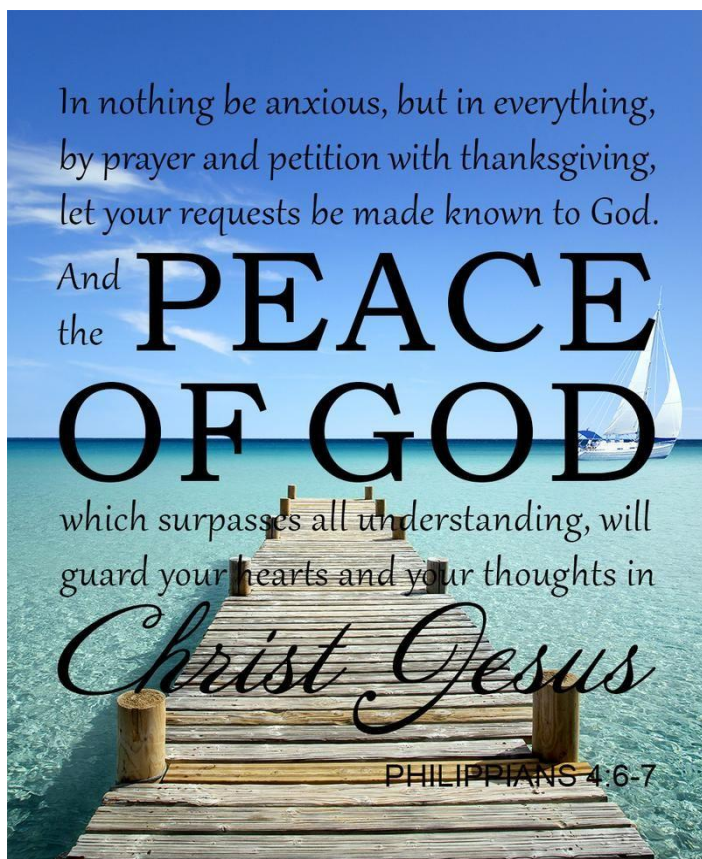


Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

October 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen

Mary Southerland writes in *Unleashing The Power Of God In My Life*:

When our son Jered was a little boy, we were careful to teach him our phone number and address in case he was ever lost.

One night, he and his dad went for a before-bedtime walk. After a few minutes of silence, Dan decided to test Jered's knowledge of where he lived.

"How far are we from home?" Dan asked.

Jered answered, "Dad, I don't know."

Dan tried again, "Well, where are you?"

Again Jered answered, "I don't know." Then his dad said good-naturedly, "Sounds to me like you're lost, son."

With a confident grin, Jered looked up at Dan and responded, "Nope. I can't be lost. I'm with you."

We Praise and Confess

*The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Like a River Glorious – Lani Smith

Invitation to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

Like a River Glorious – Wye Valley

1 Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -
 2 Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er foe can
 3 Ev - ery joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up - on our

to - rious in its bright in - crease: per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er
 fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry, not a
 di - al by the Sun of Love; we may trust him ful - ly all for

ev - ery day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
 shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry touch the spir - it there.
 us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain
 Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
 MUSIC: James Mountain (1844-1933)

WYE VALLEY
 6.5.6.5.D.Ref.

Call to Confession

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
**in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon

---Psalm 145:13-14

*The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down. **Amen.***

Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Praise: No. 837 ***What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*** — Showalter

We Hear and Respond

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.

³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹

From the Psalter: No. 59

Psalm 105

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 4:1–9.

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants⁷ to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." ' ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen." ²

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

² *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

Get Out of Jail Free Card!

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory

*The Doxology: No. 606

Praise God!

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanks

*Hymn of Dismissal: Bulletin Pg. 18 ***Lord of All Hopefulness*** – Slane

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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OCTOBER 11, 2026

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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

THE BRASS BUCKETS are displayed this morning to help support Marlene Mark's 22-year-old grandson, Colton, who was involved in a serious beach water accident a few weeks ago. Kindly donate generously to help the family with ongoing medical expenses.

