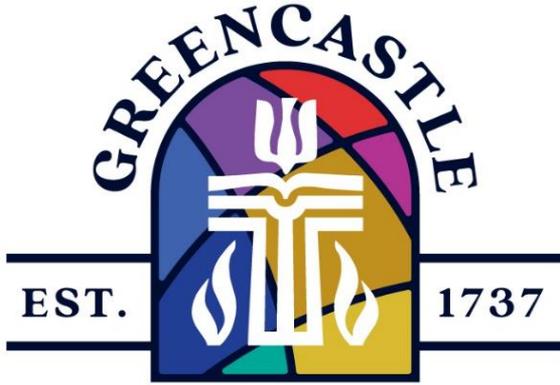


In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ,
we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



**PRESBYTERIAN
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 31, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist..... JoAnne Lewis
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick
Acolyte.....
Audio Video Tech Jeff Stouffer
Closer..... Paul Sauder

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

*A wise person should have money in their head,
but not in their heart." – Jonathan Swift*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

Music to Prepare the Heart for Worship

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

tune from Southern Harmony, with *Moments Musicaux*

Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Good morning! Please rise and join me in the call to worship:

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, startle us with your presence,
life-sustaining as air,
To open our heart to praise you,
To open our mind to attend you,
To open our spirit to worship you,
To open us to live life as authentically and boldly as
you lived yours.**

*Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*The Call to Confession

Pastor: Paul put it this way: I do not do the things I want. The very thing I do not want to do is what I do. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. Let us confess not just the sinful things we do, but the distorted values we hold and the disconnected lives we lead. Join me as we pray...

ALL: Have mercy upon us, O God, for sin clings so closely and its burden is great. Because of sin our hands are at our sides when they should reach out to others. Our knees are shaky when we should be

standing firm. We are victims of our own misdeeds; we cannot escape sin's weight on our lives. Through Christ's intercession lift the burden from us, and help us walk in freedom and in strength. (Silence)

***The Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to love and serve the Lord!

All: 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. *rit.* A - men.

The Children's Time with their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-16

Silent Reflection

Solo *If with All Your Hearts (from Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn
Brian Keck, *euphonium* Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Gospel Lesson Luke 14:1-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

The Message "Wayfaring Strangers" – Pastor Cook

Prayer Hymn #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and of Our Lives

*Closing Hymn#65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

He Keeps Me Singing Luther Bridgers arr. Bill Wolaver
Brenda Slick, *piano*



*Please join us for coffee,
refreshments, and fellowship
in the Social Room after Worship.
Hosted by Polly, Jenn, & JoAnne.
All Are Welcome!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Kenny Reed
Patti Sechrist	Todd Smith
Alan Shope	John Stanton
Tim Walck	Tom Clopper
Mary Lou Riddle	Leslie Moose
Mindy Grosh	Donna Bingaman
Michael Paylor	Jason Kinzer
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Jane Everetts
Rev. Bill Beck	Emmie White
Dan Patton	Stephanie & Mike and Alaina Klingensmith
Bethany Yeager	Joseph Hams
Penny Mohler	Terri Brust
Cathy Thomas	Helen Taulbee
Sue Lum	Doc Greenawalt
Frank & Tracey Toston	David Pickart
Sally Snyder	Greg Harmon
Chelsea White	Bonnie Speaks
Tim Reed	Cindy Widder
Lynne Leap	Donna & Sarah Stillwagon
Gail Guyton	Carla Vickers
Marvin & Nancy Rice	Kevin Taulbee
David Myers	
Frank Marconi	

Please pray for the family as they mourn the loss of **Rosie Luzier** who passed away. *Heavenly Father, God, give them peace, allow them to hear your comforting voice and know that you are God with us always.*



*Father of Mercies and
God of all comfort, we forfeit
our concerns to your loving
arms, knowing that we are
your beloved children.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 31

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Newville

Monday, September 1 LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2

6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, September 4

6:00 pm Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

Sunday, September 7

10:00 am **Worship** with Communion
Coffee Fellowship / First Sunday Food Drive
11:15 am Confirmation Class
5:30 pm GPC Youth Group Game Night & Sundae Bar
Prayers for Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Mifflin

Become a Part of the Music Ministry at GPC This Fall

In reality every member of our congregation who lifts their voice in song in worship is part of the music ministry at GPC. And if God has given you a musical gift why not share it by becoming a member of the GPC Bell Choir or Chancel Choir.

