

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 November 9, 2025

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist..... Sue Bell
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Allan Wilson, Barbara Lange

GPC Bell Choir

Fred Davison, *Director*

Terry Davis	Kelly Kerstetter	Barry Leap
Joyce Hopkins	Berry Kline	Liam Papa
Brian Keck	Danielle Kline	Dee Patton

Acolyte..... Aubrey Smith
Sunday School Teachers..... Keri Papa, Colleen Seidel
Audio Video Tech Jeff Stouffer
Closer..... Paul Sauder

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

*On this day 87 years ago, the Holocaust began in Germany.
It was called Kristallnacht-the night of broken glass.
We remember it today because we must remember what
can happen when hatred is left unchallenged.*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson arr. Michael Helman

GPC Bell Choir

*The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Church, world, souls, memories, longings and desires
yearn for the ancient vision of the prophets to be fulfilled.

**Right side: The eyes blind shall be opened, And the
ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap
like a deer, and the tongues of the speechless sing for
joy.**

**Left side: For waters shall break forth in the
wilderness, and streams in the desert, the burning
sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground
springs of water.** (Isaiah 35: 5-7)

Leader: By the Spirit, a vision wells up in the people of God
who yearn for healing and restoration; for justice, not
terrorism; for forgiveness, not hate.

All: Jesus leads us in God's vision of Shalom.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Hymn #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, Creator of the infinite heavens, and the smallest grains of sand, You who are beyond time yet present in all our moments, we come before you in humility. You have called us to worship you, and yet we are more absorbed with skepticism than with awe. You call us to be one people, but we continue to focus on our differences and not on our commonalities. We have forgotten who we are—your people, created and called by you by the mercies of Jesus. We have lost our voices and too often we are silent when we see our sisters and brothers suffering under injustices you abhor.

Be merciful to us, O God, and give us the grace to be merciful to one another and to ourselves. Amen.

(Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace with God

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The Anthem *A Giving Place*

Heather Sorenson

Allan Wilson, *tenor*

Lord, make this church a giving place,
a house of prayer, a sacred space,
a chapel of Your boundless grace.
Lord, make this church a giving place.

Lord, make this church an open door,
where ev'ry word redeems, restores,
a healing room for evermore.
Lord, make this church an open door.

Lord, build this church with broken hearts,
on fragile jars of clay.
Through wounded windows shine Your light
in a thousand glorious ways.

Lord, make this church a light of hope,
a beacon bright, a welcome home,
a gathering where Your love is shown
Lord, make this church a giving place.

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: thanks be to God!

The Message

Response to the Word The Apostles Creed

Pg. 35

*Hymn #343 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn #708 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Tedd Smith
Barbara Lange, *piano*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 9

8:45 am Fall Bible Study
10:00 am **Worship** with Coffee Fellowship
Honoring Our Veterans / Stewardship Sunday
Prayers for Ministers in Academia

Tuesday, November 11

6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle
6:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, November 13

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting
6:30 pm Session Meeting
6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Saturday, November 15

9:00 am Fall Clean-up at GPC and Moss Spring Cemetery

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Kindly remember the Thorne family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of **Dr. G. William "Bill" Thorne** who is now in the loving arms of our Savior Jesus Christ

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 immeasurable love.



*Please join us for coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the Social Room after Worship.
All Are Welcome!
Hosted by Special Events - Kim, Becky, Sue*

**PLEASE HELP FILL THE
LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**

We are in need of books for the Little Free Library! Any donations of books for children and adults will be greatly appreciated!!! Book donations can be placed in the drawer marked Little Free Library in the credenza by the elevator.



GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, we are collecting the following items during October and November. Thank you for blessing our neighbors.

- Green Beans • Crispy Fried Onions • Mushroom Soup
- Sweet Potatoes • Mashed Potato Mixes
- Turkey or Chicken Gravy and/or Stuffing Mix

The pantry is open for donations Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. to schedule a drop off time, please contact the pantry at 717-597-8333 Ext. 2 or gafoodpantry@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING
to go

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOUR TABLE

FREE Thanksgiving Dinner

DRIVE-UP STYLE • SINGLE SERVE READY-TO-EAT MEALS

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

Pickup between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Call the office 717-597-8333 Ext 3 to reserve your meals

Below is a link to help with donations and volunteers for the meal.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DACA62BA5F85-59504708-gpc2025>

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

To remember a loved one or honor someone please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check made payable to: Greencastle Presbyterian Church, marked "Christmas Poinsettia."



