

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 July 7, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching.....Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgists.....Mindy Barnhart
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Barry Leap
Communion Servers..... JoAnne Lewis, Carole Malin,
Dee Patton, Brian Rice
Acolyte
Audio/Video Tech.....Ben Herrmann
Closer..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us for Lemonade on the Lawn
after Worship. Everyone is welcome!*

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

*All in this world will pass away;
but God's kingdom is forever!*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Broken and Poured Out*

Lyndell Leatherman

Barry Leap, *organ*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Call upon the Lord!

All: We asked for help and we were healed.

Leader: We asked for freedom, and were given liberty beyond measure!

All: God turned our mourning into dancing! God took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebration!

Leader: Our hearts sing without ceasing! O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks and praise!

*Hymn #157 *I Danced in the Morning*

*The Prayer of Confession

God our Father, you led people to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of liberty and justice for all. But as a people we have forgotten you and failed you. We have demanded rights and neglected responsibilities. We celebrate what you have called sin. Forgive the pride that overlooks national wrong. Forgive the divisions caused by our prejudice and greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good for all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen

The First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:4-9

Solo *It Was for You*

Don Wyrzten

Barry Leap, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:1-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message **The Greater Kingdom**

-Pastor Cook

*Response to the Word

Pastor: What is our only comfort, in life and in death?

All: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his

purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Thanks be to God!

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*The Communion Hymn #504 *We Come as Guests Invited*

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 up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life.

All: It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

Pastor: God, you never promised us the way would be clear. But you have created us in your image – of Wisdom, Love, and Courage. You breathed your life into us with the assurance that we have, within and around us, everything we need to be your faithful people. Though we sometimes act in disregard for your call on our collective life, still you show up with and for us, relentlessly. And so, we join with all the saints who have gone before in gratitude for your abiding presence:

All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and presence all that is, is full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Sacred is your presence and blessed is Christ with us. Through the life of Jesus, we saw an example of what it means to navigate an uncertain path, practice creative ministry, and face with courage and compassion all the barriers that work against your Spirit on the move.

Jesus lived and breathed a ministry rooted in your Love for all people. He prioritized the lives of those who are suffering and showed us what it looks like to be with and for one another, even under great distress. Though evil attempted to silence his proclamation of an inclusive Kingdom of God, not even death could keep Love from growing.

On the night in which he was arrested, he gathered among friends for a meal. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of Christ with us, and in the assurance of your Love persistent, we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church in the service of your healing work as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died;
Christ has risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pastor Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make this a meal that nourishes us on this journey we share together, that by your Spirit we might take every opportunity to advance love, justice, and compassion in the face of evil in all its forms. For the sake of all that aches in this world, our church, we come to your Table, hungry for a foretaste of your Kingdom. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

The Giving of the Bread

The Giving of the Cup

*The Prayer After Holy Communion (Unison)

**All: We give you thanks O God for this holy meal
where we realize Christ is in us. Send us out to be
witnesses to his love and grace always. Amen**

*The Closing Hymn #337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *America the Beautiful* arr. Jason W. Krug
Barry Leap, piano

NOTE ON PASSING OF THE PEACE

After a 4-year hiatus on the passing of Christ's peace, we have recently reinstated the practice in worship. First, it is not simply a meet and greet time. Rather, when we pass the peace of Christ, we are expressing that the very nature of our gathering and community is founded upon the love, grace and forgiveness by Jesus to us as his gift. It is extended to others through us. When we come to the Lord's Table we also want to have a clear conscience that we harbor no ill to anyone who comes to the table with us. We don't want to lose the deep significance of sharing the peace of Christ. But we do want to let it a part of worship that draws us closer to Jesus and each other in the bond of love. So, let us do so mindfully, graciously and humbly.

– Pastor Robert Cook

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Throughout the month of July, CE will be collecting: **Crayola crayons (24 count), Elmer's glue sticks, and children's scissors.** Plans are to hand out backpacks to the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry in August.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Church Members – Due to your participation in the “Fellowship of the Least Coin” this past year, Presbytery was sent a check for \$89.37. Thank you. – Jan Eppleman, Moderator

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 7/7 10:00 am Worship Service with Communion
Lemonade on the Lawn / First Sunday Food Drive

Prayers for Lost Creek Presbyterian Church, McAlisterville, PA

Wednesday 7/10 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle

7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday 7/11 9:30 am Summer Book Study
Brio Coffeehouse, Route 11 Greencastle

Sunday 7/14 10:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church

*NOW IS THE TIME
to share your story.*

Congregational
Assessment
Tool



We need to know how you think and feel about your experiences at GPC. We are asking for 20 minutes of your time to help shape the future of our church. **HOW ABOUT MAKING IT A PRIORITY TODAY** if you haven't already shared your perspectives by participating in this important process. *For questions, Anne Larew 717-860-3279*

