and faithful service. On Pledge Dedication Sunday, this hymn offers a fitting reminder that all we have is ultimately a gift from God, and that our lives and resources are offered in response to that gift.

John Rutter's "Cantate Domino" is a joyful setting of Psalm 96:1-2, calling God's people to "sing to the Lord a new song." Written in 1975, the piece reflects Rutter's gift for combining accessible choral writing with colorful harmonies and an infectious sense of celebration. Voices enter and interact with one another in lively passages before coming together in moments of rich, full-voiced praise. The Latin text invites us to sing, rejoice, and proclaim God's salvation, and we are reminded that music is not simply something we hear, but something we offer together in praise of God.

Our responsive hymn, "Lord of All Good," was written by John S. B. Monsell and is a hymn of gratitude and stewardship that calls us to recognize God as the source of every blessing. The text moves through the many gifts we receive – time, talents, possessions, and life itself – and invites us to offer them back to God in thankful service. The hymn is set to *Toulon*, a tune by Herbert S. Oakeley that provides a strong and dignified musical setting for Monsell's words. Its memorable melody encourages our singing, reinforcing the hymn's central message: all that we have is a gift, and our grateful response is to dedicate our lives and resources to God's purposes.

The offertory anthem is Richard Proulx's "Abundant Gifts," and it is a joyful anthem of thanksgiving and stewardship. The music celebrates the many blessings we receive from God and invites us to respond by offering our own gifts in service to others. Proulx's setting creates quite the atmosphere of celebration and gratitude with his writing. The title reminds us that God's generosity is abundant, and that our own giving is a response to that abundance. As we hear this anthem, we are encouraged to consider not only what we give, but how our time, talents, and lives might become gifts through which God's love is shared with the world.

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Our sending hymn, “Great God of Every Blessing,” is a hymn of gratitude and faithful response. The text calls us to offer our gifts in service to God and neighbor. Its message reminds us that generosity begins with gratitude for God’s abundant goodness. The hymn is set to *Aurelia*, the majestic tune composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley. Its broad melodic lines and confident harmonic character give the text a sense of dignity and celebration, encouraging us to sing with both joy and conviction. Together, text and tune proclaim a simple yet profound truth: all that we have is a gift, and our faithful response is to share those gifts generously.

Alphonse Maily was a Belgian organist, composer, and teacher whose career was centered in Brussels, where he served as organist of the Royal Chapel. His music reflects the grand tradition of nineteenth-century French and Belgian organ playing, combining technical brilliance with a strong sense of drama and color. Maily’s “Toccata” is a lively and virtuosic work that showcases the organ’s ability to create both rhythmic energy and brilliant sonority. Rapid passagework and bold musical gestures propel the piece forward, while the changing registrations reveal the wide range of colors available from the instrument.

Music next week – Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday, and the Sanctuary Choir will sing, “My Hopy Is Built” arranged by Tom Trenney and “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” by Philip Stopford. The hymns for the morning will be, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” “In Christ There Is No East or West,” and “The Church of Christ in Every Age.”

~ Tyler Canonico-Dilley

A Few Quick Directory Updates

A quick update on a few things in our church directory: Judd and Peggy have officially moved into their new apartment (current address is on the prayer list page), and several members have updated their contact information.

Please take a moment to check the members-only directory for the latest details. Here’s a quick summary of the changes:

- Jeremy Bair has a new cell phone number.
- Kathy Williams has a new mailing address and email address.
- Debbie Olson is now using her Gmail address instead of her Hotmail address.

Please help us keep our records up to date by letting us know whenever your mailing address, phone number, or email address changes. We appreciate your help!

One quick email reminder: When composing a message, your email program may automatically fill in an old email address as you type a recipient’s name. Before hitting send, please double-check that you’re sending your message to the correct, current email address. This will help ensure your message reaches the right person!

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Arts on the Square Gallery Reception

Speaking of the elevator, **the opening reception for our new Arts on the Square Gallery exhibit has been moved to Sunday, November 1.** The reception will take place in Geneva Hall from noon–1:30 p.m.

“Painting to Poetry: Works by Georgia Earp” will feature oils and watercolors, including portraits and abstracts, and will be on display in Geneva Hall through Sunday, January 10, 2027. The gallery is located on the fourth floor and will be open on Sunday mornings and for 30 minutes following Arts on the Square concerts.