Name: _____

Poinsettias are multi-bloom 6.5" pots. Cost is \$12.00 per pot.

Red White Pink

In memory of / In honor of _____

In memory of / In honor of _____

In memory of / In honor of _____

In memory of / In honor of _____

I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Service.

Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Our order to the florist will be placed on November 20, 2025.

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN ED ACTIVITIES

See a member of the Christian Ed Committee with questions.

CHOOSE
JOY

OCC Boxes Due November 16th

You can use a preprinted box or any similar sized container or box. See labels for packing instructions.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be handed out Thanksgiving morning 11/27

8AM-12PM.
Use the Signup Genius Link to sign up to volunteer

Angel Gifts due back no later than 12/1.

Tags will be put on the tree as the forms are returned to us.
**NEW,
WRAPPED**
gifts ~\$30 can be placed under the tree.

Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa

December 14th
Meet at the church
@5:45PM, caroling 6-7,
Cookies & Cocoa to follow

COMMITTEE Meeting Dates

November 4th
December 3rd
6:30PM

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

<https://pres-outlook.org/2019/02/the-core-of-stewardship-is-love/>

Many churches in the United States, from mainline to evangelical and beyond, host a Stewardship Sunday every year. Usually in the fall, Stewardship Sunday typically signifies that a congregation's stewardship season is underway. The day often includes a series of elements that most churchgoers have come to know well: testimonials during worship from church members who tithe, one brave sermon on money based on a Scripture that includes the phrase "gave her last mite," "cheerful giver" or "rich young ruler" and an afternoon all-church meeting about the budget.

While nothing about Stewardship Sundays is inherently bad, the catch is around what they (and the approach they so often represent) say about the real meaning of stewardship. Personal testimony is inspiring. Talking about money is a critical part of Christian community. Budgets are necessary planning tools. But were you to attend a "stewardship" service, you'd likely leave with the impression that stewardship is mostly the same as fundraising and describes an event or campaign that happens once a year, involves giving envelopes and a pledge drive and is designed for the purpose of asking congregants to help offset church expenses.

That's problematic because the core of stewardship isn't money. It's love. Stewardship isn't an event or campaign. It's a spiritual practice.

Of course, stewarding financial resources is part of stewardship. But to practice Christian stewardship and be moved by it is to consider how we shepherd our whole lives – through word and habit, and with God and each other – to be expressions of gospel love in the world.

The challenge of Jesus is nothing less than to question every system in which we take comfort that is not love. A holy practice of stewardship helps us see our dependence on those systems and slowly release our grip on their handles. Christ's gospel calls for an alternative way of being in the world that places love at the center — not money, power, validation, possessions, popularity or even security.

Excerpt from The Presbyterian Outlook

Farley Lord, Associate Minister of Stewardship at Riverside Church in New York City.

Christian Peele, Executive Minister of Institutional Advancement at Riverside Church.

★ THANK YOU VETERANS ★

with appreciation and respect

Frank Chamberlin 1922 - 2014 Navy / WWII long standing member

Anthony F. Coulter Navy / 15 years Petty Officer 1st Class current member

Justin S. Coulter Air Force / 13 years Captain Tony & Polly Coulter's son

Dr. James H. Craig, Jr. 1934 - 2017 Army/ 2 years Air Natl Guard 1972-1992
Lieutenant Colonel long standing member

Floyd (Floaty) Crider 1923 - 2006 Air Force / WWII Corporal Cora's husband

Dr. J. Frederick Davison Navy / 4 years / E6 current member

Mark Divelbiss Army / 11 years Captain current member

Patrick J. DuBoyce Army / 6 years Captain Bill & Kathryn Greene's grandson

Craig Felty Air Force / 5 years Senior Airman Debbie Young's son

Charles E. Fitz 1914 - 2001 Navy / 115th Seabees Domestic Services long
standing member