NEW GOSHENHOPPEN 299TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026: As we celebrate 299 years of ministry and prepare for our 300th Anniversary Celebration, the Rev'd Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Senior Pastor Emerita, will preach at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We will use the Communion Service Liturgy from The Hymnal of 1934 that morning. This is Dr. Clemens first return to the New Goshenhoppen Church pulpit since her retirement 10 years ago in 2016.

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE BREAKFAST: Does life have you so busy that even the simple task of getting breakfast for your family before Sunday School and church seem like an impossible task? With all the rushing around before school during the week, do you just want to pull the covers over your head on the weekends and slow down? The Friendship Committee would like to help! Join us on **Sunday, October 18th** for breakfast. We will start serving at 8:45 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m.; plenty of time for you and your family to join us before Sunday School, after the 8:00 a.m. service, or before the 10:30 a.m. service! So, what are you waiting for? Join us for all the deliciousness prepared for YOU! And give THANKS for God's blessings!!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Douglas Atno

by Bill & Debbi Mullen

by Jeffrey & Luanne Stauffer

STEEPLE FUND

In memory of Douglas Atno

by Gail & Dave Gerhard

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Franklin Eidle, Jr.

by Gail & Dave Gerhard

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE: The last full moon campfire for 2026 will take place on **Sunday, October 25th** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hot dogs will be available for roasting. Bring a chair, a non-alcoholic beverage, and a shareable snack. Full moon is actually on Monday the 26th, but church meetings on that Monday will affect some of our attendees and leaders. Rainy weather cancels.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Activity books, cards, and small craft kits are being collected to give to children and youth at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania). These items will help to occupy their time as they deal with medical needs. There is a collection box in the Social Room for your contributions.

THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE is in need of Coffee Hour hosts for the month of November. This is a great way to connect and converse with others in our church family. Most times a little goes a long way. Pastries and drinks are almost always available for use so it may just be a matter of helping to set up and clean up! You can sign up on the sheet that hangs on the gray storage cabinet in the Social Room or talk to any Friendship Committee member.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Land Use Committee has scheduled a trail clean-up day on Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Plan on meeting in the upper church parking lot and bring your clippers along to help cut brush. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, November 10 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

MKBC will be here with a mobile unit collecting Blood. If you are able to donate, please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry of the Health and Welfare Committee. You can schedule an appointment by calling MKBC at 1-800-223-6667 and mentioning Group Code E064 or going online to:

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89812

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have been asked to again assist in preparing hot meals for the Code Blue Shelter in Pennsburg. Our first assignment to prepare meals will be **Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.** We will be preparing three meals for 10 individuals. If you are interested in helping to prepare and package the meals, please contact Lori Horning at 267.261.7273 or Horningduo@gmail.com. If you are interested in supporting this project by making a monetary donation, please place your donation in the offering plate or submit it to the Church Office. Please be sure it is clearly marked Code Blue meals. Thank you all for your support in this mission.

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE APPLE DUMPLING FUND-RAISER – JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING! It's autumn and that means apple season! What better way to enjoy a fresh, local apple than to add spices and bake it wrapped in warm, flaky dough! OMC is taking orders for apple dumplings provided by Coventry Parlor at Laurel Locks in Pottstown. Each delicious apple dumpling costs \$7.00. Or, purchase a twin pack for \$13.00. An order form is available in the vestibule outside Fellowship Hall and in the Social Room. Orders may also be placed by contacting Delores Schuler, Debra Brauner, Lois Anastas, or Donna Fried. Email orders may be placed at dfried@newgoshucc.org. **The deadline to order apple dumplings is Monday, November 2nd. Apple dumpling orders may be paid for and picked up on Sunday, November 15th in the Social Room after each service.** An OMC member will receive your cash or check made payable to "New Goshenhoppen OMC." Thank you for your support!

BLESSING BOX: Please keep the Blessing Box in your thoughts when you go to the grocery store. One item might be a blessing to a person in need. You can place the item in the Box at your convenience.

