

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



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship for January 7, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

The Baptism of the Lord

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
LiturgistDebbie Young
Communion ServersDiane Mills, Cindy Marconi,
Evelyn Lindecamp, David Lindecamp
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick,
Brian Keck, Barry Leap, Paul Grane
Bell Choir.....Mary Ann Ackerman, Kelly Kerstetter, Dee Patton
Sunday School Teacher.....Mindy Barnhart
Closer Paul Sauder

*Please join us for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship
in the Social Room after Worship. Everyone is welcome!
Hosted by Special Events – Mary Sauder and Dee Patton*

* Please stand as able

A CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you led the wise men by the shining of a star to adore your Son. Guide the nations by his light, so that the whole world sees your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *The First Noel* arr. Anthony Giamanco
 Brian Keck, *baritone horn*
 Barry Leap & Fred Davison, *trombone*

The Call to Worship

Leader: Arise; shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

*The Call to Confession

Leader: Friends in Christ: Jesus says: 'I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.' Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

All: The radiance of a star guided the travelers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. You have given us more than a star, O God, to guide us - you have revealed your glory and your love in the person of Jesus, the Light of the world. As we offer our thanks for such wondrous gifts to us, we recognize our responsibility to be bearers of his light and love into

the areas of people's lives darkened by pain and fear, poverty and oppression, sorrow and hopelessness. We confess the times when we choose to go our own way rather than be guided by you -- the times when we are reluctant to allow the power and radiance of Christ to flow through us. Strengthen us with your Spirit to follow wherever you lead us and to reveal your glory and love through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen
(Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace with God

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria #583 *Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Alleluia!*

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

O God of all wisdom and insight, open our minds and spirits to the grace of your holy Word so that we may know you more clearly, follow you more nearly and love you more dearly; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Psalm 147:1-11

Anthem *What Star Is This?*

adapted by David Lantz III

Paul Grane, *soprano saxophone* Brenda Slick, *piano*

Mary Ann Ackerman, Kelly Kerstetter, Dee Patton, *bells*

*The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God

The Message *Discovering Light*

-Pastor Bob Cook

Song of Praise

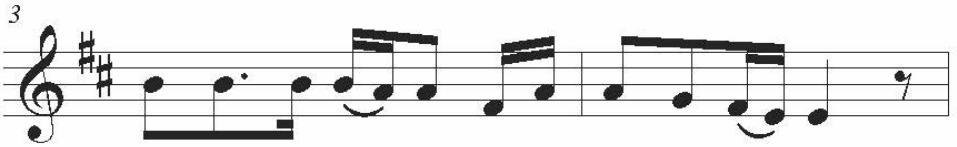
Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Ed Cash, Scott Cash, Martin Cash,
Frannie Cash and Andrew Berthold

CHORUS



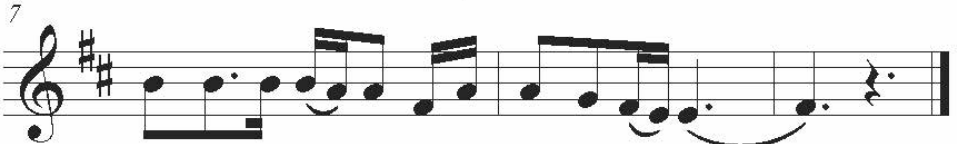
Sing hal - le-lu ___ jah, sing hal - le-lu - jah,



sing hal - le-lu - jah for the things he has done.



Come now a-dore Him, bow down be-fore ___ Him.



