

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 12, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The Baptism of the Lord

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Don Potter
LiturgistKelsey Marshall
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Patti Divelbiss
Sunday School & Nursery..... Keri Papa, Debbie Wine
Audio/Video Tech..... Ben Herrmann
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

Rev. Don Potter resides in Dillsburg. He retired at the end of 2015 and since that time has been doing pulpit supply across Carlisle Presbytery. He pastored three PA churches in his 40-year ministry, currently serving as Pastor of Visitation at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. He enjoys travelling by ship, reading, walking, and birdwatching.

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

Let our eyes and hearts be open to the presence of the Lord as we worship and let us renew our baptismal commitment to follow in the way of Jesus Christ as faithful disciples.

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Arioso*

John Dixon

Patti Divelbiss, *organ*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: By the Spirit of God we are called to service.

All: In the wilderness of life we make our witness to Jesus Christ.

Leader: Through the waters of baptism we are claimed.

All: We are set apart and commissioned to do God's will in our world today.

*Hymn 484 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we have not lived as people baptized into new life. We have dragged our old sins with us from the past into this new year. We have not lived as people filled with your Spirit. We have brought the world's lies and illusions into this church and into our relationship with one another. Wash us clean and temper us with your holy fire. Forgive us and lead us to be the hands and heart, the peace and hope of our brother, Jesus. In his name we admit our personal sin to you in silence.

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Not one of us is without sin and who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died for us, he rose for us, he reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: All who are in Jesus Christ become a new creation. The old life is gone; the new life has begun through the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives our sins. Thanks be to God.

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Anthem *Come to the Water* John Foley, arr. Jack Schrader

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message *Finding His Way*

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*Hymn 375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

*Hymn *Baptized in Water (see next page)*

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9

Gaelic melody

Michael A. Saward, 1981

Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G F G C

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

Em Am Em G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ, our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing the
tomb with Christ, our King: One with His ris - ing. Freed and for -
sign of Christ, our King: Born of the Spir - it, We are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing,
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing,
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Douglas Wagner

Patti Divelbiss, organ



*Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship
in the Social Room after Worship.*

All Are Welcome!

Hosted by Erin Herrmann

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 1/12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:00 am **Worship**

Prayers for Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill

Monday 1/13 6:30 pm Old Home Week Committee Mtg

Tuesday 1/14 6:30 pm Mission/Outreach Committee Mtg

Wednesday 1/15 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 1/16 6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Sunday 1/19 PER CAPITA SUNDAY

10:00 am **Worship**

Special Called Congregational Meeting following Worship

Prayers for Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill

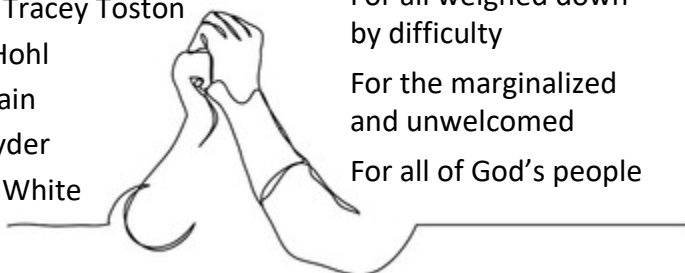
2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers

3:00 pm Faithful Families Bowling

Nellie Fox Bowling Alley, Chambersburg

PRAYER CONCERNS

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



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.

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*

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.