

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 13, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist Kelly Kerstetter
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Ken Shockey
Acolyte
Sunday School & Nursery..... Mindy Barnhart, Ed Wine
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

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. We fail to see your beauty and glory all around us, letting of fears and biases blind us. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen. (Silent Prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus, the Christ we are forgiven and made right with God. Let us all be right with one another!

All: Thanks be to God

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

-Selected Verses

Anthem *Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine*

Lloyd Larson

*The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message *How Jesus Sees the Natural Creation*

*Response to the Word

*Hymn #370 *This Is My Father's World*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Closing Hymn #706 *Commit Your Way to God the Lord*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*
Ken Shockey, *organ*

Robert J. Powell

INVITATION TO LUNCH!

After our Sunday Service of Worship, the entire congregation is invited to go across the street to the High Line Train Station.

The Greencastle Area Youth Foundation, who host the many activities at the station have prepared a dinner for us as good neighbors and

because of our previous work to renovate the station. It is a real treasure for the community and several of our members from years past and present have worked hard to conserve the building

If you've never been in the High Line Train Station this is a great opportunity to cross the street and visit. We are grateful to John McDowell for extending this invitation to the GPC congregation.



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Please pray for JoAnne Lewis and her family as she mourns the loss of her mother, **Rita Lewis** who passed away October 4, 2024.

Gracious God, by your mercy, grant Rita the sure joy of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Many waters
cannot
quench
love;
neither can
floods drown it.*

(Song of Solomon 8:7)

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction Hurricane Helene left in her path. GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

God of grace and compassion, may your Spirit move in this, your creation, bringing peace amid the turmoil, and breathing hope into the places that feel broken. May your Spirit continue to be the quiet but constant reassurance that you are with your children and creation, even in the darkest moments, guiding us toward healing and restoration.

Sadly, as we await the end of the hurricane season, the early predictions have come to a reality as we continue to see the developing of more devastating hurricanes ravaging communities. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), has been in constant communication with mid council leadership in the impacted areas. Emergency grants have already been distributed to address the most urgent needs, and National Response Teams have been deployed to provide assistance to churches and mid councils and to help coordinate the Church's response.

This effort will require ongoing support, not just for the physical recovery but also for the emotional and spiritual healing of those impacted. Presbyterians from nearby regions are engaging with other faith-based and nonprofit organizations to ensure coordinated efforts and that every affected person receives the help they need. In these difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer — standing in the “GAP” to uplift our neighbors and offer hope in their journey toward recovery.

Rev. Edwin González-Castillo, Director, PDA

[Full article from Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)

FALLTOBERFEST GPC's Fall Event – Decoration Contest benefiting two missions – Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry and the Matthew Anderson Scholarship Fund. Tickets for voting are by donation. One winner will be selected from each division: Child (8 & under); Youth (9-14); and Adult (15 & up). Winners announced October 13 after Worship. Sponsored by Outreach/Mission Committees.

WANT TO SAVE TAXES on your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) while giving to the Greencastle Presbyterian Church? If you're currently subject to taking an RMD from your rollover IRA or pension plan, you can make any part of your distribution non-taxable if you donate directly to GPC. By giving directly from your IRA/pension to the church, the funds you pull out are not taxed, possibly reducing your overall tax bill while you continue making your charitable contribution to MSPC.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY! To get together a group to plan for our GPC participation in the 2025 Old Home Week. If you would like to use whatever skills you have please contact the church office. [Greencastle-Antrim Old Home Week August 2-9, 2025](#)

HOLY COW UPDATE The CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) results will be shared with the congregation next Sunday after Worship in the Social Room. We will have copies of the summary provided by Hoy 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.

A NOTE OF



Many, Many Thanks!

I am truly thankful for your kind words of support in honoring me for Pastor Appreciation Day.

It is an immense privilege for me to serve as your pastor now in my sixth year at GPC.

I will continue to do my best to honor the trust you have in me! – Pastor Robert Cook

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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