

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

Celebrating the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

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Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at www.christhamilton.org. Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please know that all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. If you don't know your neighbor please welcome them. We welcome those of all ages, color, sexual orientation, political preference, and those vaccinated and non-vaccinated.

Today's service: Today we celebrate the ordination anniversary of Reverend David L. Ritterpusch. He was born 12 December 1947 in Baltimore, the first born of William and Dorothy Ritterpusch. He graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute 1964, Towson State College 1968, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, May 19, 1972.

Immediately after graduation Reverend Ritterpusch moved into the parsonage at Hamilton Square and served as pastor prior to Ordination. He was ordained at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Baltimore on Sunday, June 25, 1972 and continued to serve as pastor at Christ, Hamilton Square 1972-1982.

He was then called to pastor at Zion Lutheran, Harrisburg, Pa. from 1982- 1996; and Advent Lutheran, York, Pa from 1996-2006. Reverend Ritterpusch retired at age 69 after 45 years active parish ministry. He has served on various community, synodical, and seminary boards and committees. He was Seminary class president, the designer of threefold Alumni Awards, and Class reunion coordinator.

He is a Licensed pilot with commercial and instrument air and seaplane ratings. He holds the rank of Major in USAF Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol as Chaplain and Pilot.

Reverend Ritterpusch is married to Rev Brenda M. Ritterpusch. He is the father to three children and grandfather to eight.

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Norman and Edith Pirie by Deb and Tom Huber.

PRELUDE

Trio on Let us with a Gladsome Mind Janet Correll

Praeludium

Johann Fischer

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



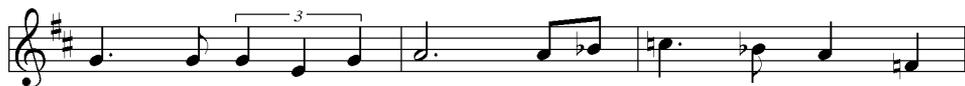
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



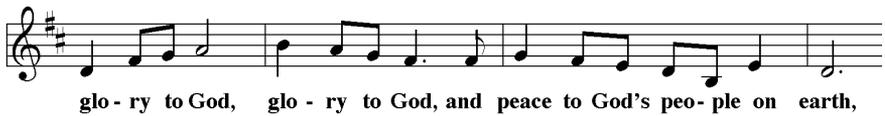
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Claycomb: Let us pray. . . O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (*4th S. of Easter year b*)

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

I SAMUEL 3: 1-10

Rev. Brenda M. Ritterpusch: A reading from the 3rd chapter of First Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Rev. Brenda M. Ritterpusch: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

v. 1-2 Stephen Paynter, v. 3-4 Choir, v. 5 All

The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.



SECOND READING**ROMANS 10:8-15**

Sandra Lee: A reading from the 10th chapter of Romans.

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

John 21: 15-17

Rev David L. Ritterpusch: The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the 21st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him,
"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my
lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you
love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love
me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that
I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Rev Ritterpusch: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deo Gratia

Rev David L. Ritterpusch

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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APOSTLE'S CREED

Rev. Claycomb: Let us confess our faith together.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Reception of New Members

Address and Questions

Rev. Claycomb: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brother in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond individually.

New member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Minister: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these
new members in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Minister: Let us welcome these sisters and brother in Christ to this
community of faith.

All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers

Rev Ann Cammarn: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to
the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of
creation.

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus.
Give us unflinching trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all
things. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those
whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those
making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every
living thing. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation
especially those we lift to you now from our hearts and from our lips . .
. . Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe
away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the newest members of Christ Hamilton. Those
whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and those
whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close
together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in
service to others. God in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the ministry of Pastor David Ritterpusch and all servants of your church. Continue to equip them in all that they do as they share the Good News of the Gospel. God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
All: Amen.

