

Welcome Guests To better connect with you we encourage you to complete a guest registration card located in the pew pockets. You may drop it in the offering plate OR bring it to welcome center in the lobby so that we can greet you and give you a welcome packet.

This year Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade will be joining us for the first part of the service and then will be released to their classes mid-service. Cherub Church (Pre-Kindergarten - 1st Grade) meets in the class across from the men's restroom and Junior Church (2nd - 5th Grade) meets downstairs in B1. **Please pick your child up from their classroom in a timely manner after the service.** If you're visiting, please fill out a Cherub/Junior Church Attendance Card, located in the pew rack, and bring your child to meet their teacher near the coffee bar/welcome center when the children are dismissed from the service.

Congregational Council 2018 - Everyone is invited to attend Dillsburg BIC's annual Congregation Council meeting Saturday, January 13th. Our potluck breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. Council meeting will follow directly. Beverages and place settings will be provided. Please bring your choice of hot breakfast casseroles, fruits, pastries or breads to share.

Calendar Notes		Dec. 31, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018
Wednesday 3 rd	6:30 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer and Praise
Saturday 6 th	9:00 a.m.	Bible Quizzing Practice Tournament (Grantham BIC)
Sunday 7 th	9:00 a.m.	Classes
	10:15 a.m.	Worship

Ministry Leaders: Please communicate information about meetings being planned for 2018 to the church office so the church calendar can be updated. This ensures that your meeting space is available and heated or cooled as needed!

Statistical Notes for year end will be available next week.

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December 31, 2017
9:00 a.m. Classes
10:15 am Worship

- Prelude
- Opening and Welcome
- Scripture: *Psalms 100*
- O Little Town of Bethlehem #138
- Prayers of the Community
- Invitation to Give
He Who is Mighty (Dulci Brubaker)
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #151
- Message
Luke 2:41-52
- Wesley Covenant Renewal Service
- Songs of Worship
- Prayer and Closing
- Postlude

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honorable,
 others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
 others are contrary to both.
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
 except by denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore,
 that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

*Let me be your servant, under your command.
I will no longer be my own.
I will give up myself to your will in all things.*

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

*Lord, make me what you will.
I put myself fully into your hands:
 put me to doing, put me to suffering,
 let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
 let me be full, let me be empty,
 let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and with a willing heart
 give it all to your pleasure and disposal.*

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.
He is the source of all salvation to those who obey.
Christ will have no servants except by consent;
Christ will not accept anything except full consent
 to all that he requires.
Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.
Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:
(several admonitions will be given)

COVENANT PRAYER

*O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
see me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will,
for you have promised mercy to me
if I turn to you with my whole heart.*

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

*I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all,
 covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.
Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.
In your power
 I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.
For my own righteousness is riddled with sin,
 unable to stand before you.*

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again
if you would let him.

*Before all heaven and earth,
 I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.
I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion,
 and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant,
 to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.*

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ
as the only way and means of coming to God.

*Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ
 as the only new and living Way,
 and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.
O blessed Jesus, I come to you,
 hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked,
 unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.
I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.
I renounce my own worthiness,
 and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.
I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.
I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.*

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

*I do here covenant with you, O Christ,
 to take my lot with you as it may fall.
Through your grace I promise
 that neither life nor death shall part me from you.*

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

*I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden.
All your laws are holy, just, and good.
I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions,
 promising that I will strive
 to order my whole life according to your direction,
and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.*

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

*O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today
 without guile or reservation.
If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.
And now, glory be to you, O God the Father,
 whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.
Glory be to you, O God the Son,
 who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood,
 and now is my Savior and Redeemer.
Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit,
 who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.*

*O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 you have now become my Covenant Friend.
And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.
So be it.
And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*