

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 23, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook

Liturgist Sue Bell

Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Greg Strine, Brian Keck

Sunday School & Nursery.....Mindy Barnhart, Jennifer Miller Smith

Acolyte

Audio/Video Tech..... Ben Herrmann

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

Pray for all of those who might be thought of as ‘enemy’ or despicable, calling to mind all hopeless cases, those who are overlooked and neglected. Hope that they may experience kindness and love and that any who describe them negatively may be given the vision that Jesus had.

The Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Mark Hayes

Greg Strine, 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 #276 *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

Brian Keck, trumpet

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. So 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

Glory Be to the Father

J. Frederick Davison

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, — and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost,
5 As it was in the be - gin - ning, — is now, and ev - er shall be,
9 world with - out end. A - men.

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

*The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Anthem *Total Praise* Richard Smallwood, arr. Keith Christopher

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Pastor: This is the Word of Our Lord!

All: thanks be to God!

The Message

The Difficult Words of Jesus

-Pastor Robert Cook

Response to the Word: **Nicene Creed**

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Hymn #695 *Change My Heart, O God*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

A Time of Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn #756 *O God of Every Nation*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Mark Hayes

Greg Strine, piano



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

All Are Welcome!

Hosted by

Barbara Larew Adams

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Frank & Tracey Toston
Nancy McIntyre	Archer Hohl
Patti Sechrist	Leona Cain
Alan Shope	Sally Snyder
Tim Walck	Chelsea White
Mary Lou Riddle	Tim Reed
Mindy Grosh	Lynne Leap
Michael Paylor	Gail Guyton
Mary Buhl	Marvin & Nancy Rice
Cullen Gaston	David Myers
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

*Please pray for the family of **Leona Cain**, mother of Debbie Wine, who went to be with Our Lord on Monday, February 17, 2025.*

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 2/23 8:45 am Bible Study
10:00 am **Worship** / Coffee & Fellowship

Prayers for Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg

Wednesday 2/26 9:00 am Prayer Circle
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Sunday 3/2 8:45 am Bible Study
10:00 am **Worship with Communion**
First Sunday Food Drive / Coffee & Fellowship
6:00 pm Youth Group Confirmation Mtg
Prayers for Hope Presbyterian Church, Dauphin

Tuesday 3/4 6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Mtg
6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg

Wednesday 3/5 ASH WEDNESDAY / LENT BEGINS
9:00 am Prayer Circle
12:00 pm Ashes-to-go (*Baltimore Street Entrance*)
No Bell Choir
6:15 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

Thursday 3/6 6:00 pm Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

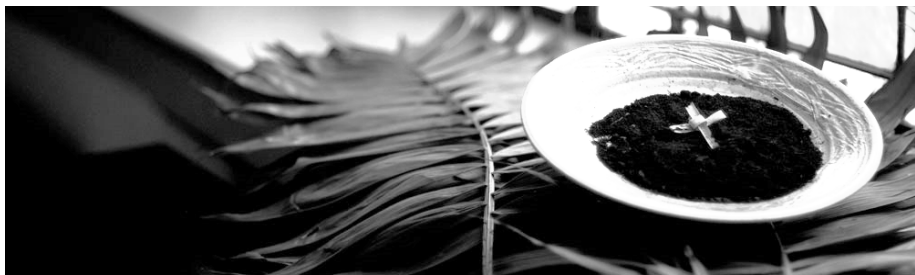


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The Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday (March 5th this year) begins the penitential season of Lent. I always look forward to this season as an opportunity to practice the spiritual disciplines with increased attention and as a way of making the Easter season that follows so much more joyful and fulfilling.

We will continue the practice of offering ashes to go to anyone at noon time on March 5th – regardless of the weather. At 7 pm we will host an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. To wear the mark of ashes is to say we humbly offer ourselves to God knowing our mortality our desire to turn from sin. People are marked with the symbol of the cross, which symbolizes the love of God in Christ to our world and hope that all Christians have of new life in Jesus. We hope you will make it a point to come to the evening service. And if you are passing the church at noon on Ash Wednesday, stop by for the imposition of Ashes. It is a blessing to you and a public witness of your faith Jesus.



Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



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).*

Phone: 301-791-3132

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