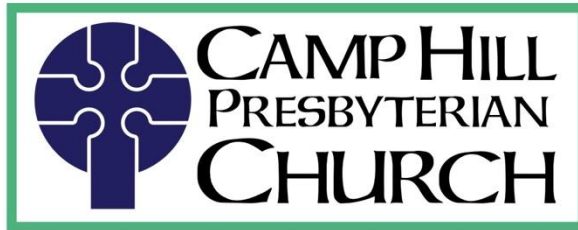




# The Presbytery of Carlisle

Stated Meeting February 8, 2025 on Zoom and at



## *Gathering Around the Word*

**Welcome**

Moderator Rosamond Presby

**Call to Worship**

Co-Leaders Jamie McLeod and Kristal Smith

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?

**All: How shall we bow ourselves before God on high?**

One: The Lord has told us what is good,

**All: and what God requires of us:**

One: to do justice, and to love kindness,

**All: and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Let us worship and walk together.

\*Hymn 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

*````Break for Workshops and Business Meeting````*

## **Invitation to Confession**

*Directory for Worship, W-5.0304*

In our Directory for Worship it says that God calls the Church to work for justice in the world: to exercise its power for the common good; to deal honestly in personal and public spheres; to seek dignity and freedom for all people; to welcome strangers in the land; to promote justice and fairness in the law; to overcome disparities between rich and poor; to bear witness against systems of violence and oppression; to redress wrongs against individuals, groups, and peoples. That's a high calling, and we often miss the mark. Let us turn to God in prayer as we confess the truth of our lives. Let us pray together:

## **Confession**

**Have mercy upon us, O God, for sin clings so closely and its burden is great. Because of sin, our hands are at our sides when they should reach out to others; our knees are shaky when we should be standing firm. We are victims of our own misdeeds; we cannot escape sin's weight on our lives. Through Christ's intercession, lift the burden from us, and help us run the race before us in freedom and strength. Amen.**

*—Adapted from a prayer by James G. Kirk, When We Gather (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 1985), 108.*

## **Assurance**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

## **Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## **Passing of the Peace**

One: Friends, since we are forgiven in Christ we too ought to forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let's briefly share signs of peace with one another.

# ***Proclaiming and Receiving the Word***

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

**Scripture** – Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

**Sermon** – How Will We Be Remembered?

Elder Rosamond Presby

## ***Responding to the Word***

**Hymn 757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**Affirmation of Faith** *(from The Confession of 1967)*

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.**

**Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for us, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, and to pray for the world. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Our daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.**

**Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Offering**

Moderator: I invite Pastor Nancy Conklin to please come forward to introduce the offering for today.

## **Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God all creatures here below.***

***Praise God above ye heavenly host.***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Nancy Conklin

## **Installation of Moderator Janice Tiedeck and Vice Moderator Gary Hollinger**

## ***Sealing of the Word***

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

## ***Bearing the Word Into the World***

### **Hymn 744**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

### **12:30 Benediction**

Moderator Janice Tiedeck