

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scout Sunday**

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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

February 9, 2025

8:00 a.m. In Person Worship - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!

In the beginning of the movie *Spider-Man*, Peter Parker undergoes a transformation. Bitten by a spider that's been subjected to genetic experimentation, Peter develops superpowers. Beneath his Lycra union suit beats the heart of a hero who nightly swings between the skyscrapers, looking for some endangered soul to rescue.

One such soul is Mary Jane, a young woman he secretly loves. She falls for Spider-Man—but not for Peter Parker. Mary Jane (M.J.) doesn't know who Spider-Man really is—even when he comes to her rescue.

Just after Peter and M.J. part company outside a dinner late one night, four thugs approach M.J. and back her into an alley. Peter watches as one of the men pulls a knife on her. M.J. tries to defend herself for a moment, then, suddenly Spider-Man appears, spins a web, and ties up the four bad guys.

Later, M.J. and Peter discuss her mysterious rescuer, and she confesses her love for Spider-Man. Mary Jane is impressed to learn that Peter "knows" Spider-Man. In fact, Peter admits he's had a "conversation" with Spider-Man about Mary Jane. She presses him to know what Peter told her hunky heartthrob.

Peter searches for the right words; "I said, um, 'Spider-Man,' I said, 'the great thing about M.J. is when you look in her eyes, and she looks back in yours, everything feels not quite normal, because you feel strong—and weak at the same time. You feel excited, and at the same time terrified. The truth is you don't know the way you feel, except you know the kind of man you want to be. It's as if you've reached the unreachable, and you weren't ready for it.'"

What Peter describes is the same phenomenon we experience when we come to know Jesus Christ. Looking at the God-Man, we feel weak, but he makes us strong; we are terrified, and at the same time more exhilarated than we've ever been in our lives; and in him we see the person we want to become.

We Praise and Confess
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** – Diane Bish
On Eagle's Wings – Charles Callahan

Chiming of the Trinity

*Presentation of the Colors Scout Troop #106
Cub Scout Pack #244

*The National Anthem

*Prayer for the Nation and the Scouts Dr. Williams

Call to Worship Isaiah 6:1-2

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness,

**for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

*Entrance Hymn: No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! - Nicaea

*Greeting

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

And also with you.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church,

to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us

from being your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Silence

Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22

"In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer.

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name!**

*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . .

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”²

The Word of the Lord, the Light of the World.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 587

Alleluia! – Celtic Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. ¹

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Music by the Children

Rise, Shine, Give God the Glory

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

Into the Deep

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A No. 60, 61

**I am made right with God
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God’s
commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless,
without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of
Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.
When I say that by faith alone I am right with God;
it is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.
Only Christ’s satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.
And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.**

Morning Prayer

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

Welcome and Announcement

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
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scanning the QR code with your camera



*Offertory Presentation: No. 606

The Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 43

On Eagle's Wings

Following the Light of Christ into the World

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

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Fly, Eagles, Fly! – arr. David Williams

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In 2025 we celebrate the 300th anniversary at Falkner Swamp Church of the founding of the German Reformed Church in America. To mark that significant anniversary, each Sunday you will find the Questions & Answers from the Heidelberg Catechism printed for The Lord's Day. A refresher for what we believe as Reformed people of God in this place.

16.Q. Why must he be a true and righteous man?

A. He must be a true man

because the justice of God requires
that the same human nature which has sinned
should pay for sin. ¹

He must be a righteous man

because one who himself is a sinner
cannot pay for others. ²

- 1. Rom 5:12, 15; 1 Cor 15:21; Heb 2:14-16.
- 2. Heb 7:26, 27; 1 Pet 3:18.

17.Q. Why must he at the same time be true God?

A. He must be true God

so that by the power of his divine nature ¹
he might bear in his human nature
the burden of God's wrath, ²
and might obtain for us
and restore to us
righteousness and life. ³

- 1. Is 9:6.
- 2. Deut 4:24; Nahum 1:6; Ps 130:3.
- 3. Is 53:5, 11; Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 5:21.

