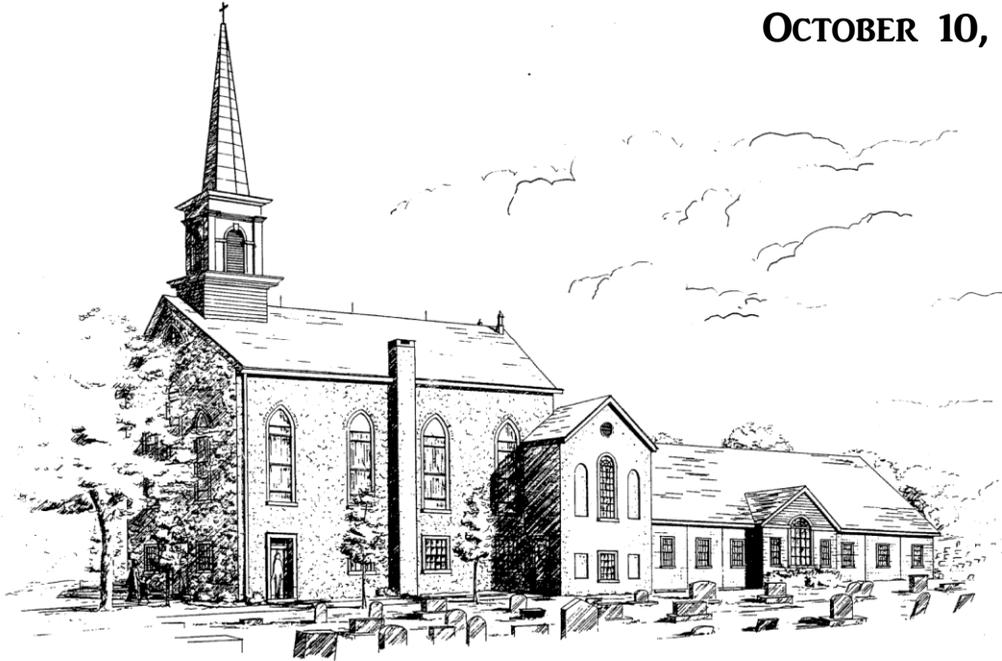


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***Welcome to worship with St. John's of Spinnerstown!***

Thank you for joining us today either in Church or online!

Our service this morning will be filled with scripture, proclamation, praise, and prayer. Everything you need is available in your bulletin.

If you have any prayer concerns to add to the list please contact the Church Office.

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**Keep up with St. John's news**

Now you don't have to wait a month between editions of the Spire to see what's new at St. John's. For those who use social media, we can be found on Facebook (St. John's Lutheran Church, Spinnerstown, PA), Instagram (stjohnsspinnerstown) and Twitter (stjohnsspinnerstown). Anyone online can visit our website, [www.stjohnsofspinnerstown.org](http://www.stjohnsofspinnerstown.org). Feel free to share with your "friends" and "followers" any items you find on these sites.

**We now have our own YouTube Channel as well!**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHmqkdhB-ukT7eFsDokBbw/featured>

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SPINNERSTOWN, PA  
20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 10, 2021

Announcements

Prelude: “*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*”

arr. H. Klotz

+ Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God our comforter:

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

+ Opening Hymn: “*Gather Us In*” Verses 1 & 2

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# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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### + The Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### + Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

First Reading: A reading from Amos 5:6-7, 10-15.

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading: A reading from Hebrews 4:12-16.

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+ Holy Gospel: The holy gospel according to Mark 10:17-31.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God

alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “*Take My Life, That I May Be*” Verses 1, 2 & 3

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# Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

+ The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

+ Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind (*local ministries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

\*O God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear (*especially*). Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected. Hear our cry, O God,  
**listen to our prayer.**

\*Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the coronavirus. Heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us, open ways beyond timidity and fear that too easily ignore our neighbor. Hear our cry, O God,  
**listen to our prayer.**

\*Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions... protect and guard all those who must travel. Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing. Hear our cry, O God,  
**listen to our prayer.**

