

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 FEBRUARY 16, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist Sheila Gates
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Brenda Slick, Patti Divelbiss
Sunday School & Nursery.....Mindy Barnhart, Diane Mills
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

Rahab believed in the God of Israel and trusted the promise the spies made to her. Moreover, her conversion shows that God is always willing to forgive and give a new opportunity, regardless of the person's past.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Above All* Baloché & LeBlanc arr. Mark Hayes
Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: Bless the name of the Lord and proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*Hymn #614 *Great are You Lord*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive our turning away from your will, our ignoring the cries of our neighbors, our preference for what is least nourishing, even for ourselves. Remove our faults from us, that we may be nourished for eternal life starting now. 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 #582

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Insight (Unison)

Dear Lord, we seek Your guidance as we make crucial decisions in our lives and for our church. We ask for Your illumination to shine on us, guiding us toward the choices that align with Your will. Help us to trust in Your timing and to have faith in the direction You lead us. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Joshua 2:1-24

The Anthem *O Love Divine*
Fred Davison, *baritone*

Heather Sorenson
Patti Divelbiss, *conductor*

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:1-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks Be to God!

The Message

The Faith of Rahab, the Harlot -Pastor Robert Cook

Response (Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Thanks be to God!

Praise Song *Light of the World*

(see next page)

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 #42 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Praise His Greatness

Michael W. Smith arr. Mark Hayes

Brenda Slick, *piano*

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Ed, Scott, Martin & Franni Cash
and Andrew Berghold

CHORUS

Musical score for the chorus of "Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)". The score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "Sing hal - le - lu - jah, sing hal - le - lu - jah, sing hal - le - lu - jah for the things He has done. Come and adore Him, bow down before Him. Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Light of the world." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

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

All Are Welcome!

*Hosted by the Deacon Care Cell #2
Deb Shank and Deb Miller*

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	John Stanton
Penny Mohler	Gwendelyn Marra
Cathy Thomas	Tom Clopper
Sue Lum	Leslie Moose
Rowan Stotler	Denny & Donna Bingaman
Sandra Meadows	Pete Stanakis
Frank & Tracey Toston	

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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 Meeting

Monday 2/17 Presidents' Day

Wednesday 2/19 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 2/20 6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting
7:30 pm Pastoral Nominating Committee Mtg

Sunday 2/23 10:00 am **Worship / Coffee & Fellowship**
Prayers for Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg

You Are 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).*

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PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), representatives of the whole congregation and elected by the congregation last Sunday, have the ultimate responsibility for nominating a minister for election as the next pastor or associate pastor. Over time, the PNC will journey through the pastoral search process, seeking to hear the call of Christ and *“to participate in God’s own choice”* for our next pastor.

The PNC will meet Thursday, February 20, 2025 in the Edwards Room.

The words 'Thank You' are written in a large, elegant, black cursive script on a light beige background.

Many thanks for all your prayers during and after my procedure. Everything went as expected. I'm spending the recovery time relaxing, reading, and enjoying my furbies!

*Sincerely,
Pam Knepper*
