

In response to God’s love and grace, through Jesus Christ, we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MARCH 30, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

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

Liturgist Brooklyn Barnhart

Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Jane Peatling, Trevor Timmons

Sunday School & Nursery... Racheal Bowman, Mary Ann Ackerman

Acolyte

Audio/Video Tech.....Jim Papa

Closer..... Paul Sauder

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

Being lost is worth the being found.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Lenten Prayers*

Gerald Custer

GPC Bell Choir

*The Call to Worship (*Jeremiah 29:11-13*)

Leader: For I know the plans I have for you, says God,

All: Plans for your good and not your harm, plans to give you a future with hope.

Leader: When you call upon God, God will hear you.

All: When you search for God, you will find God; if you seek with all your heart.

Leader: I will let you find me, says the Lord, I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where you have been driven.

All: I will bring you back home from your exile.

*Hymn #177 *I Will Come to You / You Are Mine*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, we confess we sometimes think of ourselves as less than you think of us. We think we're incapable of being who you would have us be. We moan and complain, yet inside we're terrified. Help us find our hope and strength in you. Help us to believe that your gospel is more than just an old, old story, but peace for today and hope for tomorrow. As we're emboldened by your good news, give us strength to live anew. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: How do we know that we are forgiven? It is through Jesus Christ, who came for us, lived for us, died for us and who God raised from the grave for the whole world. It is 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)

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Larry Shackley

Jane Peatling, cello

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

*Response to the Word

I believe I need a shepherd.

**Because I am sometimes timid and other times
overconfident;**

**because I often don't know the best path yet pretend,
I do;**

**because I rush into dead ends or lead others into
hazardous places,**

**because my brightest ideas are seamed with
darkness,
because the things I crave may not be what is good for
me,
I need a shepherd.
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;
his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,
his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,
his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-
laden,
his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.
I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,
that I under his care by virtue of sheer grace,
the love he gives me is to be shared with others,
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for
me, that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.
I trust Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen. -Bruce Prewter**

*Hymn #473 *Shepherd Me, O 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 #722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Postlude in G Minor*

Trevor Timmons, *organ*

George Blake



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

All Are Welcome!

Hosted by the Herrmann Family

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 3/30 8:45 am Bible Study
 10:00 am **Worship** / Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday 4/1 6:30 pm Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday 4/2 9:00 am Prayer Circle
 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice
 7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday 4/3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 10:00 am Lenten Book Study at Brio
 6:30 pm Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

Saturday 4/5 9:00 am Spring Clean-up at GPC & MS

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

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS


We are collecting **individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt**. Donated item may be placed in the basket under the bunny near the sanctuary entrance.

Attention graduates! If you will be graduating this spring, please email the office so we may celebrate your accomplishment.

Summer Community Camp only has five (5) spots left! Reminder that registration is complete when payment has been received.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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



*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.*

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The dogwood tree is blooming, the ivy is spreading, the mulch needs freshened . . . Join the Property & Maintenance Team to make the church and cemetery look good. We offer fresh springtime air and exercise during this volunteer time!

Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

at the Church and at the Moss Spring Cemetery *We would appreciate any and all support to keep our properties looking their best.*

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.

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](#)



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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