\*Heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. Hear our cry, O God,  
**listen to our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*).  
Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own  
journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the Church's Bishops - Bishop Eaton and Bishop  
Davenport, for the Church's pastors and deacons, and all called by you and  
your people to lead and guide our congregations. Keep them strong and faithful  
in the power and grace of your abiding word. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

+ Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Special Music: *“Take My Hand, Precious Lord”*

T. A. Dorsey

Noel Brooke , Darcy McConahy & Diane Small, trio

+ 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever.**

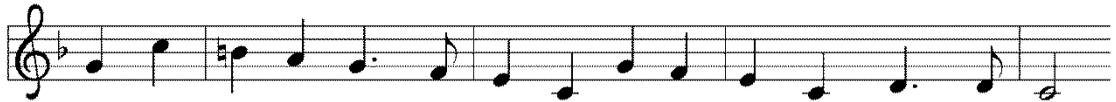
**Amen.**

+ Benediction

+ Closing Hymn: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Verses 1 & 2 #678



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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+ Dismissal

Postlude: "God of Grace"

arr. P. Manz

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## **Sponsors for October 10, 2021**

*The bulletins are sponsored by Connie Schwartz – Happy Birthday Gregg!*

*The altar flowers are sponsored by the McConahy Family  
in honor of Jensen's 4<sup>th</sup> & Brannon's 1<sup>st</sup> birthdays.*

### **Worship Assistants for October 10, 2021**

*Usher Captain – Stephen Spry*

Greeters	Bill & Mary Slotter
Usher	Donna Angstadt
Usher	Stephen Spry
Lector	Jerry Bassett
Altar Guild	Janet Bassett & Karen Landes

### **Worship Assistants for October 17, 2021**

*Usher Captain – Stephen Spry*

Greeters	George & Peggy Hudock
Ushers	Steve & Maureen Potsko
Lector	Peggy Hudock
Altar Guild	Janet Bassett & Karen Landes

### **Autumn 2021 Sponsorships are available!**

**Bulletin Sponsors** – The cost is \$20 to help cover the expense of mailing the bulletin to our members who do not have email and cannot come to worship.

**Spire Sponsors** –\$30/month for one person/family, or you can split the sponsorship with another for \$15 each.

**Altar Flower Sponsorships** are \$17.50 for one bouquet or \$35 for both.

Sign up on the board by the kitchen or contact the office at  
[stjohnsspinnerstown@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsspinnerstown@gmail.com) or 215-536-0734.

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## **We Remember in Our Prayers**

Don Spry (Stephen Spry's father), Brian Barndt (son of Ruth Ann & Guy Barndt), Willow Cotterill (friend of the Potsko's), Family & Friends of John Berninger (Alida Spry's stepfather), Ele Hanshew, Kathleen Lausch (Ron Lausch's mother), Betty Konjusky (Peggy Hudock's mother), Thomas Wickham (relative of Mildred Westgate), Rev. Dr. Richard Stewart, Viola Giebel (Peggy Hudock's daughter-in-law's mother), Debbie & Larry Lasher (Darcy McConahy's sister & brother-in-law), Renee Georgiadis, Michael Bowers, Dorothy Brinkman, and Joe Otto (Marsha Hartley's brother)



### **Prayers, Please**

***Our Prayer List*** – Each week there appears in this bulletin, a list of people for whom congregation members are asked to pray. The names are read during the “Prayers of Intercession.” The names are listed for four weeks and then removed, but they can be re-added every four weeks for as long as necessary. To add a name to the prayer list - or to renew a listing - please contact Church Secretary Jen Bara at 215-536-0734, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or send her an e-mail at [stjohnsspinnerstown@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsspinnerstown@gmail.com). To assure a name will be included in the next bulletin, please contact her by 10 a.m. Thursday.

***St. John's Prayer Circle*** is ready and waiting for your requests. If you know someone in need of prayer – or if you would like to join the circle and expand our collective voice – please call Joan Seiger at [215-257-7478](tel:215-257-7478) or Loretta Thorsen at [215-679-2356](tel:215-679-2356).

