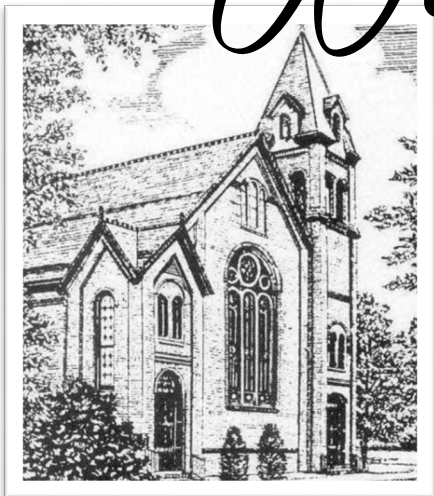


In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ, we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.

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 17, 2023 ~ Rally Day ~

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist..... Mary Ann Ackerman
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Greg Strine
Sunday School Teachers..... Keri Papa, Jennifer Smith
Opener..... Gabe Gates
Closer..... Paul Sauder

Please join us for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship in the Social Room after Worship. Hosted by the Special Events Committee. Everyone is welcome!

* *Please stand as able*

CENTERING THOUGHT

God never asks us to pretend like everything is OK when it's not. It's OK to have doubts. Trusting in Jesus, we have tools to help us maintain (and even increase) our faith through the trials and tribulations we face.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *More Love to Thee, O Christ* arr. Mark Hayes
Greg Strine, piano

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of his Name; make his praise glorious!

Leader: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on our behalf!

People: Praise be to God, who has not rejected our prayer or withheld his love from us!

*Opening Praise *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing;
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you have given us so many reasons to sing your praise. You created us. You sustain us. You have forgiven us through the blood of your Son. You empower and direct us each day. Yet expressions of praise are often far from our lips. Forgive our sin of omission and enable us to pause at various points each day to proclaim who you are and what you have done. You alone are the Mighty One, immortal, invisible, the only God! Enable us to honor and glorify you forever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

All: Thanks be to God

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father*

JF Davison

Glory Be to the Father

J. Frederick Davison

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, — and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost,
5 As it was in the be - gin - ning, — is now, and ev - er shall be,
9 world with - out end. A - men. *rit.*

The Children's Time

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O Fire Divine, go through my heart and illuminate my soul. May we discover you in our loving, through the Spirit of Christ who abides in us. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Genesis 39:1-23

Anthem *Let The Word Live in You*

Pepper Choplin

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message: ***Where is God When It
All Goes Wrong?***

Pastor Robert Cook

*The Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*Congregational Song *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins

Verse: 1. Father, we love You, we worship and adore you.

2. Jesus we love You, we worship and adore you.

3. Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore you.

Refrain: Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name,

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

*Hymn #548 *May God Support You All Your Days*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Christ Our Hope Is Life and Death

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Greg Strine, *piano*

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)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Also remember in prayer:

- Chuck and Marcie Tinninis as they mourn the loss of Chuck's mother **Lois Tinninis**.
- Jason and Whitney Monn as they mourn the loss of Whitney's father **Rahn A. Leitzel**. Jason is the son of Jan and Chuck McClain.

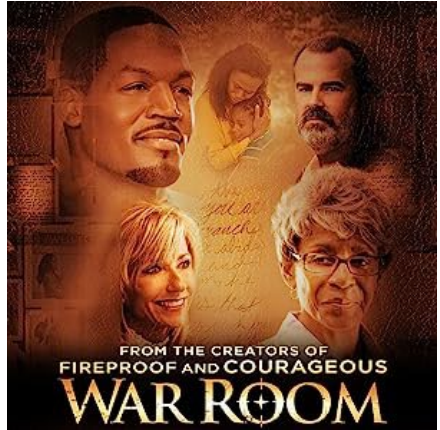
Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

Join us for Movie Night

Sunday, Sept 17 in the Social Room at 6:00 pm

With great jobs, a beautiful daughter (Alena Pitts) and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony (T.C.

Stallings) flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth (Priscilla Shirer) becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer.

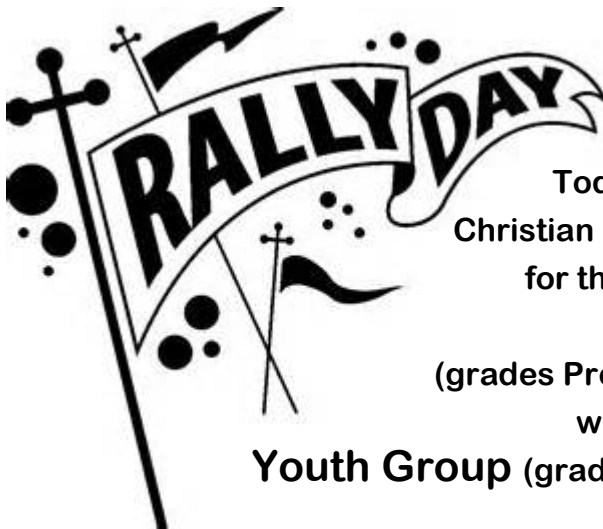


War Room is a Christian-based movie rated PG. According to Common Sense Media, the movie is recommended for ages 12+ but parents may review to decide. Light refreshments will be served.

Beginning Sunday, October 1st we'll begin a

Bible Study at 8:45 am in the Social Room.

This is a five-week series based on the movie, War Room.



Today is the start of our
Christian Education programs
for the 23-24 school year.

Sunday School

(grades Preschool through 5th)

will resume as well as

Youth Group (grades 6th through 12th)

A poster for 'Ladies Night Out' on a gold, sparkly background. The title 'Ladies Night Out' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right, a yellow starburst contains the text 'Sign up Now!'. Below the title, the event details are listed in a bold, black, sans-serif font: 'WEDNESDAY', 'September 20', '6:00 pm', and 'John Allison Public House'. There are several white starburst graphics scattered across the background.

Ladies Night Out

Sign up Now!

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Calling all social butterflies, planners, idea generators and doers... it's time to get this party started and pump up the music around here! The Outreach Committee needs to get together with some new members, new ideas and reorganize. We have a modern website and some new members and it is time to take a look at what we can do to grow our church and ourselves. I understand there are many hardworking, longstanding smaller groups working on special Outreach projects. We need to reunite into one Outreach Committee so we can pool our strengths, resources and ideas. Our first meeting will be **September 21 at 7pm in the Social Room**. Please attend if you are a current Outreach Committee member, currently working in one of the smaller project groups, or interested in joining this group. There will be dessert served! If you have any questions or can't make the meeting time please contact Scott Peterson chair of Outreach Committee, 717- 658- 4424, scottyp0409@gmail.com. See you there!



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