

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 October 6, 2024

10:00 am Worship Service

COMMUNION SUNDAY

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist Scott Peterson
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick,
Patsy Lee, Brian Keck
AcolyteBerkley Johnson
Communion Servers..... Dottie Davison, Brian Keck,
Pam Price, Debbie Young
Sunday School & Nursery.....Sue Bell, Mary Ann Ackerman
Audio/Video Tech.....Jim Papa
Closer.....Paul Sauder

Chancel Choir – Randall Ackerman, Margery Benson, Bobbi Biesecker,
Becky Fic, Barb Grane, Donna Grosh, Brian Keck, Barry Leap, Patsy Lee,
JoAnne Lewis, Tom Thomas, Rebecca Wertime, Dot Wilson

Bell Choir – Mary Ann Ackerman, Fred Davison, Brian Keck, Barry Leap,
Kaylynn Leap, Liam Papa, Dee Patton, Dorthalee Wilson

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

Anytime we eat the Body of Christ and drink His blood we profess our oneness and the peace that we have as one Body, living together to achieve the ultimate purpose of God Almighty for the earth He has created.

Beloved, in all we do, unity is key and peace is a necessity. Without these two we can't build anything.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Simple Gifts* Shaker Tune arr. Susan E. Geschke
GPC Bell Choir

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your presence. Your name like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Our God will be our guide forever and ever. Therefore, let us worship God with heart, soul and voice!

*Opening Praise *Holy Forever* Jason Ingram, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, Chris Tomlin & Phil Wickham

Refrain Holy Forever

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly, Ho-ly for-ev - er.

The image shows musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'Holy Forever'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two measures of the refrain, with lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly,'. The second staff contains the next two measures, with lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho-ly for-ev - er.' The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final cadence.

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, you satisfy the hungry heart. You know our longings, desires, and pains. You know of all the things we've tried in our search for belonging, peace and comfort. You also know and are saddened when our hearts break. Forgive us when we refuse to take the bread of life offered. Assure us that Christ always wants to dine with sinners at the table. Amen.
(Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

J. Frederick Davison

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, — and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost,
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As it was in the be - gin - ning, — is now, and ev - er shall be,
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world with - out end. A - men. *rit.*

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O God, open our eyes and my heart to truly experience Your unconditional love, so that we may be transformed by it. Help us to grasp the magnitude of Your love, and to extend it to those around us. Grant us the ability to love others without condition, just as You have loved us. In Jesus Name, Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

*The Gospel Reading

John 17:20-23

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God

The Message:

Unity Is Our Shared Work

-Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to the Word The Apostles' Creed

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*Hymn #423 *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Passing of Christ's Peace

Duet *We Remember You*

Walt Harrah, arr. Lloyd Larson

Patsy Lee, soprano

Brian Keck, *tenor*

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: With joy we praise you, Gracious God for the blessings you give us without number. In this autumn season we see your hand in beauty everywhere in the creation. And we see your love in each face around us. We are truly a people blest to be in union with you and each other. How precious is the unity of the Spirit with us. And how fragile. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: We give thanks to God the Father that our Redeemer, Jesus, came among us, poor and homeless. He grew in grace and favor before you. In due time he went forth proclaiming the Good News of your kingdom, healing the sick, opening blind eyes and sharing a love like the world had ever known.

He gave of himself freely and despite that, he was taken, broken and crucified for us, because of us. But you raised him from the grave and Jesus returned with the kind of love that saves and sets us free. He calls us to share the love, forgiveness and acceptance of God to all with al. Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament of Holy Communion where we are one together in Him:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: O God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

The Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

Communion of the People

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for meeting us here at this table – filling us with your grace and love. Sustain us as we go from this moment, that we might share your grace and love, wherever we go. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn #318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Rain Down* Jaime Cortez, arr. M. Hayes
Brenda Slick, piano

*The fresh flowers in the Sanctuary this morning
are given to the Glory of God by
the Presbyterian Women's Group at GPC*

Please join us for
Coffee & Fellowship
in the Social Room
after Worship.
All Are Welcome!



Hosted by Mary Ann Ackerman & Diane Mills

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Mission Committee sponsors a monthly food drive to benefit the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry. Please think of the needs of others as you do your grocery shopping perhaps buying to share?

