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 9, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching Rev. Dr. Robert Cook				
Liturgist JoAnne Lewis				
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Patti Divelbiss,				
Marisabel Cordova				
Sunday School & NurseryKeri Papa, Dee Patton				
Acolyte				
Audio/Video Tech Ben Herrmann				
CloserPaul Sauder				
<u>Bell Choir</u> – Mary Ann Ackerman, Fred Davison, Brian Keck,				
Kelly Kerstetter, Barry Leap, Kaylynn Leap, Liam Papa, Dee Patton,				
Dot Wilson				
<u>Chancel Choir</u> – 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				

Centering Thought

Everyone has a time in the wilderness. Jesus will find us there and show us the way through.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude Jesus, Lover of My Soul Lyndell Leatherman Patti Divelbiss, organ

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

People: Jesus went into the city to heal.

Leader: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

People: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Leader: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

People: Jesus also went to the wilderness.

Leader: There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us. Let us worship God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

*Hymn #618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power— Teach us a new way. Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth—

Teach us a new way. Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control— Teach us a new way. Teach us to live as you live. Teach us to love as you love. Forgive us when we don't—and teach us your way. Gratefully we pray, amen. *The Assurance of Pardon and Peace with God Leader: Hear the Good News: by the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and released from our sin.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading		Deuterono	0 my 26:1-11	
The Anthem	-	<i>O Lord</i> pel Cordova, <i>so</i>		ip Stopford
*The Gospel Reading]	Luke 4:1-13
Pastor: This	is the Word	of the Lord!		
All: Thank	s be to Goo	1!		
The Message				
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Hymn #167	Forty Days	and Forty Nig	ihts	
Joys, Cares an	nd Concerns			
The Pastoral I	Prayer			
The Lord's Pra	ayer (Unisor	n)		
*The Doxolog	y #606			

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*Hymn #546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Postlude on "What Wondrous Love Is This" Patti Divelbiss, organ John Dixon



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

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!



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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 3/98:45 amBible Study10:00 amWorship / Coffee & FellowshipPrayers for Monaghan Presbyterian Church, Dillsburg

Wednesday 3/12	9:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry Prayer Circle Bell Choir Chancel Choir Ladies AA Meeting
Thursday 3/13	10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Lenten Book Study at Brio Presbyterian Women Meeting Session Meeting
Sunday 3/16	8:45 am 10:00 am	Bible Study Worship / Coffee & Fellowship

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

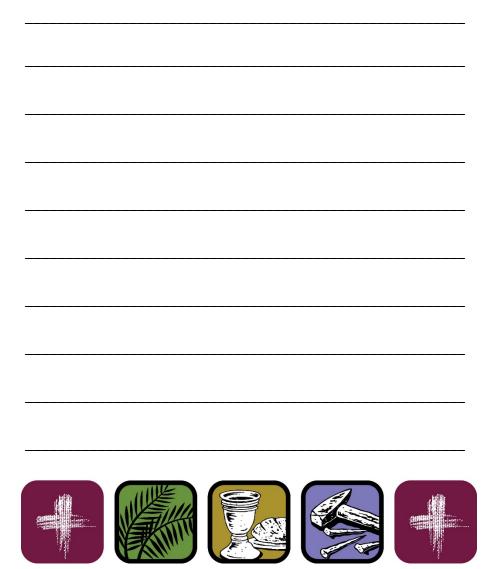
Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to you, knowing that we are your beloved children. Our faith requires we rest in your infinite mercies.



March 5, 2025 Dear SPC friends, Thank you for your many acts of kindrees during my mans illness + death. your afferings of food, prayere, cards, tents, I trips to Berryville for the visitations fimeral were appreciated greatty. She had been with Hospice since gune and was on the church prayer list since June as well. Thank you again for your sympathy shown to my family + to me.

Blessing, Debbie Wine

GPC Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 6 following the Worship Service.



Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ you know the tests and trials we face. Walk with us through this wilderness.