18.Q. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹
who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption (1 Cor 1:30).

- 1.Mt 1:21-23; Lk 2:11; 1 Tim 2:5; 3:16.

19.Q. From where do you know this?

A. From the holy gospel,
which God himself first revealed in Paradise. ¹
Later, he had it proclaimed
by the patriarchs ²
and prophets, ³
and foreshadowed
by the sacrifices and other ceremonies
of the law. ⁴
Finally, he had it fulfilled
through his only Son. ⁵

- 1.Gen 3:15.
- 2.Gen 12:3; 22:18; 49:10.
- 3.Is 53; Jer 23:5, 6; Mic 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb 1:1.
- 4.Lev 1-7; Jn 5:46; Heb 10:1-10.
- 5.Rom 10:4; Gal 4:4, 5; Col 2:17.

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation
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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship!

WE WELCOME Cub Scout Pack 244 and **Scout Troop 108** to New Goshenhoppen Church this morning. We offer our blessing on them and thank them for their service.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

NEXT SUNDAY: Please read Matthew 20:1-16.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS are located in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall side entrance and at the elevator entrance on the lower level. There is no charge for the booklets.

THE BRASS BUCKETS TODAY – Mr. Larry Buck, who for many years served as the Cub Scout Troop Leader and Support Person for the Troop and has remained an involved adult leader of Scouting here in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, was recently diagnosed with Stage IV Cancer. He is currently enrolled in a trial program for his treatment. He also adopted his grandson because of a situation that required this choice. To help support Larry with the many unexpected medical bills, Pastor Dave has provided a gift of \$500.00 from his Discretionary Fund. The Scouts of the Valley have been informed and are joining in the effort to provide a gift. You are invited to share in this endeavor as well. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS: If you have been attending New Goshenhoppen Church and would like to join our faith family, please speak to Rev. Williams. New members will be received on Sunday, March 9.

PASTOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Pastor Dave will be sharing a number of the Hebrew Names of God from the Old Testament in a Sunday School class today, February 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Bible Fellowship Room. He will have notes and a PowerPoint presentation for you to know who God is and to experience God! Why in the Old Testament do we find "Lord" and "LORD" in the same passage and what is the difference? How does God names relate to me? In March we

WREATH REMOVAL: After discussion with DAR, we are now targeting Saturday, February 15th, 10:00 a.m.-noon for wreath removal. If you are available to help, please contact Dale Benner at 267-383-8301. Please bring gardening gloves, a broom handle for easy collecting, pliers and/or screwdriver, and friends and family to help! It seems that pliers (heavy duty pliers) worked best for the removal of the frames. Screw drivers could also be used to unbend 1 half of the clip, then pull out the greens. We will be taking all the balsam greenery to a local goat farm to feed their critters. The wire frames will be recycled for scrap. The bows, tags and rubber bands will be the only things discarded. With an assembly line method we should be able to complete our project in good time.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M. - We will celebrate our former Senior Pastor, Rev'd Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens on the occasion of her 40th Anniversary of her ordination. Further, the Consistory has decided to host a catered lunch by Tosco's with Landis Cake (two favorites around here) following the worship service! We are asking for lunch reservations that day so that we might be prepared to enjoy fellowship following worship which will be due by Monday, February 10 to the Church Office. A sign-up sheet is available in the Social Room below the Sanctuary. The guest preacher that morning will be Rev'd William "Bill" Worley, Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

BLOOD DRIVE: Mark your calendar for TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. Sign up to help Miller/Keystone Blood Center and the Health and Welfare Committee by donating blood at our next Blood Drive. Follow this link:

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/8775

to schedule your appointment or contact Sherry Peterson for help signing up. When scheduling your appointment online, please use the Group Code E024.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of the birthday anniversary of Cheria Kolb
by Dorothy & Allan Brensinger

SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE: For those who pre-ordered hoagies, pick-up is today in the Fellowship Hall after both worship services. Thank you for your support!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT, Sunday, March 2, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.: A Family Game Night at New Goshenhoppen. In that in between season of winter sports and spring sports – when nothing is on the TV to enjoy sportswise – come and enjoy an afternoon/evening of games in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring your favorite game (there will also be games provided including Cornhole), and we will rotate tables every 30 minutes. At 5:30 p.m. we will pause for a thirty-minute pizza dinner break! A sign-up sheet will be found on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or by calling the Church Office (215-679-2041) by February 23 so that we are prepared for the evening. You are also asked to bring a snack to share! Pastor Dave will be ordering pizza to be enjoyed by all!

