

In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ,
we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 5, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The Second Sunday of Christmas

SERVING THE CHURCH

- Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
LiturgistAnne Larew
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick
Communion Servers..... Dottie Davison, JoAnne Lewis,
Debbie Wine, Ed Wine
Sunday School & Nursery..... Sue Bell, Kelly Kerstetter
Acolyte
Audio/Video Tech.....
Closer..... Paul Sauder

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

Forgive us for resisting change that comes from your heart. Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home. Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation. Guide our steps to unfamiliar places; gratefully we pray. Amen. (Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

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

*The Gloria #583 *Gloria, Gloria!*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Insight (Unison)

Lord, grant us the light of understanding. Illuminate our minds with Your wisdom and guide us through the darkness of this world's confusion. Help us to see Your truth clearly and follow Your path. For, "*The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the inexperienced.*" – Psalm 119:130

The First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

Anthem *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

H. Kenn Carmichael arr. C D Lein

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: this is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

What Made The Wise Men Wise? -Pastor Robert Cook

Hymn #138 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

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 in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We thank you, Jesus, for “re-mem-bering” us at this table—forgiving our sins, renewing our hearts, feeding our faith, and giving us abundant life now and forever.

We thank you for giving us food that endures to eternal life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

All: Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim you, and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery of our faith!

Pastor: O Lord, our 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 this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

The Consecration of the Bread and The Cup

We Receive the Sacrament Together

The Prayer After Holy Communion (Unison)

Dear God, as we leave this Communion table, we ask for your divine guidance in every aspect of our lives. In this new year, direct our steps, illuminate our paths, and grant us clarity in following your will. May your Holy Spirit be our constant guide. And may our lives be a blessing to so many others this new year through; In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Carol #151 *We Three kings of Orient Are*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Rise Up Shepherds and Follow*

traditional, arr. Mark Hayes

Brenda Slick, *piano*



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

*Hosted by Special Events
Dee & Kim*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 1/5 SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
10:00 am **Worship** with Communion
Coffee Fellowship / First Sunday Food Drive
Prayers for Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Monday 1/6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
EPIPHANY is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.

Tuesday 1/7 6:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting
6:30 pm Worship Meeting

Wednesday 1/8 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Prayer Circle
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday 1/9 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting
6:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday 1/12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD
10:00 am **Worship**
Prayers for Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Chelsea White
Nancy McIntyre	Tim Reed
Patti Sechrist	Lynne Leap
Alan Shope	Gail Guyton
Tim Walck	Cheryl Luger
Mary Lou Riddle	Marvin & Nancy Rice
Mindy Grosh	Jon Davis
Michael Paylor	David Myers
Mary Buhl	Liz McCarty
Cullen Gaston	Cameron Kingsley
Bob & Sandy Seidel	Virginia Vallillo
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Frank Marconi
Aaron Frick	Robin Wingert
Ray Spitz	Kenny Reed
Rev. Bill Beck	Todd Smith
Dan Patton	For the hungry
Bethany Yeager	For the imprisoned
Penny Mohler	For those who are alone
Cathy Thomas	For those who are grieving
Sue Lum	For those who cannot forgive
Rowan Stotler	For all weighed down by difficulty
Sandra Meadows	For the marginalized and unwelcomed
Frank & Tracey Toston	For all of God's people
Archer Hohl	
Leona Cain	
Sally Snyder	



Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to you, knowing that we are your beloved children. Our faith requires we rest in your infinite mercies.

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**



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.