

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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August 17, 2025

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

"BUSY BAGS": Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY SPACE: During the summer, the space is available for use with parental/guardian supervision. No attendant is present. Live audio of the worship service is broadcast to the nursery. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will return Sept. 21st. Classes will be held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month).

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: "gladurhere!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: Following Jesus takes courage. May we garner the courage to be followers of the Way, as the early disciples were called. In so doing, we will be a blessing to the world.

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" - Irish Folk Song -Arr. Labenske

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship *(Isaiah 40:31)*

Processional Hymn: "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" (p. #73)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional *(Inspired by Hebrews 12:1-2)*

Pastor: If, as we run our earthly race, we have disappointed
the great cloud of witnesses which surrounds us,

People: Forgive us and give us a sense of community.

Pastor: If we have refused to lay aside the weights which impede our progress,
much less the sins that hobble us,

**People: Pardon our stubbornness and help us to leave behind
anything that would hinder our growth as Christians.**

Pastor: If we have run the Christian race with lethargy

rather than with perseverance,

People: Cleanse us, give us a healthy zeal, and fill us with your Spirit.

Pastor: If we have followed lesser examples than Jesus as our guide,
our model, and our inspiration

**People: Forgive us and help us to always keep our eyes on Jesus,
who alone qualified to be the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Praise Response (Unison)

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps.)

Prayer of Illumination

**All: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (p. #226)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-56 (p. #75)

“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Special Music - “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”- African-American Spiritual
Susan Wentzel, piano solo

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Apostle’s Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord;

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sings)

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

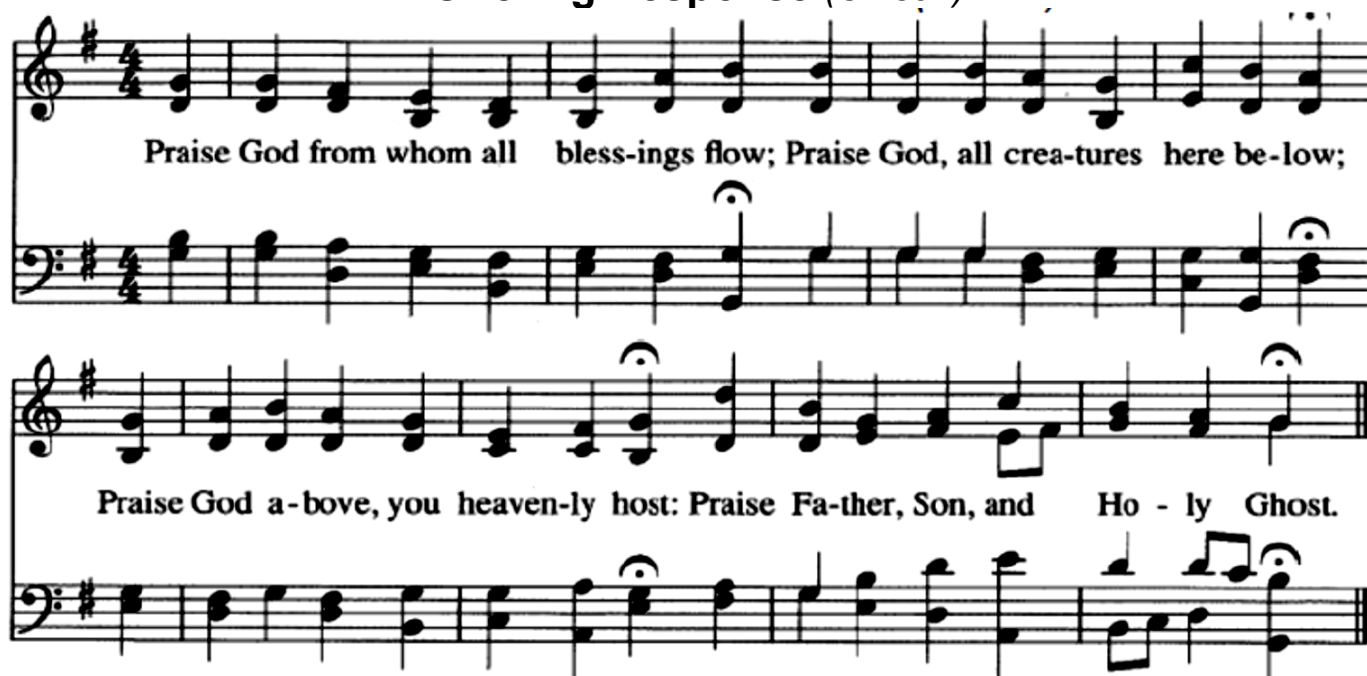
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