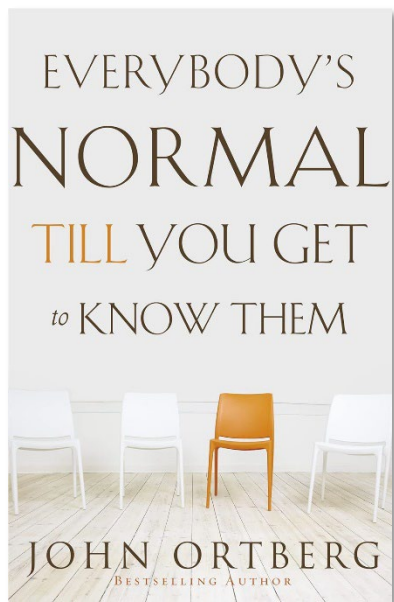
PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Please pray as we mourn the loss of **Troy Truax** who died on June 28, 2024. Troy was the son of Dot Chamberlin

Heavenly Father, God, give them peace; allow them to hear your comforting voice; and know that you are God and are always with us. Amen.

Summer Book Study



Thursday Mornings
9:30 AM
at the Greencastle Brio
on Route 11

Beginning July 11th, Pastor Cook will host a study group at the Brio Coffee shop. We will be using the book, *“Everybody’s Normal Till You Get To Know Them.”*

The author, John Ortberg, with winsome humor and a fondness for well-spun stories, pops the myth of normalcy and hands us the keys to creating and sustaining relationships. “God’s dream for community encompasses the redemption of all spheres of life,” he says. Who doesn’t want to be liked; to be wanted; to have solid, satisfying friendships! Ortberg shows what such relationships are made of, revealing the benefits of authenticity—what it means to live with an “unveiled face,” as the Bible puts it. He encourages us to trade the stones it’s so easy to cast at others for acceptance. He opens our eyes and heart to empathy, the art of reading people. Ortberg takes us through the ins and outs of conflict, forgiveness, confrontation, inclusion, and gratitude.

Order your coffee, tea, latte and scone and grab a seat. You can order the book online; or just join in the dialogue. We will spend eight weeks on this study.

Calling All Men! You are invited to a

MEN'S CORN BOIL PICNIC

Sunday, July 28 | 5 p.m.



Enjoy local sweetcorn cooked over an open fire in a cast iron scalding kettle. Men of all ages welcome! Bring your son, father, brother, uncle or best friend.

OUR MENU INCLUDES BAKED CHICKEN, HOT DOGS, SUMMER SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS COOKED IN CAST IRON DUTCH OVENS.

Sponsored by our Outreach Committee and hosted at the Ackerman's home at 3070 McDowell Road, Waynesboro (just 5 miles from the Greencastle High School)

All food and drink will be provided. Donations will be accepted at the picnic.

So that we can have plenty of food, please RSVP to Randall Ackerman by July 22.

Call or text to: **240-527-5515** Email to: rackerman@psu.edu

If you would like to be a part of a small group to help with picnic logistics, please contact Randall Ackerman right away.

GPC POOL PARTY

A large, stylized graphic featuring a bright yellow sun with orange rays at the bottom left and a blue and white beach ball in the center. The text 'GPC POOL PARTY' is written in large, bubbly, yellow and orange letters with a white outline, partially overlapping the sun and beach ball.

TUESDAY

July 30, 2024

5:00-8:00 pm

**Moss Spring
Swim Club**

475 N Allison St, Greencastle PA

Please RSVP
Keri (845-270-9108)

OR

on the bulletin board
outside the office
before July 24th

Potluck Dinner – please bring a side dish to share. Hot dogs, steamers, drinks and paper products will be provided.



Also, bring a lawn chair

You do not have to be a pool member to attend but if you are, please let the desk know when you arrive so we don't pay for attendees who are members - thanks!

GPC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook.....Interim Pastor
Dr. J. Frederick Davison.....Director of Music Ministry
Keri PapaDirector of Christian Education
Susan Miller.....Office Manager
Bonnie SpeaksFinance Manager
Barbara & Paul GraneG-A Food Pantry Coordinators
Ryan Hock.....Custodian
Debbie Hock.....Custodian
Bryan LarewGroundskeeper

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Anne Larew	Racheal Marconi	JoAnne Lewis
David Lindecamp	Scott Peterson	Carole Malin
Ed Wine	Jenn Robertson	Dee Patton

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Brian Rice	Ben Herrmann	Polly Coulter
Deb Shank	Candace Rutherford	Kelly Kerstetter
		Debra Miller
		Virginia Vallillo



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