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 10/6 8:45 am Adult Bible Study
10:00 am **Worship with Communion**
Coffee & Fellowship / First Sunday Food Drive
Blessing of the Pets
FALLTOBERFEST Decorating Contest begins
6:00 pm Youth Group Confirmation Meeting
Prayers for Middle Spring Presbyterian Church, Shippensburg

Wednesday 10/9 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
7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday 10/10 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting
6:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday 10/13 8:45 am Adult Bible Study
10:00 am **Worship**
Lunch at High Line Train Station
FALLTOBERFEST Decorating Contest voting
Prayers for Waynesboro Presbyterian Church

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Jim Papa will be leading a Bible Study on Sunday mornings
(beginning 10/6 at 8:45 am) based on a book entitled
"The Walk" by Adam Hamilton.



Thank you for coming out in remembrance of **Jean Widder** on September 24th! Erin has two short sleeve t-shirts left to sell. All proceeds will go directly to the GA scholarship honoring perseverance in Jean's honor. See Erin Herrmann with any questions.

BLESSING — OF THE — P E T S

Blessed are the animals.

*Blessed are the creatures
who live with us and
need our care.*

*Blessed are the mammals
and the reptiles and*

*the birds who teach us
we are not alone.*

*Blessed are all living
things from whom
we learn to love.*



INVITATION TO LUNCH!

The Board at the Highline Train Station would like to invite all of our members to lunch at the train station after worship on **Sunday, October 13** starting at 11:15-11:30. Please plan to attend. This will be in place of our usual fellowship time in the social room.

HOLY COW UPDATE

Great news! Thanks to your participation in the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) and the work of our committee, our Session has been granted permission from the Presbytery Commission on Ministry to move toward forming a Pastor Nominating Committee. Our first step is to share the CAT results with all of you. We intend to do this after worship on **October 20** in the social room. We will have copies of the Executive Summary provided by Holy Cow available for you to read as well as impressions from those who participated in the interpretation of the data. Hopefully it will be an informative time and will give you a snapshot of where our church stands at this moment in time. Please plan on being there if you can.



Lend A Hand

Who We Are is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1989 as a local disaster response and assistance program. The mission and purpose of Lend A Hand is to coordinate a reliable system of transportation, labor, housing and meals, and job assignments for volunteers who wish to help people suffering extraordinary hardship as the result of natural disasters.

Lend A Hand is a mission project of the Presbytery of Carlisle of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A We welcome volunteers from all faiths and creeds.

What We Do Lend A Hand was founded in 1989 following Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina, and has since achieved national respect and recognition. Lend A Hand coordinates reliable transportation, labor, housing and meals for volunteers who want to help those who have lost homes or are suffering extraordinary hardship as the result of a disaster.

What You Can Do Often one of the most valuable things Lend A Hand volunteers can do is to listen. Victims of disaster need to tell their stories of loss, hardship and recovery to a sympathetic listener. The new friends you make with other volunteers and with those you're serving are just one of the many benefits of participating on a Lend A Hand work team.

Many (but not all) jobs require physical labor. Most volunteers eagerly jump in and take on any job which needs to be done, from demolition and rebuilding to general disaster clean-up.

Lend A Hand welcomes volunteers of all races and creeds who are in good health. There is no upper age limit, but volunteers must be at least 18. Volunteers into their 80's have contributed significantly to work teams.

We are currently looking into the situation in western and eastern parts North Carolina. We have trips going to the New Bern area the weeks of October 20-27 and November 17-23. Additional information can be found at www.lendahand.net.

Blessing,

Jim Davis, Office Manager, Lend A Hand



FALLTOBERFEST

GPC's First Fall Event

..... Decoration Contest Benefiting Two of Our Missions

Members and friends are invited to bring your entry to the Social Room on **Sunday, October 6, 2024**

Decorations will be displayed all week for member voting and viewing. Refrigeration can be available if needed for baked goods.

Entries grouped into three separate divisions:
Child (8 & under) Youth (9-14) Adult (15 & up)

Tickets for voting will be on sale
5 tickets for donation.

Winners will be the top vote earners in each division, announced on **Sunday October 13**

Sponsored by the Outreach / Mission Committee

All proceeds benefit the Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
and the Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund

For questions or requests call, text, or email:
Candace Rutherford (717-658-3583)
Scott Peterson (717-658-4424)
dreamscapefarm@comcast.net

Just a few ideas to get you thinking...

Flower arrangements

Color drawings

Lego projects

Paintings

Pumpkins

Craft décor

Fall decorated bakery items



Angel Tree Information

Angel Tree papers go out to
Food Pantry families 10/3-11/20



Angel Tree tags placed on tree,
as they are received, 10/6-11/24



Gifts due no later than 12/1. Please bring
gifts wrapped with the Angel Tree tag



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