MARY'S SHELTER is seeking part time Youth Advocates who have the desire help homeless youth – teaching them life skills through Positive Youth Development. We create a safe and supportive environment while motivating youth to explore education, employment, and housing opportunities. We are currently seeking part-time staff for a variety of shifts and days. If you have experience or want to learn to work with youth and want to make a difference in a young person's life, we look forward to hearing from you! Please email Sandee Burns, Human Resources, at Sandee@Marysshelter.org

COFFEE HOUR: Friendship Committee needs your help! We need Coffee Hour Hosts for the month of March. You can help for a week or gather some friends or Committee Members and work together to cover each of the 5 Sundays. Thanks for your continued support. Contact any member of the Friendship Committee to volunteer and for more information.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS may pick up their arrangements immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. *Flower arrangements that are not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Church Office until Tuesday, after which time they will be discarded.*

BULLETINS are presented in honor of grandchildren, Sherri, Vaughn, Catherine, Wyatt, Lindsey, and Cole, and great-grandchildren, Carson, Nicholas, Bryce, Declan, Harrison, Oaklyn, Adelaide and Morgan with love always, MomMom (Marlene Gehman).

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Barbara Walck by her daughters, Janis Croisette and Gail Gerhard and their families.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of wife, Barbara Frank by husband, Donald.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (center) are presented in memory of sister, Deborah Kaye Harpel and brother, Jerry Harpel by their families.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in memory of "Uncle Eddie" (Edwin J. George) by Sarah and Emma.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of mother, Cheria Kolb by Dawn & Bruce Ferketich.

ATTENDANCE: 2/2/25 – 8:00 a.m. 47; 10:30 a.m. 43; Livestream (You Tube) 48. Sunday School 34.

Above is the "Live" Concurrent Household Number - (Note: "number of households" is less than "number of people". If on average each household has two people watching, then our numbers are 2x the number of households that tuned in.)

OPERATING INCOME 2/2/25: Current & Benevolences \$2,692; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$179. Monthly EFT income \$5,060. Brass Buckets \$2,495.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: 73 units have responded. There is \$84,130 pledged. The amount received since 2023 is \$86,131 (including Capital Campaign memorial gifts.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$53,081.60
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$53,081.60
Year to Date Expenses	\$47,911.50
Special Projects BIM Income	\$4,589.63
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$5,595.00
Meadows Payback Year to Date	\$5,500.00

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream); Boy Scout Sunday
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (BF)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Confirmation)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Confirmation)
Sat.	2:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (FH/K)
Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream) – Rev. Worley preaching
	11:30 a.m.	Catered lunch honoring Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens (FH)

Thank you to our Service Participants

10:30 a.m. Narthex – Sheri Ackerman
 Roberts’ Church Office – Cindy Roma
 Elevator – Terry Dworkin
 Upper Narthex – Steve Lentz
 Liturgist/Acolyte – Tom Bancroft

THE TRIUNE GOD

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
 2 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! all the saints a-dore thee,
 3 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast-ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea;
 though the eye of sin-ful-ness thy glo-ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;
 Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948
 Korean Trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 Music Desc. © 1948, ren. H. W. Gray Co., Inc. (a div. of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Alleluia!

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A E D E A D E

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A E Bm E A D E A

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981; harm. Christopher Walker, 1985
 Music © 1985 Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker (Published by OCP)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

Leader or All D/F#

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

G D/F# F

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

Dm F Gm Asus A

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain All D Em

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

A7 D D7/F# G

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All G D/F#

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and

G D/F# F

fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#
Leader or All

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.