

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 August 11, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist Mindy Barnhart
Acolyte Brooklyn Barnhart
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Ken Shockey
Elizabeth Bongiani, Laura Bongiani, Allison Bongiani
Audio/Video Tech..... Ben Herrmann
Closer..... Paul Sauder

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

Everyone is welcome!

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

If God has called you to it, God will guide you through it.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Contemplation*

John S. Dixon

Ken Shockey, *organ*

*The Call to Worship

Pastor: Above us, beneath us, God our maker,

All: Help us be attentive to you.

Pastor: Among us, beside us, Jesus, our friend.

All: Help us be attentive to each other.

Pastor: Within us, between us, God's breath of life...as we worship you...

All: Help us be attentive to our own souls.

*Hymn #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we gather as brothers, sisters, and siblings, bound by our love for you and for the wonderful universe you have created. We come to sing and share of your love, and to listen and learn of your call. Created in your image, we each have a part to play in bringing your kingdom close. Here in your presence, we are aware of our faults and failings. We are sick at heart for all we have done or failed to do this past week. We ask your forgiveness and seek to be transformed again into the shape of your love. We know we have work to do to bring peace and justice. Help us to do the work for our siblings near and far.

**Give us strength and courage to step out in your name
to take your love to our neighbors. Amen.**

(Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Pastor's Time with Our Children

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 First Scripture Reading

Esther 8:1-17

Trio *Down to the River to Pray* Traditional arr J F Davison
Elizabeth Bongianini Laura Bongianini Allison Bongianini

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 10:16-24

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

*Response to the Word (Unison)

**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in
God: who has created and is creating, who has come
in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make
new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust
in God.**

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil with weapons of the Spirit and not with swords and guns, so that we may proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Lives and Offerings

*The Closing Hymn #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*The Blessing

Postlude *"Duke Street"*

Franklin D. Ashdown

Ken Shockey, organ

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.

MISSION COMMITTEE

TUB OF WARMTH Each year the Mission Committee collects new and gently used hats and gloves for sharing with those in need. Donations are greatly appreciated.

LAUREL MISSION Prayerfully consider volunteering to serve God's people in Laurel, Kentucky this year **September 21-28, 2024.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 8/11 10:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for St. James Presbyterian, Mechanicsburg

Tuesday 8/13 6:00 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting

Wednesday 8/14 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday 8/15 9:30 am Summer Book Study

Sunday 8/18 10:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Prayers for Presbyterian Church of the
Upper West Conococheague, Mercersburg*
2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers

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

MEET THE NEW PRESBYTERY LEADER FOR VISION AND TRANSFORMATION



*Rev. Dr. Jamie McLeod, spouse
Lesley Ann Earles, and children
Jameson, Seamus, Asa*

WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD CALLING THE LARGER CHURCH?

In the present moment, the Church, especially in the United States, is **at the crossroads** of a kairotic moment in which, like the ancient Hebrews, we are called to choose life and to choose it in abundance and turn away from those highways and byways that have led to our sharp decline over the last seventy or so years. For me, that calling comes in the form of two interrelated challenges: **to be relevant and reconciling.**

We in the Reformed tradition, having abandoned the fires that forged our earliest churches, have sought to be as unobjectionable as we can be. **We have lost the ability to engage in the protest** that is found at the front of the Protestant name. Most of us, at our best, have chosen to do the work of providing bandages to the wounded while neglecting to challenge the systems that injure them again and again. We lament that there are those who live in poverty rather than asking why they find themselves in that condition in the first place. **We must find a way to be relevant** to the society and culture in which we find ourselves and those in the younger generations who yearn for deep and authentic community.

The second calling is like the first. We are called by the prophet Isaiah to be **“repairers of the breach”** just as we are called by the Apostle Paul to be co-creators with Christ of a future of reconciliation. The world has been torn asunder by war, violence begetting violence, the disregard of human dignity, and a collection of individuals who have become convinced that no one truly cares about them. The church, by its very calling, is **the place where peacemakers gather** in order to find strength and reassurance for the living of this day and then are sent back out into the world to stand in the breach crying for, “peace,” while everyone else cries, “havoc,” while it “lets slip the dogs of war.” We are called to be a shelter in the storm for those for whom the very task of life has gotten too hard and they need somewhere to come and metaphorically lay down their heads and rest. Most importantly, though, is our calling to remind the world that **everyone is made in the image of God** and are our siblings no matter the human divisions.

Greencastle Presbyterian Church will welcome Pastor McLeod and his family in late September.

Notes: _____

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Kindly remember Beverly Leap's aunt, **Luella Bowser**, who passed away August 3rd. *Good and Gracious God, give mercy and comfort to her family and friends as we sympathize in their loss. Amen.*



GPC church picnic

Sunday, September 8, 2024

10:00 am

Antrim Township Park

12315 Grant Shook Rd

Greencastle, PA 17225

Please bring a dish to share.
Chicken, drinks, & paper products
will be provided.

Restrooms are
available.

You may wish to bring along your own lawn chair.



GREENCASTLE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Faith, Fun &
Fellowship