

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 14, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching.....Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgists.....Luke Barnhart
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Ken Shockey
Closer..... Paul Sauder

Acolyte, Nursery, and Audio/Video Tech volunteers are needed!

*Please join us for coffee, refreshments and
fellowship in the Social Room after Worship.*

Hosted by Dottie, Kelsey, and Patsy.

Everyone is welcome!

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

Never assume you are too insignificant for God to use.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*
Ken Shockey, organ

Anna Laura Page

*The Call to Worship

Leader: With God, there is forgiveness;

People: and steadfast love;

Leader: With God there is great power to redeem.

**People: We wait for the Lord, who is our hope.
Through the long night, we watch for God more
passionately than for the sun's first light!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we try to hide from your presence knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a life of fear, worry, and shame. We have heeded other voices, inside and outside ourselves, that have led us to hide in fear, pursue safety instead of act courageously, and settle for convenience instead of sacrificial love. We have been confused and misguided and unable to faithfully walk in your everlasting way.

We ask for the courage to tell you what keeps us from listening, hearing and following you. We seek your mercy so that we can live at peace with ourselves, with others, and with you. You alone can restore us. In your steadfast love, look upon us and reclothe us in your grace. (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!

*Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Scripture Reading

Esther 2:1-23

Solo *Jesus I Love You*

Scott W. Brown & Phil Nash

Fred Davison, *baritone*

Ken Shockey, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message **Chosen**

-Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to the Word (unison)

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Holy Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

**Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe.
Amen.**

*The Prayer Hymn #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*The Blessing

Postlude *Postlude on "WEBB"*

Ken Shockey, organ

Jason D. Payne

PRAYER CONCERNS

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



*Heavenly Father of all, give us peace;
allow us to hear your comforting voice; and
rest in knowing that you are God. Amen.*

Becoming a Member at GPC

The membership statement of the Presbyterian Church (USA) reads: *“Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.”*

Church member is an act of faith, a public witness of your trust in Christ and a way of living out your faith in service within the congregation and out in the larger community. The only pre-requisite for joining *any* PC(U.S.A.) congregation is confessing your faith in Jesus Christ. Our goals for the Membership Class are to increase our awareness and understanding of:

- **The central beliefs of the Christian faith in the Reformed tradition**
- **The Vision of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church**
- **How the Presbyterian Church is a democratically organized Church**

**NEW
MEMBERSHIP
CLASS
Tuesday, July 23
at 6:30 pm in the
Edwards Room**

The class provides opportunities for:

- **Making or deepening your commitment to Jesus Christ**
- **Making friends within the class and within the congregation**
- **Making commitment to specific connections with the church where your spiritual gifts can make a difference.**

We invite you to be part of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church! As you become a member of this fellowship, we trust that God has brought us together, and that we are a help and a benefit to each other as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. There are three ways to become a member:

1. Make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and, if you have not been previously baptized, be baptized.
2. Join by a transfer of your church membership from a church where you are currently a member.
3. Reaffirm your faith, if you have been previously baptized and have made a public profession of faith.

New Member Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dates to Remember (Birthdays, Anniversaries):

Baptized? Yes No *When & where? _____

Are you currently a member of another church? Yes No

*If so, where? We will take care of transferring your membership.

If you have children at home, what are their names and birthdays?

Are your children baptized? *If so, when & where?

Is there anything else you would like for us to know?

**Specific information is helpful but not required*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Wednesday 7/17 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday 7/18 9:30 am Summer Book Study
Brio Coffeehouse, Route 11 Greencastle
7:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Sunday 7/21 10:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for McCoysville Presbyterian Church
2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Pastor Cook will host a study group using the book *Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them* by John Ortberg.

Thursday Mornings
at the Greencastle Brio
on Route 11 at 9:30 a.m.

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.



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

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.



Tuesday, July 30, 2024

5:00-8:00 pm

Moss Spring Swim Club

475 N Allison Street, Greencastle

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!

Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP Keri (845-270-9108)
or sign up on the bulletin board
outside the office before July 24th



GPC MISSION TRIP 2024

September, September 21 - 28

Can you be of service to those in need?

Prayerfully consider volunteering

to serve God's people
in Laurel, Kentucky.



With God's help, a group of hard workers have done wonders in the past. The crew will be working on two tiny houses. The **Logan Project** is for a man who suffered a brain aneurysm and cannot work. The **Drake Project** is for an elderly man and his two handicap daughters.

Holy Cow!

*NOW IS THE TIME
to share your story.*

Congregational Assessment Tool



We are coming to the end of the first step in shaping our future together. On Sunday, July 21st, the window of opportunity to join us on this journey will close. You are probably one of many who have already shared their experiences and perspectives. If you have not, this is your last chance. Although our response rate has been great, if we don't have your input, we are still missing an important piece of the puzzle. PLEASE – share your opinions with us using this confidential assessment instrument.

If you need a paper copy, please stop by the office, and we will provide one for you and someone will pick it up when complete.

If you have questions, please contact Anne Larew 717-860-3279.

Notes: _____

