

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, October 10, 2021



• Church Life Snapshot •

The church had an unusual visitor about a month ago. Thanks to Paul Varcoe, who was able to outfox this guy for a photo.

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large Print Hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hand Sanitizer & Wipes: Available for those who need them.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

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Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Are you a: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee	

Order of Worship – October 10, 2021

Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches

Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Welcome

*Hymn #687

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Pass the Peace

Prepare for Worship -----

Call to Worship (*Hebrews 4:12-16*)

Leader: For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

All: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, we are glad we can come to you in prayer and know your arms are open to all who come to you in humility. Hear the prayers of our hearts. As we behold your mighty power, your unending love, and your constant call for us to hear your word and follow in your ways, we see we have failed you in many ways. Forgive us. Remind us that your Holy Spirit dwells in us, helping us to make decisions in keeping with the life you want us to live. Give us strength to be the people of God you call us to be. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus said: “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.” (*Matthew 10:32*)

*Response #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Proclaiming God's Word -----

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Today we welcome Dalton Ellerbach and Nikki Ellis to the membership of the Echo Hill congregation. Having been baptized as a child, Dalton comes to us on Affirmation of Faith and Nikki comes to us confessing her faith in baptism. We welcome them into the church family as they present their daughter, Hayden Ann Ellerbach, for baptism.

The Congregational Response #487

"These Treasured Children"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31 (*p. 46*)

Message

"Enthusiasm Melts Away" – The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey

The Response #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

Responding to God's Word -----

Announcements

Call to Dedication

Leader: Because God has loved us and believes in us, we bring tithes and offerings to express our love for God and our trust in what God is doing in our personal lives and in the world today.

All: We give to the Kingdom of God

Offering

Offertory

"Your Grace is Enough"

***Congregational Response #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: Holy God, nothing we can earn is so precious as the grace you bestow on us. We have not bought your love with money we have earned, or a good life we have lived. These are ways you have chosen to bless us and we want to use them to respond to your presence in our lives. Accept these tithes and offerings today and use them to share the Good News of your love given to us in Jesus Christ. We give in the name of the One who gave himself for us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Leave to Serve God's People -----

***Closing Hymn #724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

"Shout to the Lord"

Life at Echo Hill for the Week of October 10

Ushers for Oct. 10: Bev Slager and Joann Ingels

We send our condolences to Bill Walters and family on the passing of **Eleanor Walters**, Bill's wife and Echo Hill member. Eleanor passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Private family services will be held.

Treats needed! Please contact the church office if you'd like to provide treats for a future Sunday. Echo Hill provides treats in October and Calvin-Sinclair provides for November. If you don't feel like baking, remember that Hy-Vee is just over on Mt. Vernon Road!

Michael Becker will be on vacation October 11-15. Please note that the church office hours will be 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday and then normal hours on Friday (8:00 am to noon). Thanks to Sandy for filling in!

Reception following worship: You're invited to a cake reception following worship to celebrate the baptism of Hayden Ann Ellerbach and to welcome Dalton Ellerbach and Nikki Ellis into membership at Echo Hill!

Gleanings from Jim White

"There is no book so bad that it does not have something good in it." – *Miguel de Cervantes*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Study-Room #1

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost-Fellowship Hall

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Michael Becker on Vacation

9:00 AM: Bible Study at Genee Coles' Home

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Michael Becker on Vacation

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM: Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Michael Becker on Vacation

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Michael Becker on Vacation

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Michael Becker on Vacation

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

October Food Bank Donations for Olivet



Please consider making a monetary donation to support our food banks, instead of bringing items to the church. The food banks can purchase food at a lower cost and more efficiently than we can purchase. The food bank we're supporting in October is Olivet Neighborhood Mission. If you'd like to contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the memo line for "food bank." Make your checks out to "Echo Hill Church" and we'll send one check at the end of the month to the food bank. Thank you for your support of these organizations.

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