ADVENT WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are looking for individuals to provide leadership / assistance to our crafters, Sunday, November 29th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Two volunteers will be assigned to each table. No need to design or create the craft; all supplies and instructions are provided. If you are interested, please contact Denise Fox at d_foxucc@comcast.net or a sign-up sheet is available in the Social Room.

THANK YOU is expressed by Douglas Brown for the many cards he received in honor of his birthday.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Raymond Eppler; and in memory of the birthday anniversary of husband, Frank Eidle, Jr. by Gloria and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of husband, Donald Moll by Barbara Moll; and in memory of departed loved ones by Nancy Harvey.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in memory of George & Ruth Moll by the family.

ATTENDANCE: 10/4/26 – 8:00 a.m. 38; 10:30 a.m. 39; Livestream 52; Sunday School 37.

OPERATING INCOME 10/4/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$4,846; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$127; Brass Buckets to date \$1,197.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$476,068.84
less transfers from investments	\$39,446.00
Net	\$436,622.84
Year to Date Expenses	\$464,093.91
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$13,386.47
Capital Campaign Income	\$10,815.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$23,200.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education (Social Room/Reading Room area)
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Life Long Learning (various classrooms)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Property, Park, and Cemetery Committees (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Fri.	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (sponsored by Friendship Committee) (Fellowship Hall / Kitchen)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Trunk or Treat (St. Mark's Lutheran Church)

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex: Emy Moyer
 Roberts' Church Office: Delores Schuler
 Elevator: Stacie Miller
 Upper Narthex: Will Howe
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Gene Basara

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Cindy Roma
 Roberts' Church Office: Thomas Bancroft
 Elevator: Peter Hemperly
 Upper Narthex: Amy Hangey
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Soren Mugridge

THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW GOSHENHOPPEN

As time ticks on, it is now time to begin the celebration of the rich 300-year history of New Goshenhoppen Church. To kick off New Goshenhoppen's 300th anniversary year, the 300th Anniversary Committee will be offering the following items for sale beginning on October 4th until October 25th after each service in the Social Room. Please pay for your purchases when they are ordered.

TOTE BAGS WITH LOGO—\$15.00 EA

ALL CLOTHING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN SIZES YOUTH SMALL TO ADULT XXL AND COLORS GRAY OR WHITE WITH A LOGO IN THE CENTER OF THE CHEST. ANYONE CAN SUPPLY THEIR OWN SHIRT TO BE PRINTED OR EMBROIDERED.

T SHIRTS—\$15.00 EA

SWEATSHIRTS— \$25.00 EA

HOODIES—\$30.00



GOLF SHIRTS WITH A 3 INCH LOGO ON THE
LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST.

PRINTED LOGO— \$20.00 EA OR
EMBROIDERED LOGO— \$25.00 EA

CONGREGATION SUPPLIED RECIPE COOKBOOKS—
\$15.00 EA

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS— \$5.00 EA

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
 10.9.10.9 with refrain

59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Psalm 105)

Refrain Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b7

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are

(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
A^b B^b Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your

(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
B^b7sus B^b7 E^b B^b/D Cm7 Fm7 B^b7sus B^b7 E^b

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

PSALM 105

Refrain

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD
and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD
among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's
marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the LORD
and the strength of the LORD;
continually seek the face of God.**
- 5 Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments
of God's mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen.**
- 7 The LORD is our God,
whose judgments prevail
in all the world.
- 8 **The LORD has always been mindful
of the covenant,
the promise made
for a thousand generations:**
- 9 The covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,
- 10 **which God established
as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel.**
- 42 For God remembered
the holy promise
and Abraham, chosen to serve.
- 43 **So God led forth the people
with gladness,
the chosen ones with shouts of joy.**

*Refrain**Refrain*

This psalm refrain quotes (with a few modifications) Lamentations 3:22–23, and the double singing of the final two phrases accentuates a sense of wonder. Finding ways to put Scripture, especially psalms, to music has long been a characteristic of the Reformed tradition.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Lord of All Hopefulness

738

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-53

Tune: Irish; setting: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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SLANE
 Irregular meter

Ps 33:16-17