Offertory: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" - Haydn

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

All: Gracious God, you have given us all things in Christ,
and with thankful hearts we bring these gifts
to further your church's ministry of worship, teaching,
fellowship and outreach, that you may be glorified.
Through Christ our loving Savior, we pray. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Called as Partners in God's Service" (p. #495)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" - Elvey

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, August 17

9:30AM Worship

Monday, August 18

8:30 AM House Cleaning

11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 AM House Cleaning

6:30 PM Consistory – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 20

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

8:00 PM Fundraising - Zoom

Thursday, August 21

10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group - Fellowship Hall

1:00 PM SOAR

Friday, August 22

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 24

9:30AM Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks

4:00 PM Confirmation Class – Room 21

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Helen Fisher, who is one of our Home Congregants. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Healing & Strengthening: Dr. Corey Jones; Tom Bitner; Lucy Torres; Barry; Jo-Anne Doleva; George S; Nitza

Care & Support: Huff's Union Church, Alburtis & their pastoral search; Drew Warner

Comfort In Time of Loss: Family of Jason Straub; The Holcomb Family; The Schlott Family

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

8/17 Kristen Doleva

Avery Reardon

8/22 Susan Showalter

8/23 Krista Strohl

8/24 Toul Miller

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

8/18 Robert & Sue Showalter

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Nancy Helbig

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Kent Hollinger

Ushers: Gary Rhoads, Sue Rhoads, Patti
Shuttlesworth, Mary Moll

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Emma Stone

Welcome: Lori Moser

Guest Musician: Mrs. Deborah Weinhold

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Stewart

Altar Guild: Margie Baer & Deb Brubaker

Welcome Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Stewart:

Born in Philadelphia, Pastor Stewart has lived in Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and New York. Finally settling in Pennsylvania in 1973 and prior to his pursuit of higher education he was able to learn from a wide variety of work experiences as a department store salesperson, store manager, and professional musician. Dr. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a Minor in Psychology from Eastern University, a Master of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. He has attended numerous continuing education events including an extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Education from Penn State University's Hershey Medical Center. Ordained in 1979, Pastor Stewart has 46 years of pastoral experience as a chaplain and parish minister.

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 42

Online: 1

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$3368 Online: \$128 Special Offering: \$275

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
AUGUST 17, 2025**

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

SOAR – Special Appeal - Disaster Relief – Special Disaster Relief envelopes will be in the sanctuary for the entire month of August. The SOAR committee will match up to \$1,000 donated through these envelopes from Bausman's Disaster Relief Fund (amount donated so far \$891). These monies will be sent to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference for "Severe Storms". For additional information, please contact Mike Ritter at ritwyo@aol.com or (610) 781-5946.

Backpack & Luggage Collection for CONCERN – ****Next Sunday is last day for collection**** Bausman is collecting new and gently used backpacks and luggage for the children on the move. CONCERN is a multi-service human services organization out of Fleetwood that provides foster care and adoption services. Without backpacks and luggage, the children's possessions are often stuffed in trash bags. A collection area will be in the east narthex and blessing of the items will be held on August 24. For more information, contact Sue Wentink at (610) 374-1524.

Calling All Youth: Aug 24 – Blessing of the Backpacks - We invite all youth to bring a school bag to be blessed during the worship service on August 24. Every child will receive a keychain keepsake to remind them of the love of God, the presence of Christ, and the prayers of this congregation. In this way we pray every child never feels like they walk alone.



Oktoberfest 2025 is just around the corner! Make sure to save the date for Sat, Sept. 27, noon - 7pm. The committee needs help to make this event a success- if you are interested in sponsorships, please contact Steph Tremble at stremble0202@gmail.com. We will also need lots of volunteers to help make the day run smoothly, so please consider signing up for a timeslot here [Oktoberfest 2025 Volunteer Sign Up](#) on SignUp Genius. Be on the lookout for more details as we get closer to the event. Thank you for your support of Oktoberfest!