Georgia Masters Earp, a Market Square member, is both a painter and a published poet. Her work has been exhibited throughout Pennsylvania and Florida, and she has received recognition for both her paintings and photography. Her first book of poetry, *I Am From the 20th Century*, was published this year under her pen name, Lucy Sage. A retired public policy professional with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Georgia and her husband returned to the Harrisburg area in 2023.

Arts on the Square Gallery presents three exhibits each year, showcasing the creativity of Market Square members, friends, and special guests. Receptions are hosted by Ashley and Joe Robinson, and Beth Hager serves as Exhibits Coordinator.

For more information, contact Beth Hager at bahager@earthlink.net.

New: Support Group for Caregivers

Finding personal balance and self-care when caring for someone close to you can drain your emotional and physical well-being. Having a community of support can be most helpful. Join Rev. Anne Ross in a monthly MSPC Caregiver Support Group beginning **November 14, 10:30 am in the parlor.** Contact Pastor Anne with questions at amross0611@gmail.com.

Cover Art

Roman coin bearing the image of Julius Caesar, dated c. 44 BC. Made in Rome by a "moneyer" (named Mettius), a person authorized by the government to mint coins. After the name Caesar comes an inscription, short for *Caesar Dictator Quart*, or "Caesar, Dictator for the Fourth Time.") To the left of Caesar's image is a *lituus*, a crook-shaped wooden wand or staff used by Roman augurs (diviners) for religious ceremonies. The reverse is seen in the smaller coin to the right, depicting the goddess Juno. Such a coin might have been in circulation in far-off Jerusalem when Jesus used one to make his point to the Pharisees. This file is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.5 Generic license.

<https://www.cngcoins.com/Coin.aspx?CoinID=200091#>.

You're Invited: Annual Beacon Society Celebration Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, November 7, from 9–11 a.m. at Dame Leadership (350 Poplar Church Road) for our Annual Beacon Society Celebration Breakfast! Enjoy a light breakfast as we share updates on the Beacon Society and Endowment Fund, review the fund's current uses, and hear Rev. Stan Jenkins present "A Mission Vision for the Endowment Fund." Free parking is available next to the entrance, and an elevator provides access to the Dame Leadership office. Please RSVP to Nancy Sheets so we can plan for breakfast and seating. We look forward to gathering with you!

It's HVAC Shoulder Season!

We're watching the temperatures as we decide when to turn on the steam heat. Since our building can run either heat or AC—but not both—we need to wait until cold weather is here to make the switch. In the meantime, please dress in layers and be prepared for some seasonal uncertainty! We'll keep you posted when the heat goes on.

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Calendar: October 18 - 25

Sunday, October 18

Community Breakfast • 8 am
Charging Center • 9 am
Confirmation Class • 9 am
Korean Language Worship • 9:30 am
Adult Forum • 9:30 am
Market Square Ringers • 9:30 am
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal • 10 am
Nursery opens • 10:45 am
English Language Worship • 11 am
Korean Language Bible Study • 11 am
Children's Sunday School • 11:15 am
Nominating Committee • 12:00 pm
Outreach & Marketing Committee • 7 pm

Monday, October 19

Worship Leaders meeting • 10 am
Organ practice • 1 pm

Tuesday, October 20

Homelessness Task Force • 12 pm
Worship Committee • 5:15 pm
Session • 7 pm

Wednesday, October 21

Centering Prayer Online • 12 pm

Thursday, October 22

Market Square Ringers • 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir • 7:15 pm

Friday, October 23

ISC Food Pantry • 1 pm
Community Dinner • 5:30 pm
Movie Night at Market Square! • 6:45 pm

Sunday, October 25

Community Breakfast • 8 am
Health Clinic • 8:30 am
Charging Center • 9 am
Confirmation Class • 9 am
Korean Language Worship • 9:30 am
Adult Forum • 9:30 am
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal • 10 am
Nursery opens • 10:45 am
English Language Worship • 11 am
Korean Language Bible Study • 11 am
Children's Sunday School • 11:15 am
Outreach & Marketing Committee • 7 pm

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As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

TEXT: Frank von Christerson, 1960, alt.
 MUSIC: English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. from GENEVAN 124
 Text © 1962 Oxford University Press

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694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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