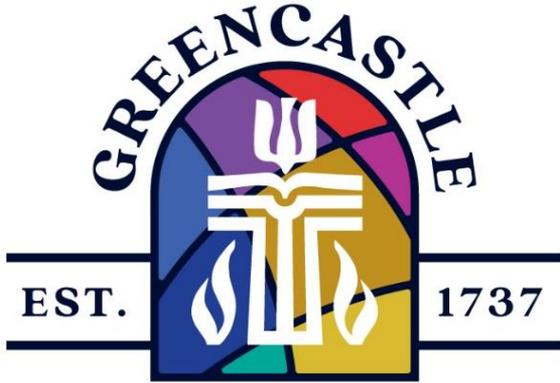


In response to God’s love and grace, through Jesus Christ,  
we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

**Rally Day & Confirmation Sunday**

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

Preaching ..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook  
Liturgists .....Brooklyn Barnhart, Nate Herrmann, Chloe Kingsley  
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison  
Liam Papa, Joyce Hopkins, Cindy Scanzello, Alicia Shemon  
Acolyte..... Brooklyn Barnhart  
Audio Video Tech ..... Jeff Stouffer  
Closer .....Paul Sauder

\* Please stand as able

## Centering Thought

*A Christian will never grow and mature in faith  
apart from a knowledge of scripture and preferably  
in study with other Christians.*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *It Is Well with My Soul with Then Sings My Soul*

Phillip Bliss, arranged by Gary Lanier

Alicia Shemon, *flute*      Cindy Scanzello, *violin*

Joyce Hopkins, *piano*

\*The Call to Worship

Nate Herrmann

Leader: God formed us into beings, breathing life into the  
dust of the earth.

**People: God formed us into the church, breathing life  
into human community.**

***All: Our hearts open to the leading of Christ; our  
minds open to the movement of the Spirit, for God is  
not finished with us.***

Leader: We are the church, always being reformed.

**All: We worship the living God!**

\*Hymn #286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

\*The Prayer of Confession

Brooklyn Barnhart

**Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves  
to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more  
attention to our possessions than to you. We try to  
hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of  
devotion to false gods. We are attracted to self-  
serving advice and pursuits that direct our steps away  
from you. We act without thinking or planning or**

**consulting with you. O God, show us the way to a better life. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Silent prayer)**

\*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: God in Christ forgives and reconciles us in love. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

\*The Gloria Patri #581

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

The Prayer for Illumination

Chloe Kingsley

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading

I Peter 2:4-10

Anthem *I Shall Not Be Afraid* Patricia Mock, arr. Faye Lopez  
Alicia Shemon, *flute* Cindy Scanzello, *violin*  
Joyce Hopkins, *piano*

\*The Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

**The Service of Confirmation for Brooklyn Barnhart, Nate Herrmann, Chloe Kingsley and Liam Papa**

Hymn #175 *Seek Ye First*

Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

\*The Doxology #606

\*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our lives

\*The Closing Hymn #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

\*The Blessing

Postlude *Great Is the Lord*

Michael W. Smith

Liam Papa, *tenor saxophone*

Joyce Hopkins, *piano*

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*Please join us for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship in the Social Room after Worship. Hosted by Christian Education & Special Events. All Are Welcome!*

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## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Saturday, September 20** Laurel, Kentucky Mission Trip

**Sunday, September 21**

10:00 am **Worship** with Coffee Fellowship

6:00 pm GPC Youth Group

*Prayers for Highland United Presbyterian Church, Newport*

**Wednesday, September 24**

9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

**Sunday, September 28**

8:45 am Fall Bible Study

10:00 am **Worship** with Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers Support Group

*Prayers for Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Newville*

## 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	Brandon Fisher
Frank Marconi	

Please pray for the family of **Brandon Rice**, who passed away suddenly this week. Brandon is the nephew of Brian and Bonnie Rice.

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Consoler, we turn to you in our hour of need. O Good Shepherd, lighten our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to bear this load. We place our trust in you. Amen.*

## **NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION**

New flooring tile installation on the lower level of the church began on Monday, Sept. 15 and is expected to end on or before Friday, Sept. 26. This project will cause a disruption to many of you who have activities, rehearsals, and usage of the church building. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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](mailto:thistlelenn@gmail.com)

## **LAUREL MISSION TEAM GOES TO KENTUCKY**

For many years GPC has partners with the Prince Street Church of the Brethren (Shippensburg) and since last year with Cornerstone Bible Church (Greencastle) in sending volunteers to the Laurel Mission Station in rural Kentucky. A variety of work experiences, such as construction, renovation, clothing and food bank work are carried out by our volunteers. We invite you to be in prayer for the volunteers from GPC as they embark on this year's mission, leaving Saturday, September 20.

Be in prayer daily for traveling mercies, good health, a positive experience and to get a lot done. It's God's work – using our hands.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY AT GPC**

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. There are also opportunities for instrumentalist to share their gifts as well.

If you would like to join this vital part of our Worship, please contact Fred Davison 626-590-4221 [jfdavison50@gmail.com](mailto:jfdavison50@gmail.com)

## **PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The PNC is still meeting regularly and reviewing applications from the CLC (Church Leadership Connection) database. Sadly, there are not enough quality applicants at this time. We are also researching additional advertising methods so that our job posting is reaching a wider audience.

## **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning Sunday, September 28 at 8:45 am in the Edwards Room, the Bible Study hosted by Erin Herrmann and Jim Papa will examine Psalm 23. The book entitled *"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"* by Phillip Keller accompanies this study but is optional. Participant guides can be obtained from Jim Papa. We will cover Lesson 1 in the Participant Guide (Chapter 1 in the book) The study runs for 12 weeks.

## **GPC YOUTH GROUP**

Our second meeting for Youth Group will be held this Sunday, Sept. 21, from 5:30-7. We'll have some fun, share a meal and talk about our commitment to the Commandments. Any questions, contact Colleen at 717-251-0669. Hope to see you there!"



## **HONORING DOT WILSON**

GPC recently celebrated the retirement of Dorthalee "Dot" Wilson.

Thank you for your many years of faithful service, commitment, and dedication to the church music ministry. We express our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

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## **GPC ANNUAL PICNIC**

Our Annual Picnic held Sunday, September 14, 2025 under a beautiful blue sky at the Greencastle-Antrim Community Park. Pastor Bob Cook led all in Worship and Fred Davison directed a Hymn Sing.



## **WELCOME NEWLY CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF GPC**

Liam Papa, Nate Herrmann, Chloe Kingsley, Brooklyn Barnhart

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ. – Galatians 3:27*