



October 13, 2024

*But now in Christ Jesus
you who once were far off have been
brought near by the blood of Christ.*

Ephesians 2:13

Welcome Guests

We are delighted that you are here to worship the Lord with us this morning!

Nursery is provided for little ones 0-3.

Children's Bible Time is provided for children ages 3-6 in classroom 7 during the sermon.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

GOD HIMSELF IS WITH US

Choir

COME LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67 ESV

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us

People: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase;

People: God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

HYMN

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

Songbook

PRAYER OF PRAISE

RESPONSIVE READING

1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-12 ESV

Leader: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

People: Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.

Leader: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

People: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers,

People: they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

HYMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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RESPONSIVE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ESV

Leader: From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

People: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Leader: that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

People: We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN

GREAT GOD FROM THEE

Songbook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious and merciful God, You have called us to be one people in Christ, yet we confess that we have often lived as though we are divided. We created barriers that Your gospel has already broken down.

People: We have allowed pride and selfishness to keep us apart from one another and from You.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for failing to remember that we were once separated from Christ, alienated and without hope in Your mercy,

People: You have brought us near through the blood of Jesus, making us one new people. Yet, we often act as though these walls of division still stand.

Leader: We confess that we have fallen short of living as fellow citizens of Your kingdom, members of Your household. We have neglected to love one another as You have loved us, and we have not sought peace and reconciliation with our neighbors as You have commanded.

People: Forgive us, Lord, and change our hearts. Tear down every barrier that keeps us from full fellowship with You and with one another. Help us to walk faithfully as Your united body, built together into a dwelling place for You, through the peace and grace of Jesus Christ, our cornerstone.

All: We ask this in the name of Jesus, who has made peace by the cross. Amen.

HYMN

COME YE SINNERS

Handout

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

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Choir

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Children ages 3-6 may be dismissed to attend Children's Bible Time in classroom 7

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

SERMON TEXT

Ephesians 2:11-22 ESV

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

SERMON

Sam Hettinger

*Why it's Great to be a Christian:
The Blessing of Reconciliation*

HYMN

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Songbook

BENEDICTION

PCA Hurricane Relief Response

As we continue to hear reports of the extensive devastation caused by the hurricane across the southeastern region, many within our church family have expressed concern and are eager to know how we will respond as a congregation.

Given the urgency of the situation, we would encourage concerned individuals to donate through our PCA denomination's MNA (Mission to North America) Disaster Response Fund. It is a reliable, vetted agency that will get money and resources to church families who were directly affected by the hurricane. They will then know best how to help their congregations and communities. The MNA Disaster Response also organizes mercy ministry groups to go to affected areas.

Hurricane Info - <https://pcamna.org/hurricane-helene/>

Hurricane giving -



The Session and Diaconate met on Thursday night and discussed further ways to help together as a church. This will be shared in later this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SMS Texting

If you would like to receive messages about upcoming events, canceled events and worship services and prayer requests you need to sign up for SMS texting from Mt Airy PCA.

You can do this in 2 ways:

You can text "Join" and your email to (301) 844-9725.

Or scan the code below for the online form to fill out manually.



Church Family Campfire

Saturday, October 19
5:00 pm

Come join us in a fun time of fellowship around the fire. Check your email for more details



Upcoming Work Days

October 26th

A work day at the church will be on Saturday, October 26. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Contact Josh Davis if you can attend, and with any questions.

For more church announcements:



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Nursery is available up through age 3

Preschool (K4-K5)	A. Blizzard	Classroom 8
Early Elementary (Gr.1-2)	C. & R. Skinner	Classroom 7
Middle Elementary (G.3-5)	J. Hohl & M. Wiley	Classroom 4
Middle School (Gr.6-8)	A. Brady & D. Jones	Classroom 6
High School (gr. 9-12)	J Cagle	Classroom 5
Adult Class	S. Hettinger	Sanctuary

OUR MINISTRIES

Children's Bible Time - Jessica Davis

ESL - Ken Hohl & Maggie Olson

Missions Committee - Brian Olson

Nursery - Colleen Cagle and Stefanie Esbrandt

Outreach and Evangelism Committee - Drew Jones

Sunday School - Jan Horst

Youth Group - Emily Benz

Women's Ministry - Robin Skinner & Sharon Benz

Lisbon Small Group - John Horst

Mt. Airy North Small Group - Jeff Cagle

New Market Small Group - Ken Wilhelm

CALENDAR: OCTOBER 13- OCTOBER 22

Sunday 10/13 9:30 am Worship Service
 11:00 am Sunday School
 5:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Tuesday 10/15 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 7:00 pm ESL

Wednesday 10/16 7:00 pm New Market Small Group

Thursday 10/17 7:00 pm Grace Notes Practice

Friday 10/18 9:30 am Mt. Airy Harmonics

Saturday 10/19 9:00 am Men's Bible and Breakfast
 5:00 pm Church Family Campfire

Sunday 10/20 9:30 am Worship Service
 11:00 am Sunday School
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 10/22 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 7:00 pm ESL

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$5,250.47	\$6,345.00	\$294,496.26	\$253,800.00



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By God's grace and for His glory,
the Mount Airy Presbyterian Church family exists
to make, equip, and mobilize disciples
who grow in love and maturity in Christ.