***E-mailing Prayer Concerns:*** For any confidential prayer concerns to give to the Pastor - reach out to: [spinnerstownprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:spinnerstownprayerline@gmail.com)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome in the Name of Jesus!**

**We pray that you will be blessed by your time here today,  
and that God will fill you with grace and love every day.**

**Congregational Meeting** – November 7 at 11:30 a.m.

*Agenda:*

- Budget
- Flood Damage



**Vanco Online Giving** – St. John's can now receive your offering via online & mobile giving through Vanco! In addition to your offering, you can contribute to other funds such as the Stained Glass Window Fund and Cemetery Fund. You will also be able to sponsor altar flowers, bulletins, the monthly Spire, as well as the seasonal flowers such as Easter Lilies and Poinsettias!

Members who plan to use the Vanco online or mobile giving tool SHOULD create an account in order to accurately receive credit for your offering and/or sponsorships, etc. and to make it easier for our financial secretary to keep track!

To use online, simply go to our website and look for the “Vanco Online Giving” button on our homepage. Follow the instructions to create an account.

You can also download the Vanco app at the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). When prompted, use this code (yes, all caps) to create an account for St. John's: CSTDSA

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions!

**Coffee Hour is back!** Servers and bakers needed for coffee hour! If you can volunteer to bake and/or serve, please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen or contact the office! Thank you in advance!



*Pub(lic) Theology* will be held on **Tuesday, October 12** at 6:30 p.m. at the Spinnerstown Hotel.

*Food for Friends Needs You* – the next Food for Friends dinner is **October 13<sup>th</sup>**. We used to feed about 30 – 40 guests before the pandemic. We are now consistently feeding over 100 meals per dinner. All meals are served via curbside pickup. The meal is prepared and assembled by our church members. All of our helpers are masked, gloved and distanced during the preparation and assembly. We need help preparing the food (done at St John's), baking the desserts (do that in your own home) and assembling the meal (done at Richland Meeting). If you would like to help, call Bill Slotter, 215-541-9219.



*Miller-Keystone Blood Drive* – Sure it's the scary month of Halloween; but you can do a *bootiful* thing by donating blood! Treat yourself to the good feeling that you may have saved a life. The blood drive is scheduled for **Friday, 22 October** from 1:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment if you are contacted by one of our callers. If you have donated previously, please make an appointment with the caller when you are contacted. If you have not donated before, please call Bill Slotter at 215-541-9219 and let him know you are interested.

### *Dates to Remember*

10/12/21	6:30 p.m. Pub(lic) Theology
10/13/21	10:00 a.m. Willing Workers Crafts 5:30 p.m. Food for Friends 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
10/17/21	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Council
10/18/21	<i>Spire articles due!</i>
10/22/21	1:30 – 6:30 p.m. Blood Drive
11/7/21	<i>Congregational Meeting</i>

## **Worship in the Sanctuary**

We had all hoped that the pandemic would be gone by now - but ongoing variations in the disease, combined with lower-than-anticipated vaccination rates in the U.S. and abroad has meant that new strains of the disease are still a factor in our assembly. For this reason the Church Council has endorsed the following guidelines from the Worship and Music Committee. These policies are informed by the CDC, as well as the recommendations of the Synod:

1. We will make use of alternating pews to maintain physical distance between groups during worship.
2. The use of masks is encouraged in our Church for worship. Masks should be worn while singing - with the exception of soloists and duets. Masks will be provided by the Church to those who need them.
3. Balcony seating is only for parishioners who will wear their masks during the whole service as an intentional space for members who feel most safe when masked.
4. Worship leaders - including singers, greeters, lectors, ushers, communion assistants, the pastor, the organist, and the choir director must all be vaccinated OR wear proper masks when actively involved in the service.
5. The service will be shortened to 45 minutes while in the sanctuary.
6. We will be returning to our traditional order of the service (including the passing of the peace in the middle of the service, a return to the Offering, as well as to Bread and Wine for Holy Communion - in the "Continuous Communion" style).
7. We will continue to take attendance for the sake of contact tracing. We encourage all members to contact the Church Office if they contract Covid-19.