PEACE

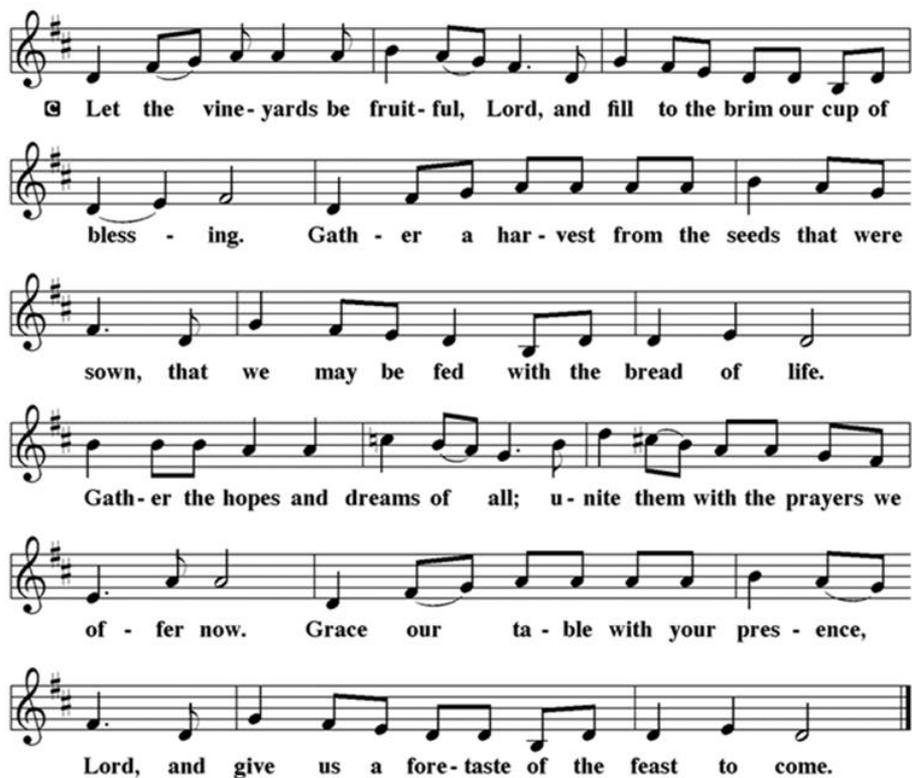
Rev. Claycomb: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is shared with one another by saying – ‘peace be with you’ or something similar.

Offering A Servant in Your Heavenly House Pepper Choplin

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev Ann Cammarn: Let us pray. . . . Merciful God,

All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving

what you have first given to us –

our selves, our time, and our possessions,

signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him

who offered himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Claycomb: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Rev. Claycomb: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Claycomb: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Rev. Claycomb: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Rev. Claycomb: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Rev. Claycomb: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
remembrance of me.

Please be seated.

LORD'S PRAYER

Stephen Paynter

Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.

Please come forward by way of the right hand aisle, fill in along the railing from right to left and return by way of the left hand aisle. The hymn is sung as we commune.

Rev David Ritterpusch: The body of Christ given for you.

Rev Ann Cammarn: The blood of Christ shed for you.

Special Music

The Prayer

Stephen Paynter

After all have returned to their places.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Rev David L. Ritterpusch: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev Ann Cammarn: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A LITANY & PRAYER CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Rev. Brenda M. Ritterpusch: God you have given us pastors to shepherd us, to preach your holy word, to bring us new life in Christ, to nourish, forgive, heal, and strengthen us through the sacraments of your church.

Rev. Claycomb: We thank you for the gift of Pastor David L. Ritterpusch and celebrate especially this day, his self-giving service.

All: This work is not a job, but a calling.

Rev. Cammarn: On call 24/7, visiting the sick, tending the dying, teaching the faithful, presiding at table, preaching the Good News, baptizing, marrying and burying, making a difference for those in the church and our greater communities.

Rev. Claycomb: And least we forget --- teaching confirmation and first communion.

Rev. Brenda M. Ritterpusch: And so, we say thank you to God for your servant David, who said ‘yes’ to Jesus, and who for 50 years has brought Jesus to His people.

All: May God continue to bless him and keep him.

Rev David L. Ritterpusch: We pray that all who follow Jesus will have courage to say ‘yes’ to the call of Jesus every day, with generous self-giving love.

All: We pray that all God’s children will come to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Rev. David L. Ritterpusch: We pray for ourselves and our families, that each of us might have open hearts and are ready to say ‘yes’ to carry the Good News to others.

All: We pray for Pastor Ritterpusch’s family

Rev. Claycomb: For Pastor’s family, for the values and nurturing they gave him as teachers in faith, for pastor’s who taught and helped him along the way, and for family and friends who supported him throughout the years.

May God continue to bless him as he continues to minister in your name. May we all continue to share your love and light in our lives and may we reach out to others in the name of Jesus

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Rev David L. Ritterpusch: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

All: Amen

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Prayer – Rev. Ann Cammarn

Dismissal:

Rev Ann Cammarn: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude In G

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Rev. Steven C. Claycomb

Assisting Minister

Rev Ann Cammarn

Readers:

Rev. Brenda M. Ritterpusch, Sandy Lee

Preaching

Rev David L. Ritterpusch

Organist:

Lynda Chryst

Greeters:

Sandy Lee, Shirley Frable, John Balas

Announcements:

Dan Courtright

Please Remember in Prayer: Gary, Sandy, Evelyn, Patty, Paulette, Dumitru and the family of John DeVivo. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

Welcome New Members! Today we officially welcome[back] the following people to Christ Hamilton: Richard Wiegand & Rosanne Popovich, Vickie Francis, Chad and Heather Cerrone and their children, Brady & Madison, Mae Perry, Cara Seese and her children, Casimir & Alexandra Morgan, William and Jennifer Penny, Bill and Barbara Strunk and Stephanie Bush & Christopher Bittenbender and their children Joshua and Connor.