

Today’s Announcements:

Elder Phil McCloughan is giving the Sermon today.

There will be Care and Share after the service hosted by The Music Ministry.



Plan Ahead:

Wednesday, 10/14 – Community Luncheon in the Gym at 12:00 pm.

** Change of Time:

The Ladies Bible Study will now be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Library.

Bell choir will NOT rehearse this Thursday, 10/15.

The Church will be open this Saturday, 10/17 from 11 – 5 for the Historical Society’s “Taste and Tour” guided walks.

** Volunteers are needed to guide visitors and bake goods. Please let the office know if you are able to help in any way.

Fisherman’s Mark’s Halloween Costume Drive!

The Free Market
262 N. Main St.

Deadline is THIS Friday, 10/16

Hymn # 549

Johnson Oatman Jr. (1856–1922) was one of the most prolific gospel songwriters of his day—with some 7000 texts to his credit. Oatman Jr. was a New Jersey native whose father, Johnson Oatman Sr., had a fine voice and enjoyed sitting young Johnson by his side as he sang songs in church. His education took place at Herbert’s Academy (Vincentown, New Jersey) and the New Jersey Collegiate Institute (Bordentown). For many years, the Oatman’s worked together in the mercantile business in Lumberton, New Jersey, under the name Johnson Oatman & Son.

Johnson Oatman Jr. joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at age nineteen and received a license to preach a few years later, serving as a local preacher. Oatman collaborated with some of the leading tune writers of his era including John R. Sweney (1837–1899), Edwin O. Excell (1851–1921), and William J. Kirkpatrick (1838–1921). “Higher Ground,” one of Oatman’s early songs, was written in 1892 and set to music the same year by Charles H. Gabriel (1856–1932).

The primary “hook” of the song is “higher ground,” words that would be repeated eight times in all—at the end of each stanza and in the refrain. Hymnologist Chris Fenner notes that Philippians 3:13b–14 provides a biblical basis for this theme: “forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (KJV). Additional passages include Psalm 18:33, Isaiah 58:14, Micah 4:1–2, and Psalms of ascent (120–134) [Fenner, 2020, n.p.].

Ministries This Week:

MONDAY
5:30-7:00 Cub Scouts

TUESDAY
9:00 pm AA

WEDNESDAY
12:00 pm – Community Luncheon in the gym
**1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study in the Library

THURSDAY
NO Bell Choir rehearsal

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
Historical Society’s “Taste and Tour”
11am – 1:30pm and 2pm – 4:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY
10:30 am Worship Service
3:00 pm Spanish Ministry

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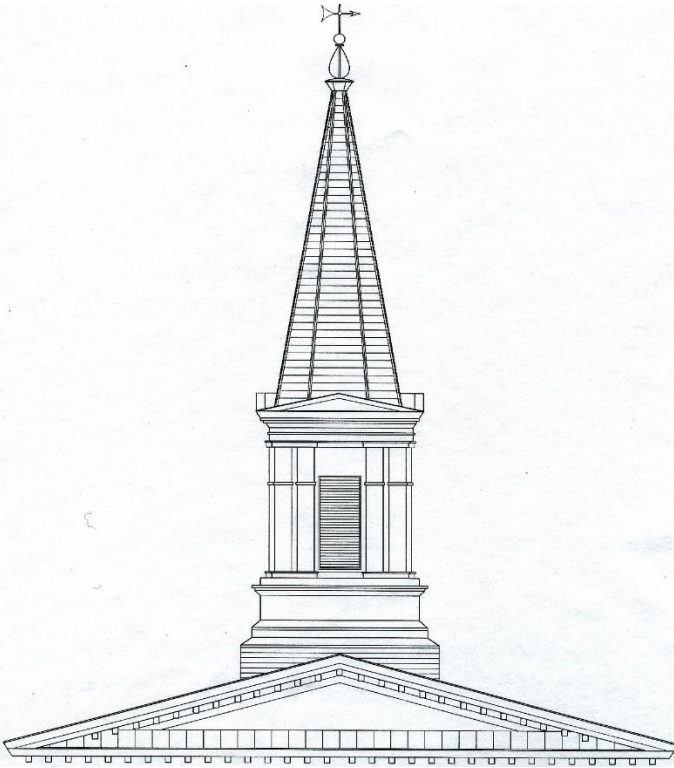
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The Community Church of Lambertville

A House of Prayer for All People

Since 1816

Our Mission and Calling:

Lead by the Holy Spirit we will,

Celebrate our Lord through vibrant worship

Witness by the example of a Christ centered life

Prepare God’s people for service

Proclaim the Good News of Salvation through our Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ

October 11, 2026
10:30 AM

The Gathering to Praise and Worship

Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

+ Choral Call to Worship: Praise Band
We Exalt Thee

Songs of Praise & Worship # 002
Open The Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Songs of Praise & Worship # 003
My All in All

+Passing of the Peace
+Glory Be to the Father # 813

Special Music: Praise Band
Holy Spirit, Rain Down

In the Presence of the Lord

Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon
Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/+Doxology #815

Under the Authority of Christ, the Savior

+ Hymn # 407
God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Scripture:
OT Reading: Exodus 32: 1-14
NT Reading: Colossian 2: 1-8

Message:
Are you sure?

+ Hymn # 549
Higher Ground

Depart to Serve the Lord
+Benediction

+ Please stand if you are able

Welcome to the Community Church!



A warm and sincere welcome to one and all!
It is a privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves
to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.

Church Office Phone Number: 609-397-0650

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Participating in Today's Service:

Elder: Russ Topping

Deacon: Jen Chernoski

Greeter: Joan Yannerella

Worship Assisting Schedule for October

Elder Schedule

10/18 – Joanne DiBlasi
10/25 – Pat Durborow

Deacon Schedule

10/18 – LaNelle Gallagher
10/25 – Heather Pursell

Greeting Schedule

10/18 – Connie Fisher
10/25 – Carol Griffiths

Church Office:
Tuesday Through Friday
10:30 am – 2:30 pm

The Elder on Call for the Month of
September is:
Joanne DiBlasi (267) 397-1646

The Lord's Prayer:

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.*

About the Sermon

*Did you ever find yourself following someone who knows the way,
and you don't?! You already started going and they went on ahead of you
and now they are out of sight? Do you keep going, wait or go back?*

