

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 March 3, 2024**  
**10:00 am Worship Service**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

## **SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY**

Preaching ..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgist ..... Joanne Lewis  
Musicians ..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Alicia Shemon, Brenda Slick  
Communion Servers ..... Dottie Davison, Debra Miller,  
Albert Miller, Mark Widder  
Sunday School Teacher ..... Sue Bell  
Audio/Video Tech ..... Ami Myers  
Closer ..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us for coffee fellowship after Worship.*

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

\* Please stand as able

## Centering Thought

*Here, before Jesus, I pray that I may notice in my life where  
God is already at work and have the grace to yield to  
what God wants to do next.*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

Prelude

*Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father*

McAfee & Traditional Swedish, arr. Brant Adams

Alicia Shemon, *flute*

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: God calls to us saying, "Incline your ear and come to me. Listen so that you may live."

**All: God's love is steadfast and sure. It is with us from generation to generation.**

Leader: We come together today in God's Presence to call on the Holy One and draw near.

**All: Let us offer our worship and praise**

\*Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* (see back page)

\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables. We have built tables that oppression dines on, Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on. We are guilty of forgetting where we are, of turning faith into a negotiation tool and the church into a place for insiders. We are guilty of ignoring the point; For you taught that the temple was for worship and your message was for all.**

**God of our hearts, be in our decision making. Draw near to our choices. Forgive our mistakes. And as you do, flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view**

**that needs adjusting. With hope we pray for a better day. Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence:** (Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

\*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live life in God's grace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**Holy God, your Word is our way of truth and life. Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit within us, so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading

Galatians 2: 15-21

\*The Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-50

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Message

\*Response to the Word

**We believe in a God who knows holy rage—A God who stands with the underdog, who passionately protects the suffering, and who overturns systems of corruption. We believe in a God who leads by example— feeding the hungry, Welcoming the children, offering water to the Samaritan, eating with the tax collector, healing the sick, preaching from the mountaintop, and offering second chances. We**

**believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way, and still said, “This is my body broken for you.”**

**We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes,**

**And still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”**

**And because of this love, we believe that God shows us the way, again and again and again. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn #704 *To My Precious Lord* (verses 1 & 2)

Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

\*The Doxology 606

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

The Communion Anthem *I Am the Vine*  
Alicia Shemon, *flute*

Allen Pote

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: 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. It is right to thank you. 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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

The Breaking of the Bread

The Giving of the Cup

The Prayer After Communion (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 #503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

\*The Blessing

The Postlude

*The Old Rugged Cross*

George Bennard, arr. Mark Hayes

Brenda Slick, *piano*

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### 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 & Tracey 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	

Remember in prayer Cindy Etchison and family. Cindy's mother, Carlyn Henschen, died last week just after her 97th birthday.

*Jesus, we ask for your great compassion on the family  
as together we mourn their loss. Amen.*

**Fellowship of the Least Coin** has been complaining how lonely he feels. Nobody has been feeding him coins and as 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.



# 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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# I Am Thine, O Lord

... What would Thou have me to do?

— Acts 9:6

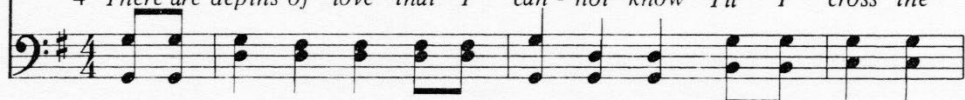
I AM THINE

William H. Doane

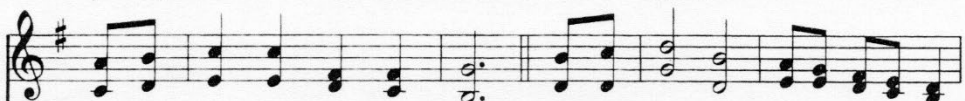
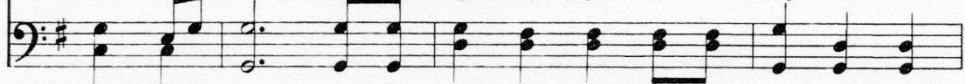
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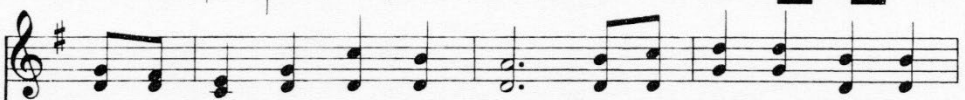
1 I am Thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy  
2 *Con-se - crate me now to Thy serv - ice, Lord, By the power of*  
3 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be - fore Thy  
4 *There are depths of love that I can - not know 'Til I cross the*



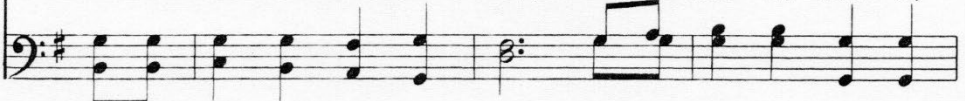
1 love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
2 *grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope*  
3 throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God,  
4 *nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach*



1 And be clos - er drawn to Thee.  
2 *And my will be lost in Thine.* Draw me near - er, nearer, blessed Lord,  
3 I com - mune as friend with friend.  
4 *'Til I rest in peace with Thee.*



To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er,



near - er, bless - ed Lord, To Thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side. A - men.

