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 21, 2024 10:00 am Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

# SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching	Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist	Liam Papa
Musicians	Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick
Acolyte	Berkley Johnson
Sunday School Teachers	Erin Herrmann, Kelly Kerstetter
Audio/Video Tech	
Closer	Paul Sauder

Please stay for our Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship.

# **Centering Thought**

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead." — Timothy Keller

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude

 $\it IWill\,Arise\, and\, Go\, to\, Jesus$  traditional arr. H. Sorenson Brenda Slick,  $\it piano$ 

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice!



# The Lord Almighty Reigns

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa



\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen. (Silent prayer)

\*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)

O God, help us to not only discover and understand your guidance and your will, but to bend our will to obey yours. Give us ears to listen carefully to what we should do, and a willing heart to carry out your directives. Guide us into all wisdom, even when it looks different from the "wisdom" of the world. Help us speak what you tell us to say and do what you tell us to do. Thank you for teaching us. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1-21

Anthem A Jubilant Song

Victor Johnson

John 10:11-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message: **Meet Mr. Wolf** -Pastor Robert Cook

Response to the Word:

The Apostles' Creed Page 35

Joys from the Congregation

Cares and Concerns

The Prayer Hymn #187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*The Doxology #606

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

\*Hymn #299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

\*The Blessing

Postlude *The Solid Rock* Bradbury, arr. B. Wolaver Brenda Slick, *piano* 

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday 4/21** 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

**Tuesday 4/23** 9:30 am Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship at Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wednesday 4/24 9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle

6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

**Sunday 4/28** 10:00 am Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship

6:00 pm Youth Group

Prayers for Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Hancock, Maryland

# **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 Eppleman, 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 → Get Connected Password: mychurchfamily

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

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

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.

Cathy Thomas

Mary Buhl

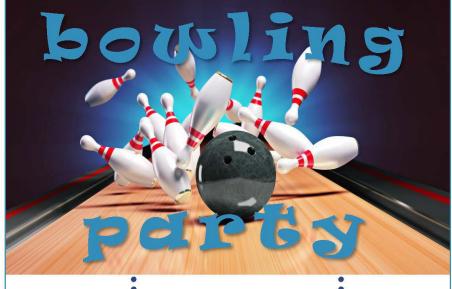
# **SEASON OF EASTER**

Easter isn't just a Sunday — it's a season. One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a "week of weeks"), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday and encompassing the festival of the Ascension of the Lord.

The season of Easter is intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church. If your congregation doesn't already celebrate the Lord's Supper (a feast with the risen Lord) each week, the season of Easter is an excellent and appropriate time to explore this practice.

Follow link to full article Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Presbyterian Mission

# **GPC FAITHFUL FAMILIES**



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."



# **Penn State Mont Alto Chorale Spring Concert**

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm
General Studies Auditorium
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Penn State Berkey Ice Cream Served following concert

# 2024 Penn State Mont Alto Choral Festival

Saturday, May 4 at 6:30 pm Inside the Multi Activity Center Gymnasium FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# Cumberland Valley School of Music Student Recital

Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 pm Greencastle Presbyterian Church FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# Waynesboro Community Concert Association The Dallas Brass

Sunday May 5 at 3:00 pm
Waynesboro Area Senior High School Auditorium
Tickets are \$25 at the door or FREE with purchase of a new subscription
waynesboropaconcerts.com

# Greencastle Presbyterian Church

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 21, 2024

# **AGENDA**

Call to order by the Moderator

**Opening Prayer** 

Review of GPC Annual Report (Brian Keck-review of financial data)

Remember dedicated members who joined the Church triumphant in 2023:

Paul L. McClain

Report of the Nominating Committee (Anne Larew) (requires vote by Church Members)

#### **Deacons**

Polly Coulter (3 years)
Kelly Kerstetter (2 years)
Debra Miller (3 years)
Virginia Vallillo (3 years)
VACANCY – nominations from the floor (1 year)

#### **Elders**

JoAnne Lewis (3 years) Carole Long Malin (3 years) Dee Patton (3 years)

# 2025 Nominating Committee – Members at Large

Sue Bell Sheila Gates Albert Miller Marcie Tinninis

# Thank with gratitude those concluding their terms of service:

Mindy Barnhart, Brian Keck and Jim Papa as Elders Mary Ann Ackerman, Louise Kemper, Evelyn Lindecamp, Kelsey Marshall and Diane Mills as Deacons

# Amendments to the Bylaws (Jenn Robertson) Electronic Meetings.

- 1. The Greencastle Presbyterian Church Session and Board of Deacons may meet by electronic means if all members eligible to participate and vote in such electronic meetings have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on all business items. The quorum for such a meeting will be over fifty percent of the membership of the group. All electronic meetings shall use technology that allows for simultaneous visual and/or aural communications, with clear instructions that allow all to vote. Minutes shall be taken and distributed in the usual manner and shall indicate that the meeting took place electronically.
- 2. Committees of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church are likewise permitted to meet by electronic means, when called by the chair authorized to convene the meeting, following the same rules as outlined in 1 above.
- 3. Partial in-person/electronic meetings (where some of the meeting members attend electronically and some attend in person) are permitted when the same rules outlined in 1. and 2. above are followed.

# Motions-Voting by E-mail.

The Clerk of Session or Moderator of the Board of Deacons may call for an e-mail vote on a matter using sound judgment as to the nature of the matter. Those matters deemed as complicated or controversial shall not be voted on by e- mail. If any member of the specific group objects to voting by e-mail, no e-mail vote shall take place. All e-mail votes are to be taken using the following procedure:

- 1. The Clerk of Session or Deacon Moderator shall send an e-mail to each member of their respective group advising them of the matter and asking for a vote by e-mail by using "reply all."
- 2. The Clerk of Session or Deacon Moderator shall set a deadline for receiving votes. If a voting member of a group votes after the deadline, such a vote shall not be counted. The vote total must be at least equal to the quorum for meetings established by the Board.
- 3. Once the Clerk of Session or Deacon Moderator has tallied the votes, he/she shall advise, by e-mail, the outcome to all the members of the group.
- 4. At the next regularly stated meeting of the Session or Board of Deacons, the minutes of the meeting shall reflect that an e-mail vote was taken on the specific issue and record the results.

# **Collect Ballots for Bylaw Amendments and Tally Votes** Report results of vote

#### **Other Business**

**Update on Pastor Nominating Committee process** 

Closing Prayer

### **Call for Adjournment**