

# ORDER OF SERVICE - GATHERING

May 21, 2017  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

Inspired by Psalm 66

Leader: All who seek the Lord, come and listen.

**People: Tell us what the Lord has done.**

Leader: We call out to the Lord.

**People: We sing His praises.**

Leader: If we had cherished evil in our hearts, He would not have listened.

**People: But He did listen! He answered when He heard our prayer.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord!

**People: His love for us never ceases.**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn "Morning Has Broken" Hymnal #60

\* Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You made the heavens and earth, but we worship our own creations and ideas. You send your Spirit to guide us, but we try to find our own way. Forgive us. Give us new life. Renew the promise of our baptism and make us ready to receive the life that death cannot destroy ... (a moment for offering personal confessions in silence) ... in Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal # 622/623

Scripture Reading *John 14:12-19* Elder Kathy Barto

Children's Message

Ensemble "Come Christians Join to Sing"

Scripture Reading *Acts 17:22-31* Rev. Andrew Wirt

Sermon "What to Get the God Who has Everything As if He Needed Anything" Rev. Andrew Wirt

\* Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymnal #428

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
"Amazing Grace" Ensemble

\*Doxology and Prayer

\*Closing Song "The Lord's Prayer" Hymnal #426

\*Benediction \* Please stand in body or in spirit Rev. Andrew Wirt

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Prayer Room: *Please meet in the prayer room following morning worship if you have a prayer need*

\*Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

**TO OUR GUESTS:** Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you! Please sign our friendship book and call the church office 610-268-2919 if we can be of service to you in any way. Have a blessed day today!

**TODAY WE WELCOME:** Rev. Andrew Wirt a graduate of Grove City College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Ordained in February 2012, he served Stewartstown Presbyterian Church for about 5 years. He is currently taking a break from full-time ministry to spend time with his family: wife Katie, and daughters Vivian and Genevieve. He has preached sermons throughout Pennsylvania, in Myrtle Beach, SC, and Glacier National Park, MT, and once taught a Bible Study with church leaders in Southeast Asia on a mission trip.



**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please notify the church office if you have a college, high school, trade school, or military service school graduate that attends APC or is a member of APC.

**YOUTH GROUP:** will be meeting tonight from 6:00-8:30 PM for all youth in grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Join us!

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** will meet on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> in the church library at 7:00 PM.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Patrick Wadsworth (5/23), Sandy Stuart (5/24), Antonio Felizardo (5/25), Nicole Brown (5/25), Dylan Seace (5/25), Charlie Stewart (5/25), and Joanne Patton (5/26).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Tom & Deb Zuczek (5/21), John & Peggy Watkins (5/23), and Rick & Kathy Barto (5/23).

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT</u></b> <b><u>AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</u></b>		
<i>TODAY</i> Sunday 5/21	9:15 AM  11:00 AM 6:00-8:30 PM	Worship – <i>Rev. Andrew Wirt</i> <i>Coffee Hour following Worship</i> My Special Worship Service Youth Group
Monday 5/22		
Tuesday 5/23		
Wednesday 5/24	8:30 AM	<i>Church Office Open</i>
Thursday 5/25	8:30 AM 6:00-7:20 PM 7:30 PM	<i>Church Office Open</i> AvonBells Choir
Friday 5/26	Noon 7:00-9:00 PM	<i>Church Office Open</i> Volleyball
Saturday 5/27		
<i>Next Sunday</i> 5/28	9:15 AM 11:00 AM -----	Worship- <i>Rev. Dan Bergstrom</i> My Special Worship Service No Youth Group

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** will be served for the entire congregation beginning at 8:30 AM on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the sanctuary entrance. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and celebrate Dad!



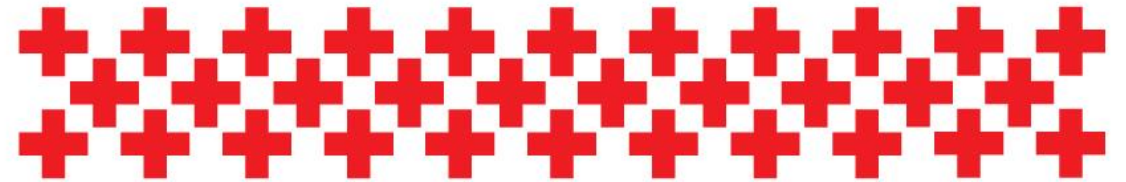
## WORSHIP SCHEDULE...9:15AM

<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Tim & Carrie Rupard
<i>Next Week 9:15AM</i>	<i>Barbara Hart</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Please let an usher know if you need the nursery</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	Can you help with this ministry?
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Tim Swisher & Margie Greenhalgh
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Dee Loux &amp; John Stoltz</i>
<b>Junior Church</b>	No SS/Jr Church until Fall
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kathy Barto
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Betsy Eastburn</i>

American Red Cross



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**Blood Drive**

**Avon Grove Community  
Avondale Presbyterian Church**

Great Hall  
420 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Avondale, PA 19311

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
2:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:** that Jr. Church and Sunday School will resume in the Fall.



**FLOWERS:** the flowers today have been given by Peggy Watkins in memory of her brother, Charlie Halloran who would have been 60 years old.

Please visit: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and search by sponsor code: AvondalePresbyterian to schedule an appointment.