

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it into an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **Nursery and Sunday School** are available during our 9 am worship service.
- **October Collection:** We are collecting the following non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving food baskets. Items can be placed in the wooden collection box in Friendship Hall: instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce. All donations are needed by November 1.
- **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** meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in Friendship Hall.
- **Men's Bible study** meets on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.
- **New Members Class:** if you are interested in joining Ridley Park Presbyterian Church or just learning more about us, join us in the church parlor at 10:05 November 1, 8, 15, & 22.
- **Youth Group:** Sunday, October 25 from 12:15–2:15 PM. We'll build life-sized scarecrows, enjoy food and games, and continue our study of the next few verses in the Book of James. Bring some old clothing items to dress your scarecrow (shirts, pants, hats). Get ready for an afternoon of creativity, fun, and fellowship!
- **Christmas Choir** will begin rehearsing next Sunday, October 25 between services in the sanctuary. No auditions needed. Everyone is welcome.

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn #348

My Savior's Love (vs. 1,4,5)

* Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

* Hymn #589

Here I Am, Lord

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you tell us to go and make disciples of all nations, but we confess that we fall short.

Lord, forgive us for our silence when we should speak your truth. Forgive us for keeping your love to ourselves out of fear, comfort, or shame. We confess that we often value our own peace more than the souls of the people around us.

Empower us by your Holy Spirit to walk in obedience, to be your hands and feet, sharing your love and truth. Equip us for the work to which you have called us -- to be ambassadors of your kingdom.

Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #572 (remain seated)

Blessed Assurance (verses 1 and 3)

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sermon: Represent!

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

* **Hymn #448**

I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus #233**

Grace, Love and Fellowship

** if comfortably able, please stand*