

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 MARCH 2, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Transfiguration of the Lord

### SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgist..... Anne Larew  
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick, Kaylynn Leap  
Communion Servers..... Brian Keck, Chris Johnston,  
Dee Patton, Jenn Robertson  
Sunday School & Nursery..... Erin Herrmann, JoAnne Lewis  
Acolyte.....  
Audio/Video Tech..... Jim Papa  
Closer..... Paul Sauder

#### GPC Bell Choir

Fred Davison, Conductor

Mary Ann Ackerman, Brian Keck, Kelly Kerstetter,  
Barry Leap, Liam Papa, Dee Patton, Dot Wilson

\* Please stand as able

## Centering Thought

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." — St. Catherine of Siena*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Susan E. Geschke

GPC Bell Choir

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to God;

**People: through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

Leader: we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

**People: whom alone we worship and serve.**

Leader: Let us offer our worship to God our Creator!

\*The Opening

*We Belong to God (Psalm 100)*

Deanna Wikowski

(see next page)

\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**We trust in you, O God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love you created the world good and make everyone equally in your image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against you; we hide from you, our Creator. Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves, accept lies**

# We Belong to God

Based on Psalm 100

Winner of the 2017 Annual Hymn Search  
of The Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada

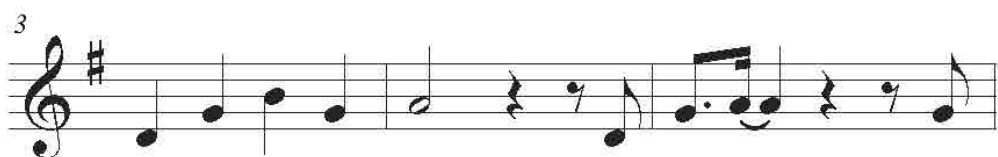
Deanna Wikowski

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Refrain



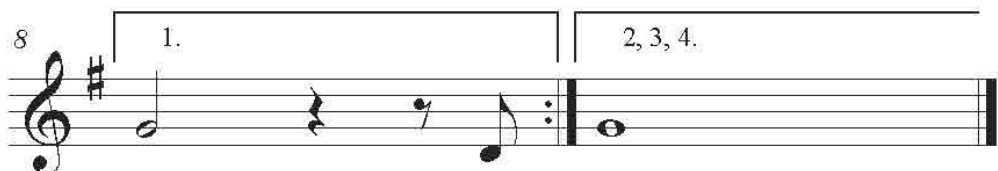
With sing-ing we make a joy-ful noise and



join with all the earth. In sing-ing God's



pres - ence is here: we wor - ship and are



glad. With glad.

**as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve your anger and judgment, O God; yet you act with love, justice and mercy to redeem creation. We are humbled before you. Amen. (Silent prayer)**

\*Declaration of Pardon

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 Illumination (Unison)

**Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Anthem *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*  
Kaylynn Leap, *clarinet*  
(see next page)

Michael Burkhardt

\*The Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Message

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

\*The Doxology #606

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you! (Share Christ's peace with those around you)**

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

# Jesus, on the Mountain Peak

**Choir:** *Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the Prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**All:**

Je - sus is the cho - sen One,  
liv - ing hope of ev - 'ry na - tion,  
hear and heed him, ev - 'ry - one;  
sing, with earth and all cre - a - tion,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia!

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Communion Hymn #510 *We Gather Here in Jesus Name*

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. When our ancestors were slaves in Egypt, strangers in the land, you saw our suffering, heard our cries, and came to deliver us—bringing us out of captivity into a land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Jesus taught us to seek nourishment in your Word, to worship and serve you alone, and to commit our lives to your providence and protection.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With

thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world. Put your word of faith on our lips and in our hearts so that we may confess that Jesus Christ the Lord is risen from the dead. Save us when we call upon your name!

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

We Share in Holy Communion Together

A Prayer After Holy Communion (Unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go out from here to give ourselves in love and kindness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Closing Hymn #193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

\*The Blessing

The Postlude *Praise His Greatness*

arr. Mark Hayes

Brenda Slick, *piano*

The fresh white flowers in the Sanctuary this morning  
are offered to the Glory of God and sponsored  
by the Presbyterian Women



*Please join us for  
Coffee & Fellowship in the  
Social Room after Worship.  
All Are Welcome!  
Hosted by  
Special Events - Becky & Sue*

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

**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

**Sunday 3/9** 8:45 am Bible Study  
10:00 am **Worship** / Coffee & Fellowship



## **GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY**

Monthly more than 120 families are blessed when they visit the Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity to help families in need.

**MARCH DATES:** Thursday 3/6 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday 3/12 and 3/19 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**MARCH NEEDS:** Cereal, Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic, Rice Mixes, Pasta Mixes, Potato Mixes, Soups, Salad Dressing, Peanut Butter  
Non-perishable donations are always appreciated.

## **“BLUE-OUT SUNDAY”**

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team (PDA) has designated the first Sunday in Lent as “Wear your blue shirt to church Sunday”. (See article in Mar newsletter for more details) In support of this great cause, your Mission/Outreach Committee is asking everyone to wear BLUE on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Also, there will also be a special offering that day to support victims of the recent floods in KY, TN, WV, and VA. All funds collected will be given to the PDA targeted for distribution to these areas. All money collected goes to the need it is collected for as PDA doesn't keep any for administration fees.

*So, let's have ourselves a fabulous “BLUE-OUT” Sunday!!*

## **CHRISTIAN ED**

Thank you for the Souper Bowl of Caring donations – \$284 and almost 50 non-perishable items. The charity of this church is great!

## **LENTEN STUDY AT THE BRIO COFFEEHOUSE**

We will meet Thursday mornings through Lent at the Brio Coffeehouse at 10 AM to study Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Witness At The Cross." Dr. Levine reminds us in her book that the crucifixion of Jesus is not just something we read. Rather we are meant to experience it. Her book walks us through that last week before the cross to a deeper and profound understanding of what happened at the cross. Join us at the Brio, get your coffee, latte or tea and make this Lenten season a truly memorable one.

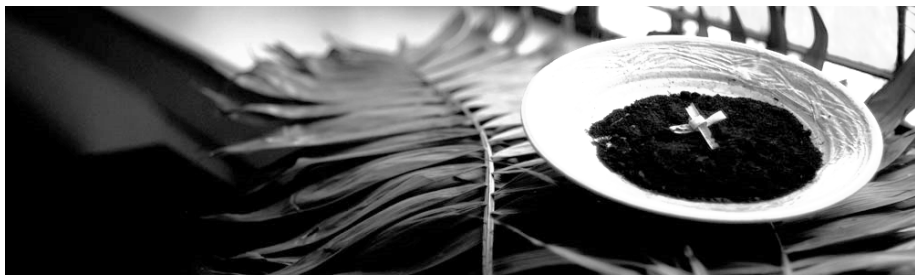
## **FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN**

Thank you, thank you, church members for your generosity!  
We emptied the Least Coin jars once in January and once in February . . . Presbytery has received \$114.00!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Sandra Meadows
Nancy McIntyre	Frank & Tracey Toston
Patti Sechrist	Archer Hohl
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	Frank Marconi
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Robin Wingert
Aaron Frick	Kenny Reed
Ray Spitz	Todd Smith
Rev. Bill Beck	John Stanton
Dan Patton	Gwendelyn Marra
Bethany Yeager	Tom Clopper
Penny Mohler	Leslie Moose
Cathy Thomas	Denny & Donna Bingaman
Sue Lum	Pete Stanakis
Rowan Stotler	Chris Miller

*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 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.*

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