

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 10, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Lent

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching Rev. Dr. Robert Cook

Liturgist Brian Keck

Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick

GPC Bell Choir

Fred Davison, *Director*, Mary Ann Ackerman, Brian Keck,
Kelly Kerstetter, Barry Leap, Liam Papa, Dee Patton, Dot Wilson

Sunday School Teachers Keri Papa, Beth Taylor

Closer Paul Sauder

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

*“All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ,
hell afraid of it, while we are the only ones to ignore
its meaning.” –Oswald Chambers*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Spirit Song* John Wimber, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
GPC Bell Choir

*The Call to Worship

Leader: People of God! Let Us Be in a spirit of worship!

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within
me, bless God's holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.**

*Opening Praise *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*
(see back page)

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within us. We
are your creation, O Lord. Help us to live as reflections of You.
We often forget to say “thank you” for the gifts You have given
to us.

People: Hear now our prayers of gratitude... (silence)

Leader: We often forget that others in the world are Your
creation, too.

**People: Hear now our prayers for Your love to be
shown through us to others... (silence)**

Leader: We often forget to stand up for what is right and just
for those who are poor, marginalized, and oppressed.

People: Hear now our prayers for places where justice is lost, and hope is subdued...(silence)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within us. May we know Your steadfast love and may Your grace give us courage to live as those You created us to become. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen. (Silent Prayer)

*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, we ask You to come and dwell within us during this Lenten season. Help us to grow in our relationship with You, so that we may know the joy of walking in Your light. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The Anthem *God So Loved the World*

Lloyd Larson

*The Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

The Foolishness of the Cross

-Pastor Bob Cook

*Response to the Word (Unison)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every gender and race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen!

*Hymn #59 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*Hymn #541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross traditional, arr. Dan Forrest
Brenda Slick, *piano*

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Consoler, we turn to you in our hour of need. O Good Shepherd, lighten our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to bear this load. We place our trust in you. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 3/10 SPRING FORWARD – Daylight saving time begins

10:00 am Worship Service

Deacon Luncheon with pictures for New Directory

6:00 pm Youth Group

Prayers for Monaghan Presbyterian Church, Dillsburg

Wednesday 3/13 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 2/22 10:00 am Lenten Study with Pastor Bob
at Brio Coffeehouse

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting

Fellowship of the Least Coin is gaining weight and says Thank You!

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday 3/17 10:00 am Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers

6:00 pm Youth Group

Prayers for Duncannon Presbyterian Church

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Pastor Robert Cook is holding a Lenten Book Study on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the Brio Coffeehouse, 112 S Antrim Way. We use the book "Unrevealed Until Its Season" by James Howell, taking us through the 40 days of Lent using familiar hymns.

LOOK UP to Jesus in prayer

GIVE UP old ways of sin

LIFT UP someone in need
of prayer and give a helping
hand to those in need

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



SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The GPC SE Committee is looking for new members to help with hospitality — events such as Easter Sunrise Breakfast, Coffee Fellowship, Annual Picnic, Advent Dinner, etc. They typically meet the first Monday of the month at 10 am in the Edwards Room.

One Great Hour of Sharing

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Holy Week 2024

March 24

Palm Sunday

Worship Service 10:00am
Coffee & Fellowship

March 28

Maundy Thursday

Combined Worship Service
with United Church of Christ
Communion 7:00pm

March 31

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunrise Service 7:30am
followed by Breakfast
Worship Service
Communion 10:00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS

Jonas Myrin and Matt I.....

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul.

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. _____ Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul. I'll wor-ship His ho - ly _____ The You're

sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing. It's time to sing Your song
rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your

heart a - gain. What - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be
is kind. For all _____ Your good - ness I'll keep _____ on _____

fore me, let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning
sing - ing, ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to

comes. Bless the And on that day when my
find. 1, 2. VERSE 3

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near and my time has come,

still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing,
to CHORUS

ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more. Bless the