

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 FEBRUARY 9, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### Special Called Congregational Meeting after Worship

#### SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgist ..... David Rutherford  
Musicians .....Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Patti Divelbiss  
Sunday School & Nursery..... Sue Bell, Kelly Kerstetter  
Acolyte .....  
Audio/Video Tech..... Jim Papa  
Closer..... Paul Sauder

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

\* *Please stand as able*

## Centering Thought

*Jepthah speaks to us of what happens when  
we give ourselves to the prevailing wisdom of the world.*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

arr. Susan E. Geschke

GPC Bell Choir

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: God alone is our refuge and hope,

**People: God is our shelter and protection.**

Leader: From our very first breath to our last,

**People: God's love and compassion never fail.**

Leader: We gather to lift our voices in praise of God.

**People: We bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.**

Leader: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

**People: Together, let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #329 *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**O Holy God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are held captive by our narrow understanding of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Although you have promised us your empowering love, we have sometimes been frightened of the future and have**

**failed to sense your presence in our past. Help us to feel your grace in the present moment and to trust you, to trust that you will be with us, no matter what happens in our future. 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, we ask for Your illumination in our thoughts and actions today. May Your light reveal the truth in our circumstances and help us to recognize the choices that honor You. Lead us away from confusion and into clarity. Help us to see things from Your perspective, understanding the deeper meaning behind each challenge we face. We commit our decisions to You and ask for Your guidance in every aspect of our life. Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading

Judges 11:1-11

The Anthem *The Greatest of These Is Love*

Anna Laura Page

The Second Reading

Judges 11:29-40

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks Be to God!**

The Message

**Be Careful Who You Trust**

*-Pastor Robert Cook*

Prayer Hymn

# Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-ous-ness, make thy way  
plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,  
thou, Lord, on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lead Me, Lord'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

WORDS: Based on Psalms 5:8; 4:8  
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME LORD  
Irr.

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

\*The Doxology #606

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

\*Hymn #816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

\*The Blessing

Postlude *Postlude on "Hyfrydol"*  
Patti Divelbiss, organ

Anna Laura Page



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

*All Are Welcome!*

*Hosted by the  
Christian Ed Committee*

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

**Sunday 2/9 10:00 am Worship**

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Coffee & Fellowship in the Social Room

*Prayers for Dickinson Presbyterian Church, Carlisle*

**Monday 2/10 6:30 pm Old Home Week Committee Mtg.**

**Tuesday 2/11 6:30 pm Mission/Outreach Committee Mtg.**

**Wednesday 2/12 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 2/13 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Mtg.**

6:30 pm Session Mtg.

**Friday 2/14 St. Valentine's Day**

**Sunday 2/16 10:00 am Worship / Coffee & Fellowship**

*Prayers for Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg*

2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers Group

6:00 pm Youth Group Mtg.

**Monday 2/17 Presidents' Day**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Archer Hohl
Nancy McIntyre	Leona Cain
Patti Sechrist	Sally Snyder
Alan Shope	Chelsea White
Tim Walck	Tim Reed
Mary Lou Riddle	Lynne Leap
Mindy Grosh	Gail Guyton
Michael Paylor	Marvin & Nancy Rice
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	Tom Clopper
Rowan Stotler	Leslie Moose
Sandra Meadows	Denny & Donna Bingaman
Frank & Tracey Toston	Pete Stanakis

*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.*

Help GPC Christian Ed reach our goal of making a difference in our communities. Whether you're a sports fan or not, it's a chance to be part of something bigger. Let's make this year's Souper Bowl of Caring the most successful one yet!



***Together, we can tackle hunger – one donation at a time!***

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

## ***You're Invited***

*Page and Cindy Etchison invite the congregation to attend a showing of artwork by Page's father – Bruce Etchison at the Washington County Arts Council between March 6 and April 1, 2025.*

*Works will include oil paintings, etchings, lithographs, and water color, with a variety of subjects represented.*

*The Arts Council is located at 34 S. Potomac Street (Suite 100) in Hagerstown (across from the Maryland Theater).*

*Phone: 301-791-3132*

*Hours are*

*Tuesday – Friday 11a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.*

