

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 April 14, 2024**  
**10:00 am Worship Service**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

## **SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY**

Preaching ..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgist ..... Anne Larew  
Musicians ..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Greg Strine  
Sunday School Teacher ..... Barbara Larew Adams  
Audio/Video Tech ..... Ben Herrmann  
Closer ..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us for coffee, refreshments, and  
fellowship in the Social Room after Worship.  
Hosted by Albert & Debra Miller.*

\* *Please stand as able*

## Centering Thought

*“Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.” – N. T. Wright*

### Welcome and Brief Announcements

#### The Prelude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*     arr. Richard Kingsmore  
Greg Strine, piano

#### \*The Call to Worship

Leader: On our worst days,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: On our best days,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: When life is consistent,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: And, when life turns on its head,

**People: God is good.**

Leader: Let us hold tight to that good news!

#### \*Opening Praise     *Goodness of God*

Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram & Jenn Johnson

## Goodness of God - CHORUS

And all my life You have been faith - ful, and all my life You have been so,  
— so — good; with ev - 'ry breath that I — am a -  
- ble, oh, I — will sing — of the good - ness of God —

### \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, we want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts? We would be so grateful. 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! God raised Christ from the dead, forgiving us and making peace with us all!**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### \*The Gloria Patri #581

## The Children's Time with Their Pastor

### The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**God, your Word is living and active. Help us to be attentive to your voice as you guide us through life. Your Word is a lamp for our feet. When we don't know where are going, help us to listen to you and follow the path that you show me. You are a light shining in the darkness. When we don't know which way to turn would you shine the light of your love into the cloud of confusion. Bring clarity to our minds by your Holy Word. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

### The First Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1-19

### Anthem *Rejoice*

Joseph M. Martin

### \*The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Message:

-Pastor Robert Cook

### \*Response to the Word (Unison)

**We believe in 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.*” Because of this love, we believe that God shows us the way, Again and again and again. Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

Joys from the Congregation

Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*The Doxology #606

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

\*Closing Hymn #254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

\*The Blessing

Postlude *There is a Higher Throne* Keith & Kristyn Getty  
Greg Strine, *piano*

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### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday 2/14** 10:00 am Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship  
6:00 pm Youth Group

*Prayers for Great Conewago Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg*

**Wednesday 2/17** 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry  
9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle  
6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

**Thursday 2/18** 7:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

**Sunday 2/21** 10:00 am Worship Service followed by  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers  
6:00 pm Youth Group

*Prayers for Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Marna Yingling                             | Caroline Robinson            |
| Becky Hess                                 | Dian Bishop                  |
| June Marshall                              | Dan Patton                   |
| Nancy McIntyre                             | Vasilija Milanovic           |
| Herb Layton                                | Tracey Hammond<br>and family |
| Bernice Walck                              | Bethany Yeager               |
| Patti Sechrist                             | Penny Mohler                 |
| 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                              | Jane Everetts                |
| Rachael, Christopher<br>& Anna Lee Massieu | Laura                        |
| Mary Buhl                                  | Shawn Schaeffer              |
| Cullen Gaston                              | Sandra Meadows               |
| Bob & Sandy Seidel                         | Frank Marconi                |
| The Gagne family                           | Frank & Tracey Toston        |
| Bill & Kathy Kendall                       | Bill Horst                   |
| Aaron Frick                                | Colin Rinker                 |
| Ray Spitz                                  | Tiffany Robinson             |
| Sue Angle                                  | The Bentley family           |
| Rev. Bill Beck                             |                              |



*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.*

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Please plan to attend next Sunday, April 21, 2024 after Worship.

## **GRADUATION RECOGNITION**

Please contact Keri Papa 845-270-9108 if you will be completing high school or college this spring.

## **ATTENTION LADIES**

Interested in joining a group in the Church that provides Bible study, discusses all matters of life and faith, and new relationships are formed and nurtured?

Well, such a group is the “Presbyterian Women” who meet in the Edwards Room on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. September through June.

Give Jan Eppelman, Moderator, a call 717-597-1246 or just drop in.

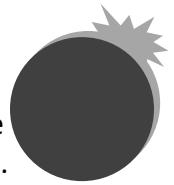
## **DIGITAL PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Our new “in-progress” pictorial directory is accessible on the GPC website [visitGPCpa.org](http://visitGPCpa.org) → Get Connected Password: mychurchfamily

Please contact Randall Ackerman 240-527-5515 for your family to be included in this vital connection to the church.

## **The Psalmist and The Solar Eclipse**

*Like many others, Dr. William P. Brown experienced something holy on Monday . . . we are creatures cared for by the Creator, who is superlatively glorious, supremely sovereign. Humanity’s “glory” is a derived glory, no more, no less. Beholding the vastness of God’s handiwork instills a healthy dose of humility, the kind of humility that comes from knowing that God’s mindfulness of humanity is fundamentally undeserved. God attends to us out of the mystery of divine love, and so also the world. The psalmist is in awe of such paradox. Humanity is both tiny and big. Humanity’s “glory” comes down to the fact that humanity is loved, gratuitously so, by God. And that is the psalmist’s greatest source of awe.*



[by Dr. William P. Brown | Special to Presbyterian News Service](#)

# GPC FAITHFUL FAMILIES

# bowling



# party

**SUNDAY**

**28**

**APRIL**

**Nellie Fox  
Bowling Alley**

3587 Molly Pitcher Hwy  
Chambersburg PA 17202

**3:00  
PM**

***ALL CHURCH MEMBERS WELCOME!***

(GAMES \$1.00 PLUS COST OF SHOES)

RSVP BY 4/26 TO KERI 845-270-9108

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated): "When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God.' However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off you phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."