

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 23, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgist ..... Sheila Gates  
Musicians ..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Greg Strine  
Sunday School & Nursery..... Polly Coulter, Sue Bell  
Acolyte .....  
Audio/Video Tech..... Jim Papa  
Closer..... Paul Sauder

**Bell Choir** – Mary Ann Ackerman, Fred Davison, Brian Keck,  
Kelly Kerstetter, 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**

*God's love came to us in a person and not in a system.*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude    *What Wondrous Love Is This*                      arr. Jay Rouse  
Greg Strine, piano

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: We come because we seek God, father, mother, divine parent.

**People: Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.**

Leader: We come because we hunger for Christ.

**People: Jesus will feed us with hope and will replace our emptiness with grace.**

Leader: We come because we thirst for the Spirit.

**People: Who fills our yearning for peace, who ends the drought of justice.**

Leader: We come because God is gracious, merciful, loving, and faithful.

***All: Let us worship our sovereign God in Spirit and in truth.***

\*Hymn #386    *Come Worship God*

\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved**

**our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

\*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

\*The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Anthem *Who is the Lamb*

Lloyd Larson

\*The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

The Message

Hymn #47 *Bless All Who Trust in God*

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 #694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

\*The Blessing

The Postlude *There Is A Redeemer* arr. Greg Strine  
Greg Strine, piano

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

*All Are Welcome!*

*Hosted by Care Cell #3*

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

**Sunday 3/23** 8:45 am Bible Study  
10:00 am **Worship** / Coffee & Fellowship  
*Prayers for East Waterford Presbyterian Church*

**Wednesday 3/26** 9:00 am Prayer Circle  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

**Thursday 3/27** 10:00 am Lenten Book Study at Brio  
6:30 pm New Membership Meeting

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Sally Snyder
Patti Sechrist	Chelsea White
Alan Shope	Tim Reed
Tim Walck	Lynne Leap
Mary Lou Riddle	Gail Guyton
Mindy Grosh	Marvin & Nancy Rice
Michael Paylor	David Myers
Cullen Gaston	Frank Marconi
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Kenny Reed
Aaron Frick	Todd Smith
Ray Spitz	John Stanton
Rev. Bill Beck	Gwendelyn Marra
Dan Patton	Tom Clopper
Bethany Yeager	Leslie Moose
Penny Mohler	Denny & Donna Bingaman
Cathy Thomas	Pete Stanakis
Sue Lum	Chris Miller
Rowan Stotler	Cheryl Hill
Frank & Tracey Toston	Rosie Luzier
Archer Hohl	Irene Blackburn



Remember in prayer the family of **Sandra Meadows**,  
who passed away with peace on January 8, 2025.

We join in mourning with Pam Knepper at the  
loss of her brother, **Steven Weaver**  
who passed away on March 14, 2025.

*Praying for someone by name is one way we can do  
something very real to help those suffering.  
God loves us all and knows our needs.*

## LENTEN STUDY AT THE BRIO COFFEEHOUSE

Meet Thursday mornings through Lent at the Brio Coffeehouse 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.

## OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE

It's a great time to add a GPC shirt to your wardrobe. Choose from an embroidered synthetic collared pullover shirt in men's & women's cut or, a screened 50/50 ply cotton t-shirt. These attractive shirts will be great to wear anytime you are volunteering for a church activity.

Order forms are available for pick up in the vestibule. You may also print the same order form from our church website at [www.visitgpcpa.org](http://www.visitgpcpa.org).

**Shirt orders will be taken from March 16 – April 7.** All shirts are Royal Blue with the NEW church logo on the upper left front. Men's & women's staff shirts cost \$31; adult & youth t-shirts are \$8. Feel free to direct any questions to our shirt committee, Sue Thompson, Cindy Marconi or Randall Ackerman.

## **All-NEW GPC Staff & T-Shirts**



- Men's & Woman's **Royal Blue** synthetic, non-transparent Staff Shirt with **full-colored** embroidered church LOGO place on upper front left front  
**\$31 each**
- Adult & Youth **Royal Blue** T-Shirts 50/50 Poly-cotton - white screened church logo on upper left front  
**\$8 each**

[Follow this link for Order Form and secure online payment](#)

# Becoming a Member at GPC

The membership statement of the Presbyterian Church (USA) reads: *“Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.”*

Church member is an act of faith, a public witness of your trust in Christ and a way of living out your faith in service within the congregation and out in the larger community. The only pre-requisite for joining *any* PC(U.S.A.) congregation is confessing your faith in Jesus Christ. Our goals for the Membership Class are to increase our awareness and understanding of:

- **The central beliefs of the Christian faith in the Reformed tradition**
- **The Vision of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church**
- **How the Presbyterian Church is a democratically organized Church**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 27**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Edwards Room**

The class provides opportunities for:

- **Making or deepening your commitment to Jesus Christ**
- **Making friends within the class and within the congregation**
- **Making commitment to specific connections with the church where your spiritual gifts can make a difference.**

We invite you to be part of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church! As you become a member of this fellowship, we trust that God has brought us together, and that we are a help and a benefit to each other as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. There are three ways to become a member:

1. Make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and, if you have not been previously baptized, be baptized.
2. Join by a transfer of your church membership from a church where you are currently a member.
3. Reaffirm your faith, if you have been previously baptized and have made a public profession of faith.



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

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with flowers this Easter, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate, along with a check made payable to **Greencastle Presbyterian Church**, marked "Easter Flowers." Please mark your selections below, and circle your color choice(s).

### THE ORDER WILL BE PLACED ON MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

- Lilies** .....(5-6 blooms / 6" pot)..... \$16.00
- Tulips**    Yellow    Pink    .....(6 blooms / 6" pot)..... \$12.00
- Daffodils**    .....(6" pot)..... \$12.00
- Hyacinths**    Blue    White    ..... (3 blooms / 6" pot)..... \$12.00

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my flower(s) after the Easter morning service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use my contribution to purchase a flower for a shut-in.



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