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir are active from September to mid-June. We rehearse on Wednesdays: Bells at 6:00 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm with our first rehearsals for the 2025-2026 year on September 3, 2025. There are also opportunities for instrumentalists to share their gifts as well.

If you have an interest in participating,
please contact Fred Davison, *Director of Music Ministries*
jfdavison50@gmail.com or (717) 375-2364



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A Season of Peace in your email inbox



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
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The Path Begins Here: A Call to Daily Reflection

We're a month away from A Season of Peace leading up to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and there's still time to join us in reflection and prayer.

Beginning Sept. 7 through Oct. 5, World Communion Sunday, you can receive a daily devotional in your inbox featuring Presbyterians that faithfully pursue(d) peace and justice.

These reflections invite you to:

Pause.

Reflect.

Pray.

And realign with God, who calls us toward peace.

You can sign up using this link <https://pcusa.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a3617d8799f77a05442289ad4&id=da44ff7fa7&e=7c25744808>

Thank you for your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

We are the Church. **Together.**

ATTENTION LADIES!

Interested in joining a group in the church that provides Bible study, discusses all matters of life and faith, where new relationships are formed and nurtured. You can find that group in the Presbyterian Women who meet the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. September through June in the Edwards Room.

Give Sue Thompson, Moderator a call at 717-729-2679 or just drop in bringing a friend! ~ **Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 1pm**

Join Us!



GPC Youth Group Game Night + Ice Cream Sundae Bar



**SUNDAY, SEPT 7
5:30 - 7 PM**



RSVP @ gpc.youth17225@gmail.com

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION: New flooring tile installation on the lower level of the church will begin on Monday, Sept. 15 through Friday, Sept. 26. This project will cause a disruption to many of you who have activities, rehearsals, and usage of the church building.

We will have use of the elevator from the parking lot / side door to the Sanctuary but not to the lower level. If you have questions, contact Carole Malin 717-658-4853 thistlelenn@gmail.com



GPC church picnic

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:00 am

Antrim Township Park

12315 Grant Shook Rd
Greencastle, PA 17225



Please bring a dish to share.
Chicken, drinks, & paper products
will be provided.

Restrooms are
available.

*You may wish to bring along your own lawn chair
and your friends!*



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WE ARE GOING TO BUILD A HOME FOR A FAMILY IN NEED



YOU CAN HELP . . .



JOIN US



PRAY FOR US



SUPPORT US

SEPTEMBER 20 - 27, 2025

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than receive.' -Acts 20:35

Follow this link to see pictures from the
GPC 2024 Mission Trip to Laurel Kentucky

<https://visitgpcpa.org/news/laurel-mission-trip-2024/>

GPC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook..... Interim Pastor
Dr. J. Frederick Davison..... Director of Music Ministry
Keri Papa Acting Director of Christian Education
Susan Miller..... Office Manager
Bonnie Speaks..... Finance Manager
Ryan Hock..... Custodian
Debbie Hock..... Custodian
Bryan Larew Groundskeeper

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2026

Anne Larew Worship
Racheal Bowman Christian Education
Jenn Robertson Clerk of Session

Class of 2027

JoAnne Lewis..... Finance
Carole Malin..... Property & Maintenance
Dee PattonSpecial Events

Class of 2028

Mary Ann Ackerman Mission / Outreach
Phil Pearce Personnel

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