Sing hal - le-lu - jah to the Light of the world. ___

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and of Our Lives

The Service of Holy Communion

The Breaking of the Bread and the Giving of the Cup

The Prayer After Holy Communion

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy meal in which you have given yourself to us in son, Jesus. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit so that we may be lights shining with your glory for all to see. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Carol of the Bells* M.Leontovych arr. Thomas Graff
Brian Keck, *baritone horn*
Barry Leap & Fred Davison, *trombone*

You won't want to miss our **WEBSITE WORKSHOP on Sunday, January 7...** starting 10-minutes after worship concludes... and lasting no more than 30-minutes. The Outreach Committee invites you to learn all about our new website features, hear about the steps needed to have information placed on the site and learn how you can use the secure giving feature to conveniently donate to the GPC.

www.visitgpcpa.org



GPC Mission Committee



**1st Sunday
Food Drive**

to benefit G-A Food Pantry

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marna Yingling	Ray Spitz
Becky Hess	Sue Angle
June Marshall	Rev. Bill Beck
Nancy McIntyre	Caroline Robinson
Herb Layton	Dian Bishop
Bernice Walck	Dan Patton
Patti Sechrist	Vasilija Milanovic
Alan Shope	Tracey Hammond and family
Tim Walck	Bethany Yeager
Mary Lou Riddle	Penny Mohler
Steven Bishop	Dot Wilson
Mindy Grosh	Cathy Thomas
Michael Paylor	Dominic Frampton
Linda Pittman	Bobbi Biesecker
Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu	Sue Lum
Mary Buhl	Jan Shafer
Kim Hay	Rowan Stotler
Cullen Gaston	Jerry Tarr
Bob & Sandy Seidel	Cora Crider
The Gagne family	Jane Everetts
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Laura
Dan Amato	Shawn Schaeffer
Aaron Frick	Sandra Meadows

Please pray for the family of **Kim Hay** who recently passed away. We pray for the peace of Christ to surround and embrace the family in this time of mourning.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 1/7 10:00 am **Baptism of the Lord**
Worship Service with Communion
Coffee Fellowship / First Sunday Food Drive

*Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given
to the Glory of God by the
Presbyterian Women's Group of GPC.*

Tuesday 1/9 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday 1/10 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting
7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting

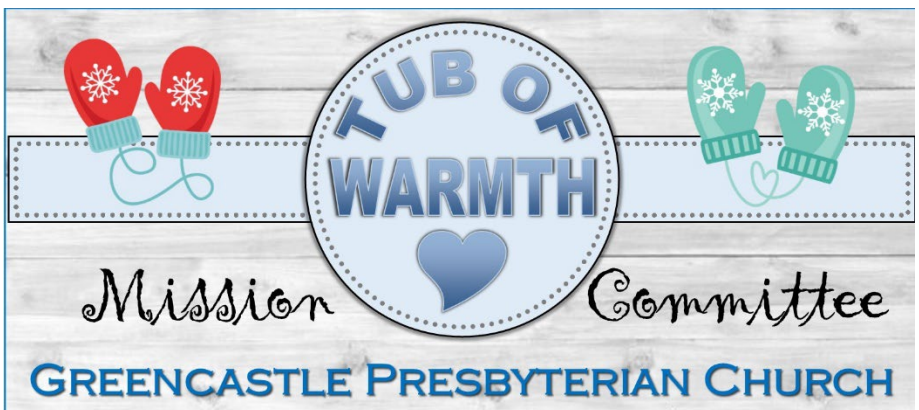
Thursday 1/11 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting
6:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday 1/14 8:45 am Bible Study (Book of James)
10:00 am Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship
2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers

TUB OF WARMTH is for anyone who has gently used hats, mittens, gloves, boots or scarves to donate.

Please put them in the bin by the elevator.

Someone needs them this winter!



PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

Father, when all was ready You sent Your Son to dwell in time.
Obedient to the laws of life in our world.
Teach us the sanctity of human love,
show us the value of family life
and help us to live in peace with all people
that we may share in Your life forever.
Amen.

God of light, shining in darkness,
through a little child, born in Bethlehem,
you open to us the treasure of your grace.
Help us to search diligently for him,
so that we may offer our lives to you
with thanksgiving, joy, and praise;
through Jesus Christ, the rising star.

Matthew 2:1-12



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