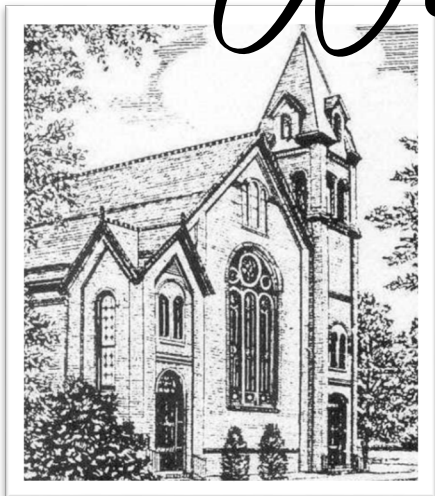


In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ, we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.

Welcome



*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today!
We are a community of faith committed to Christian discipleship.*

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

The Order of Worship for September 3, 2023

CENTERING THOUGHT

The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob who was called Israel, is a vivid representation of the great truth that all things work together for good to those who love God.

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

- Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
- Liturgist.....Cindy Marconi
- Musicians.....Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick,
Alan Wilson, Dorthalee Wilson
- Opener..... Gabe Gates
- Closer..... Paul Sauder

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Genesis 37:1-36

Solo *23rd Psalm*

Albert Hay Malotte

Alan Wilson, *tenor* Dorthalee Wilson, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:1-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message:

Joseph: Life Interrupted

-Pastor Robert Cook

*The Affirmation of Faith

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*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

Hymn #514 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: This is the Lord's Table. Jesus invites those who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: It is our delight, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light', and the light came, to shine on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your word, to do your will, and to be filled in your love. You sent your son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

Your Son came to give us life and to set us free from sin. His cross takes our guilt away. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all who love you, who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and joyful hearts.

All: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness come from you. Glory to you, most high and gracious God.

Pastor: We remember Jesus who took bread in his hands, broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is for you. Do this to remember me.'

We remember Jesus who took the wine cup in his hands and gave thanks for it. He gave it to them and said, 'This is the new covenant sealed by my blood. When you drink from it, do this in memory of me'.

All: God of the past and the present, with this bread and wine we remember your son. We thank you for his life, his death and resurrection. We look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Pastor: God of love, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that as we receive this bread and wine we shall by faith receive the body and blood of Christ.

Called to follow him help us to reconcile and unite.

Called to serve give us hope in our calling.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing The Bread and the Cup

After Communion Prayer (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our heart for your mercy and grace. Give us now and in the days to come a living hope in you; and as we serve you in the world, help us look and work for that day when at your name every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess you Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Hymn #526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Old Time Religion* spiritual, arr. M. Bober
Brenda Slick, piano



*Please join us for coffee,
refreshments, and fellowship
in the Social Room after Worship.
Hosted by the Herrmann family.
All Are Welcome!*

IF YOU ARE NEW HERE — We are glad you joined us for worship today! Please take a moment to sign the visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering basket in the front of the sanctuary or hand to an usher. Print your name, address, phone number, and email address so we can follow up with you. If you want to learn more about our church, a good place to start is our Facebook page at [facebook.com/Greencastle Presbyterian Church](https://www.facebook.com/GreencastlePresbyterianChurch). We have some copies of our newsletters in the Narthex. Past services can be viewed on our [YouTube.com Greencastle Presbyterian Church Livestreams](https://www.youtube.com/GreencastlePresbyterianChurchLivestreams)

GPC ANUAL FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 10th

Save-The-Date

NOTE: There will be a brief **Worship Service** available online for those who cannot attend the picnic.

GPC MUSIC MINISTRY

The GPC Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will begin rehearsals for the fall season on **Wednesday, September 6**. We need more ringers and singers! The Bell Choir meets Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm and typically performs in worship every 4-6 weeks. No previous experience is required. The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 pm and performs in worship on most Sundays. There are also many opportunities available for instrumentalist to participate.

If you have an interest in being a part of the music ministry please contact Fred Davison (jfdavison50@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church office at your earliest convenience. I hope you will consider joining us for music making and fellowship.



– Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Director of Music Ministries

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marna Yingling	Dan Amato
Becky Hess	Aaron Frick
June Marshall	Ray Spitz
Nancy McIntyre	Sue Angle
Noah McCampbell	Rachel Dayhoff
Herb Layton	Rev. Bill Beck
Bernice Walck	Leslie Torres
Patti Sechrist	Caroline Robinson
Alan Shope	Dian Bishop
Tim Walck	Dan Patton
Mary Lou Riddle	Vasilija Milanovic
Steven Bishop	Celia Kuhlmann
Mindy Grosh	Tracey Hammond & family
Michael Paylor	Bethany Yeager
Linda Pittman	Penny Mohler
Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu	Andi Hess Wingert
Mary Buhl	Dot Wilson
Kim Hay	Cathy Thomas
Cullen Gaston	Dan Dorty
Laura Tantillo York	Dominic Frampton
Barry Thomas	Bill Horst
Bob & Sandy Seidel	Bobbie Biesecker
The Gagne family	Those serving in our U. S. Dept of State
Bill & Kathy Kendall	

*Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries
and concerns to You. Knowing that You are in
control and that all will work out for the good.
Help us to trust You more each day. Amen.*

LAUREL KENTUCY
MISSION TRIP
September 16 thru 23, 2023

GPC RALLY DAY
Sunday, September 17
10:00 a.m.

The Creation of a new GPC website:

The Outreach Committee of our church began the labor some work for creating a new church website more than 18 months ago. The primary goal was to create an outward looking site that will become the primary information conduit for all those looking for information about our church.

Research shows that church websites are frequently the first point of contact for new community members who looking for a church home. The Outreach Committee gave thought to the information on our site, believing that its helps describe and illustrate the warmth and friendliness of our Christian ministry in Greencastle.

Quality websites require creative, technical expertise. As with many things in life, you get what you pay for. We are blessed to have had an anonymous member in our congregation generously pay for the creation of our new site. Moving forward, the church will have an annual line item in its budget covering website security and the annual use of an exclusive domain name which will be our new web address.

The new address for our site will be: www.visitgpcpa.org

It is scheduled to be live on the internet by September 1, 2023.

In the coming weeks, the Outreach Committee will be editing, tweaking and fine tuning the information on the site.

- Significant site features include a newly imaged church logo, a secure online giving platform, a password protected membership directory, pictures of our church staff & leadership and information about church history, membership, Christian Education and Missions.

There will be ongoing scrutiny to pictures used on the site.

- Ideally, new photos should be framed to show happy, smiling faces.
- The faces of minor children will not be shown on the site.

In the coming weeks, the Outreach Committee will be providing more information about the Website and its secure online giving platform.

If you have interest in joining the Outreach Committee and its effort to support the communication features of our website and outreach of our church, please contact Elder Committee Chair, Scott Peterson.