

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 February 25, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

Second Sunday of Lent

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist Deb Shank
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick
Sunday School Teacher Jim Papa
Audio/Video Tech Ben Herrmann
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 Jan Eppleman*

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

May the Holy Spirit inspire and keep us this Lent in our walk with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendor and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *I Need Thee Every Hour* R. Lowry, arr. H. Sorenson
Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Leader: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

People: Gather us in, the young and the old.

Leader: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

People: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

All: Gather us in, to worship and wonder, to know of God's love.

*Hymn #401 *Here In This Place (Gather Us In)*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Christ, our healer, hear us as we pray. Heal us in our sickness and comfort us in our sorrow. Impassion us in our apathy and strengthen us in our doubt. Help us to know and accept your healing grace, that we may rise up and minister amongst your people. Help us to go forth, showing your love to all who search for you. Speak through us that our lives and our words may proclaim your good news. Amen. *(Take a few moments for your own silent confession)*

*The Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Leader: God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will wash us clean and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness. Believe the good news. Through the grace of God and love of Jesus Christ you have been forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

*The Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that during this Lenten season, we will be open to Your guidance and illumination. Help us to see Your truth and love in all things, so that we may follow in Your ways. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 6:3-11

The Anthem *Footsteps*

Craig Courtney

The Gospel Reading

John 12:20-26

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

*Response to The Word

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,

and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen. — *from: Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*

*Hymn #727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (verses 1 - 4)

Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

*Hymn#187 *Blessed Jesus*

*The Blessing *Awesome God*

R. Mullins, arr. B. Wolaver

The Postlude

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 2/25	10:00 am	Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship
	5:45 pm	Movie Night – Facing The Giants
Tuesday 2/27	9:30 am	G-A Christian Women Fellowship at Evangelical Lutheran Church
	9:00 am	Wednesday Prayer Circle
Wednesday 2/28	6:30 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Ladies AA Meeting
	10:00 am	Lenten Study with Pastor Bob at Brio Coffeehouse
Thursday 2/29	6:00 pm	Ladies Night Out at Brother Pizza

MATTHEW ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

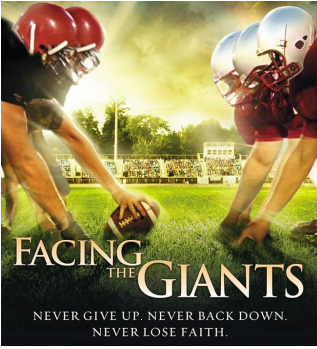
The GPC Mission Committee will be collecting a special “Matthew Anderson Scholarship Offering” in support of the Scholarship Fund today. All monies collected will be put towards the fund.



The Greencastle Presbyterian Church (GPC), in honor of Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson, is pleased to recognize a graduating senior who resides in the Greencastle-Antrim School District with a scholarship award. Rev. Anderson, a Greencastle native, lived from 1848-1928. He and his family worshipped with our congregation.

Following the war, Rev. Anderson helped educate former slaves of the community in a mission school established by the Presbyterian Church. Graduating from Princeton in 1877, he was one of the first three African-Americans to attain such status. It is our hope, in the words of the late William Conrad, local historian and member of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church, that *“the memory of this servant of God will continue to live through our Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund,”* which is designed to aid those who require assistance in pursuing studies at college, university, certificate program or vocational school.

Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board outside the church office, at the GAHS Career Counseling Center and on the church website. Application deadline is April 1st.



MOVIE NIGHT

Facing The Giants

Sunday 2/25

Begins @ 6pm

doors open 5:45

GPC Social Room

Light snacks provided

LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies are invited to join us **Thursday, February 29 at 6:00 pm** at Brother's Pizza, 50 Pine Drive, Greencastle for food and "girl-power!"

LOOK UP to Jesus in prayer

GIVE UP old ways of sin

LIFT UP someone in need
and give a helping hand

TAKE UP something new – adopt a healthy lifestyle of prayer
and penance



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Pastor Robert Cook is hosting a Lenten book study each **Thursday during Lent at 10:00 am at the Brio Coffeehouse** 112 S Antrim Way. Following the book by James Howell: "Unrevealed Until Its Season" which takes us through the 40 days of Lent using familiar hymns.

GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 — 9:30 am

Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran Church, 130 N. Washington Street

Pastor Mike Sanders *"Our Attitude Towards Ministry"*

All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Fellowship of the Least Coin has been complaining how lonely he feels. Nobody has been feeding him coins and has a result he has nothing to send to Presbytery who uses his money to help people all over the world. You will find him located at the front of the church next to the Offering Basket.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



We are collecting nonperishable goods as well as monetary donations which the youth will use in various ways to feed people locally. Label donations with "Souper Bowl" which can be placed in the weekly offering plate or add your food items to the pot next to the plate.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with flowers this Easter, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate, along with a check made payable to **Greencastle Presbyterian Church**, marked "Easter Flowers." Please mark your selections below, and circle your color choice(s).

THE ORDER WILL BE PLACED ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

- Lilies**(5-6 blooms / 6" pot) \$14.00
- Tulips** Yellow Pink (6 blooms / 6" pot) \$11.00
- Daffodils** (6" pot) \$11.00
- Hyacinths** Blue White (3 blooms / 6" pot) \$11.00

_____ In Memory of: _____

By: _____

_____ In Honor of: _____

By: _____

_____ I will pick up my flower(s) after the Easter morning service.

_____ Please use my contribution to purchase a flower for a shut-in.



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