

# ORDER OF SERVICE - GATHERING

May 28, 2017  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Recognition of Military Service

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Why do you look up toward heaven?

**People: Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Hymnal #252

\* Prayer of Confession

**O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other, in suffering and in joy, that all your children may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

Children's Message

Elder Betsy Eastburn

\* Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" Hymnal #275

Prayers of the People Elder Betsy Eastburn

Anthem "Raise Your Hands" by Heather Sorrenson

Scripture Reading Rev. Dan Bergstrom

Sermon "Why Saints Suffer" Rev. Dan Bergstrom

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology and Prayer

Hymn "Be Still My Soul" Hymnal #347

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

\*Benediction \* Please stand in body or in spirit

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

\*Postlude

**SO DO NOT FEAR,**  
*for I am with you;*  
**DO NOT BE DISMAYED,**  
*for I am your God.*  
ISAIAH 41:10

## 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. Dan Bergstrom to our pulpit. Rev. Dan has been to APC on several occasions. He is married to Esther and is the father of Pastor Dave Bergstrom. Welcome!



**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.



**THANK YOU:** to all that have served and still serve today!

**YOUTH GROUP:** will not be meeting tonight. Join us next week!

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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Peg Spahn (6/3) and Brent Griffin (6/3).

**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!



## THIS WEEK AT AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<i>TODAY</i> Sunday 5/28	9:15 AM 11:00 AM -----	Worship – <i>Rev. Dan Bergstrom</i> My Special Worship Service No Youth Group
Monday 5/29		Memorial Day Observed
Tuesday 5/30		
Wednesday 5/31	8:30 AM	<i>Church Office Open</i>
Thursday 6/1	8:30 AM 6:00-7:20 PM 7:30 PM	<i>Church Office Open</i> AvonBells Choir
Friday 6/2	8:30 AM 7:00-9:00 PM	<i>Church Office Open</i> Volleyball
Saturday 6/3	10:00 AM	Healing Prayer Ministry
<i>Next Sunday</i> 6/4 <b>Graduate Recognition</b>	9:15 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 6:00-8:30 PM	Worship ó <i>Tim Rupard Speaking</i> My Special Worship Service Twin Pines Youth Group

**THANKS:** to those who came out and helped with the spring work day on May 20th, the areas look fantastic. It was great to see so many jump in and finish the work in a short time. *Tim Swisher (Trustee Board President)*



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE...9:15 AM

<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Barbara Hart
<i>Next Week 9:15AM</i>	<i>Marge Pickel</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>	Dee Loux & John Stoltz
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>Tim Swisher &amp; Bonnie Smith</i>
<b>Junior Church</b>	No SS/Jr Church until Fall
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Betsy Eastburn
<i>Next Week</i>	<i>TBD</i>

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



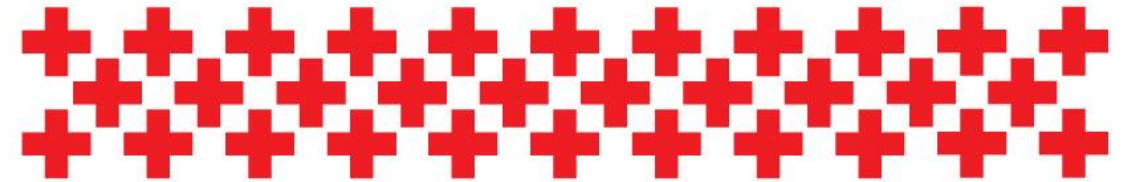
**The FLOWER CHART:** is located at the entrance into the sanctuary and is available for you to sign to provide flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend.



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