Church Picnic, Rally Day Blast, & Ministry Fair, September 14 - Mark your calendars for the September 14 outdoor worship, church picnic, and Rally Day celebration at the Wyomissing Hills Playground. Fun events and great food are being planned for all ages. Plus, there will be an opportunity to learn about Bausman's various ministries and how you can make a difference through this amazing congregation. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

New Adult Faith Formation Class – It is one thing to learn about God. It is another thing to explore an intimate relationship with God. This six-session faith formation class will focus on the practical ways to intentionally build intimacy with God. Utilizing ancient prayer practices of Lectio Divina, Faith Imagination, Centering Prayer, Prayer Walks, and Praying the Psalms, you will gain tools to go deeper in your personal relationship with God. Classes will be held the second & fourth Tuesdays of September, October, and November from 7-8pm. (Note: the 11/25 class will be held 12/9). Classes are independent of one another. Therefore, you are welcome to participate in the classes you can attend, while missing the ones you can't attend.

New Members Class – Starting September - If you have been worshipping with Bausman and are looking to explore membership in this growing vital congregation, we invite you to check out this fall's new member's class. It is more than a class to attend. It is an opportunity to intentionally deepen your faith and form new relationships. The four classes cover a range of topics from faith journeys, understanding and using the bible, why we worship like we do, discipleship, the UCC, and more. If you would like to participate, or to learn more, please speak with Pastor Joe by September 1.

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August 17, 2025

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10)

Dear PSEC Friends,

With the help of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call who drafted much of the information that follows, I have VERY important and history-making news to share.

This past Friday something momentous occurred: the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Keystone Conference of the UCC. This all-day meeting took place at St. Thomas Church in Linglestown and accomplished a wide variety of mission-critical tasks.

The 16-member Board spent time in fellowship and prayer, shared stories, and got to know one another. Following lunch the official board meeting began. The new Board worked well together immediately. First on the agenda, the election officers. The positions of Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and Secretary were filled by a member of each current Conference. They are Dave DeRemer (Chair, PNEC); DiAnn Baxley (Vice-chair, PCC); Deborah Long (Treasurer, PW), and Bob Ames (Secretary, PSEC).

The Board approved staff job descriptions and named most of our Conferences' current administrative staff to their positions: Sue Creswell (Executive Admin), Brea Rarick (Admin Region 1 Assistant & data-keeper), Paul Keller (Admin Region 2 Assistant & Social Media Coordinator), Andrea Kopak (Part-Time Administrator for Region 3). The Board also elected Rev. Dr. Carrie Call to serve as the Transitional Executive Conference Minister (TECM) alongside Rev. Kevin McLemore (Region 1), Rev. Dr. Nora Foust (Region 2), and Rev. David Ackerman (Region 3) as Transitional Regional Conference Ministers (RCMs). The remaining 2 part-time leadership positions and the Bookkeeper will be named by September.

The Board voted on the location of the Keystone office (Harrisburg), discussed lingering Constitution and Bylaws questions, chose a temporary Nominating Committee to create a slate for the 11/22 state-wide business meeting, adopted an investment policy, reviewed and accepted the Budget for 2026 (to be voted on by all Conference members via Zoom on 11/22),

chose the new Keystone Logo (from 4 finalists submitted by members across the Conferences – to be revealed soon), and chose dates for upcoming monthly Board meetings.

They also began planning a Board weekend retreat for January. Finally, they reviewed a list of remaining financial, governance, and mission tasks that must be completed before January 1. The next Board meeting is September 8.

This work has been years in the making. The generally smooth yet sometimes lurching process demanded much of the Keystone Working Group and the four Conference Ministers. It also demanded tenacious faith in the reality of God's activity in our lives and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our work. Thank you, good people of Pennsylvania Southeast, for walking this journey. Thank you for showing up at Town Hall meetings, asking questions, sending emails, reading updates, praying, challenging assumptions, and ultimately, for voting to make this real.

Mark your calendars for the first Keystone Conference meeting **June 5-7, 2026** at Millersville University and for our PSEC Farewell Celebration Service on **Saturday, November 8** (at St. Paul's, Douglasville) for a time of remembrance, celebration, and thanksgiving for the 60+ years of amazingly faithful Conference ministry.

With the Peace of Christ,
Bill

- Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister

The Keystone Board of Directors



Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.


Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.
 Louise Ruspini
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Called as Partners in Christ's Service


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Jane Parker Huber, 1981


John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22




1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368