

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



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 26, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgist .....Albert Miller  
Musicians ..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Greg Strine  
Sunday School & Nursery..... Mindy Barnhart, Erin Herrmann  
Acolyte .....  
Audio/Video Tech.....  
Closer..... Paul Sauder

**GPC Men’s Chorus** – Randall Ackerman, Fred Davison, Brian Keck,  
Barry Leap, Greg Strine, Tom Thomas, Craig Welterlen, Allan Wilson

**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

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

\* *Please stand as able*

## **Centering Thought**

*Gideon was seeking confirmation on his terms  
rather than God's*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude    *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*    arr. Chris Rice  
Greg Strine, *piano*

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bless the Lord

**People: whose presence dwells in our town and  
covers the face of the earth.**

Leader: Come, let us bless the Lord

**People: in whom we find safety and refuge.**

Leader: Come, let us bless the Lord

**People: who offers the needy abundance and provides  
the wronged with justice.**

Leader: Come, let us bless the Lord

**People: who strengthens and sustains us on our  
sacred journey.**

Leader: Come, let us bless the Lord

**People: and worship our Creator, Redeemer, and  
Sustainer.**

\*Opening Praise    *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

# 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O \_\_\_\_\_ my soul.

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. \_\_\_\_\_ Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul. I'll wor-ship His ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_

VERSES 1 & 2

The You're

sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing. It's time to sing Your song  
rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your

heart a - gain. What - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be  
is kind. For all \_\_\_\_\_ Your good - ness I'll keep \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

fore me, let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning  
sing - ing, ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to

comes. Bless the And on that day when my  
find.

1, 2. VERSE 3

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near and my time has come,

still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing,  
to CHORUS

ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more. Bless the

\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Insight (Unison)

**Dear God, when we find ourselves in dark moments, we seek Your comforting light. Life's challenges can often seem overwhelming, so we ask for Your presence to guide us through your Word. Illuminate us with hope, reminding us that Your love is greater than any darkness we face.**

The First Scripture Reading

Judges 6:1-16

The Anthem (*see note\**)

*Prayer of the Children*

Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea S. Klouse

GPC Men's Chorus

The Second Scripture Reading

Judges 6:17-40

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks Be to God!**

The Message **Gideon's Fleece**

-Pastor Robert Cook

Response The Apostle's Creed

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Prayer Hymn *Blessing (Psalm 20)*  
(see next page)

Greg Scheer

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

\*The Doxology #606

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

\*The Closing Hymn #815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fear*

\*The Blessing

Postlude *How Great Thou Art*

arr. Chris Rice

Greg Strine, *piano*

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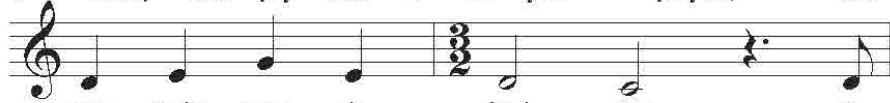
\*Originally composed as he saw Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian children (and adults) ravaged by the Yugoslav wars in the 1990s, Kurt Bestor later also dedicated this song — "Prayer of the Children" — to the children lost in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012. Today, we offer this song for all children who have suffered under the ravages of war, and violence in our streets and schools throughout the world.

# Blessing

Greg Scheer



1. May God give an - swer when you call, and  
 2. May you take all you have and do to  
 3. May God pay heed to all your prayers, and



may God's name de - fend you to  
 be to - day your off'r - ing, and  
 5 may we know the an - swer, re -



shield you from what harms be - fall and  
 give to God in love and truth, in  
 7 joic - ing with you as you share the



with great love be - friend you, then  
 hap - pi - ness and suff'r - ing, May  
 9 good - ness God shall grant you. Some



when at last the shad - ows fall, with  
 God send mer - cy fil - ling you, your  
 11 trust in arms and some in pow'r, but



shep - herd's care yet tend you, and  
 heart's de - sires un - cov'r - ing, with  
 13 we shall trust in heav - en, and



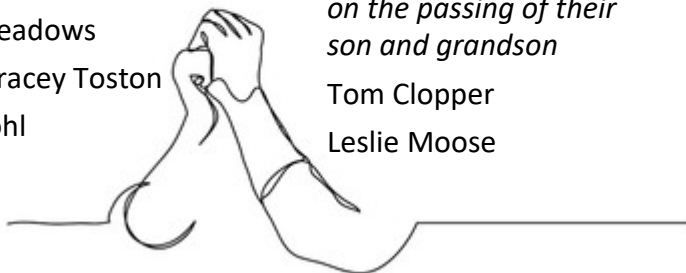
may you see God's hand in all, where -  
 grac - es pour - ing in - to you, and  
 15 trust still more in eve - ry hour the



e'er your road may send you.  
 peace up - on you hov'r - ing  
 vict' - ry God has giv - en.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Leona Cain
Nancy McIntyre	Sally Snyder
Patti Sechrist	Chelsea White
Alan Shope	Tim Reed
Tim Walck	Lynne Leap
Mary Lou Riddle	Gail Guyton
Mindy Grosh	Marvin & Nancy Rice
Michael Paylor	Jon Davis
Mary Buhl	David Myers
Cullen Gaston	Liz McCarty
Bob & Sandy Seidel	Cameron Kingsley
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Virginia Vallillo
Aaron Frick	Frank Marconi
Ray Spitz	Robin Wingert
Rev. Bill Beck	Kenny Reed
Dan Patton	Todd Smith
Bethany Yeager	Jeff Shank
Penny Mohler	John Stanton
Cathy Thomas	Gwendelyn Marra
Sue Lum	Eric & Neta Todd and Jeff & Connie Todd <i>on the passing of their son and grandson</i>
Rowan Stotler	Tom Clopper
Sandra Meadows	Leslie Moose
Frank & Tracey Toston	
Archer Hohl	



*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.*

## The Special Called Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2025.

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**In Memoriam:** Diane was inaugurated into full-time service with her Creator on Monday, January 20. She will be greatly missed by her GPC family. Her credentials read well having participated in the many children's sermons with her earthly preaching master Kelsey Marshall. She was indeed good and faithful in her service.



Dear GPC Family,

Our congregation has always had a heart for the kind on mission that brings help through our hands, hope through our friendship and love from our hearts. One longstanding Mission commitment we have maintained is our connection with the Laurel Community Mission in Kentucky. Polly Coulter, a native Kentuckian and a member of the Laurel Mission Trip group last September will present a review of the trip on February 16, during the worship service. Please plan to attend and get acquainted firsthand through Polly's presentation.

—Your GPC Mission Committee

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### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday 1/26 10:00 am**    **Worship**  
3:00 pm    Faithful Families Bowling  
Nellie Fox Bowling Alley, Chambersburg  
*Prayers for First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle*

**Wednesday 1/29 9:00 am**    Prayer Circle  
6:00 pm    Bell Choir  
7:00 pm    Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm    Ladies AA Meeting

**Sunday 2/2 10:00 am**    **Worship with Communion**  
*Prayers for Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle*

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