

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card and place it in an offering plate as you exit.
- **New Members' Class:** Anyone interested in joining RPPC or who would just like to learn more about us, please join us in the church parlor at 10 am, November 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- **Nursery Care and Sunday School** are available during our 9 am worship service.
- **Best in Delco!** Our Nursery School was voted Best in Delco by readers of the Daily Times. Congratulations!
- **The Rose on the Pulpit** today is in honor of the birth of Emily Grace Maginnis, daughter of Sara and James Maginnis, sister of Claire and Carrie.
- **New Members Class:** if you are interested in joining Ridley Park Presbyterian Church or just learning more about us, join us in the parlor at 10:05 November 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- **Bell Choir:** Our bell choir is looking for new members. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 PM
- **Senior Luncheon:** All Seniors are invited to a luncheon on Wednesday, October 14 at 12 noon. Keith Lockhart, local historian will do a presentation about Ridley Park and local places of interest.
- **October Collection:** Non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving food baskets: instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce. Please place your donations in the collection box in Friendship Hall by November 1.
- **Youth Group:** Youth in grades 6-12, join us on October 11 at 12:15. We will be heading to John Heinz Wildlife Preserve for a hike, devotional, and ice cream on the way home. Make sure to hand in your permission slip.
- **GriefShare:** Meets from 6 – 7:30 on Tuesday evenings in the church parlor and is for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one.
- **Women's Bible Study** is studying "The Names of God" on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Friendship Hall. Study guides are on Amazon or Lifeway websites. Links are in the all-church email.
- **Church Library:**
 - New Library: Check out our church library in the parlor. Sign out a book today! *Please do not put any book donations on the shelves.*
 - Old Library: Old library books are available for the taking in the Upper Room.
- **PCUSA Special Offering:** The World Communion Offering helps fund programs for peacemaking, global ministry, and international and racial-ethnic students. Find an envelope in your envelope box or the pew rack. This offering ends today.

Opening Prayer

* **Opening Hymn #405**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to

humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on human cruelty and the awful consequences of our 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 humanity 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.

* **Hymn #539**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever; we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into action; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you.

Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #393 (remain seated)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs. 1)

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6, 13-18

^{4:1} Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ....

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Sermon: What Are You Looking At?

Pastor Thomas

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

* **Hymn #564**

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus #233**

Grace, Love and Fellowship

** if comfortably able, please stand*