Edwin F. Fox, Jr. Army / 14 years 24 years - Reserves Lieutenant Colonel-05
Friend of GPC

Zach Gates Marines / 15 years Chief Warrant Officer 2 Gabe & Shelia
Gates's son

Harold C. Gayman 1927 - 2011 Navy / 2 years / WWII long standing member

Joseph Hayden 1919 - 2011 Army / 3 years / WWII long standing member

Tom Herrmann Army / 15 years Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ben & Erin
Herrmann's family

Harold Hoover 1922 - 2011 Army / WWII long standing member

Orland (Bud) Jr. Ingream 1920 - 1997 Army / WWII Staff Sergeant Ami
Myers's grandfather

Jack L. Irwin 1926 - 2016 Navy / 2 years / WWII Enid Irwin Madaras' father

John Kershner Navy long standing member

John Kinney 1917 - 2021 Air Force / WWII WWII Bomber Pilot long standing
member

Michael Koons Army/ 6 years / E5 Friend of GPC

Ted Larew Army / 26 years Colonel long standing member

Herb Layton 1926 -2024 Air Force / 3 years Army Air Group long standing member

Carlton Lutz 1926 - 2011 Army / WWII long standing member

Ryan Marconi Army / Active Army Rangers 2nd Lieutenant current member

June Marshall Air Force / 2 years Corporal current member

W.B. "Bud" Marshall 1931 - 2021 Air Force / 3 years 1st Lieutenant long standing member

Richard McClain Navy / 10 years Lieutenant Commander current member

Mark Metz Army / 3 years Reserves (28yrs) Vietnam Lieutenant Colonel current member

Hazel Morton Army / 20 years / Major Ben & Erin Herrmann's family

Eldon Newcomer 1945 - 2021 Army / Reserves, Vietnam Ami Myer's uncle

Daniel R. Patton Marines / 4 years / L-CPL current member

Richard Penney 1938 - 2018 Navy Band-Sea Chanters long standing member

Walter Pollock 1917 - 2010 Army / 3 years Army Air Corp long standing member

George Price Air Force / 4 years / E4 current member

James W. Purvis 1911 - 1993 3 years / WWII / Warrant Officer long standing member

Jack Quigley 1937 - 2009 Army / Army National Guard long standing member

Ruth Rinehart 1924 - 2018 Army / WWII Cadet Nursing Corp long standing member

William H. Sachs 1908 - 1946 Army / 4 years Lieutenant Colonel Jan Eppleman's father

Dr. Fred Schaff 1899 - 1991 Army / WWI / Private long standing member

Betty Schnebly 1919 - 2012 Army / WWII Physical Therapist long standing member

Leighton (Lee) Scott Army / 2 years Ordnance Corp - Vietnam Captain Friend of GPC

Emily Seidel Army Army National Guard Sergeant Marcie Tinninis' daughter

C.B. "Lee" Shank 1927 - 1999 Army / 2 years Private First Class long standing member

Joseph Snyder 1925 - 2017 Air Force / 2 years Gunner/Flight engineer
Technical Sergeant long standing member

Dr. John Stauffer Navy / 2 years Friend of GPC

Robert C. Streeper, Sr. 1926 - 2001 Navy / 2 years WWII - USS Boxer - CV21
/ AM3 long standing member

Alan Sucke Navy / 6 years Petty Officer 1st Class current member

Montgomery Bell Turner, Jr. 1913 - 1996 Army / 5 years Stf Sergeant-
Infantry Medic Jenn Robertson's father

Tony Vallillo Air Force / 27 years Lieutenant Colonel current member

Ralph Walck 1926 - 2013 Navy / Cook on USS Fechtler Tim Walck's father

Sean Walck Air Force / 5 years Senior Airman Tim Walck's son

Denver Weigel 1941-2022 Navy / 4 years / Electrician E5 Interior Comm
long standing member

Craig Welterlen Navy / 27 years Captain current member

John E. Wene 1922 - 2007 Navy / 3 years Armed Guard - S. Pacific long
standing member

John A. Wine 1922 - 2010 Cavalry / WWII PA National Guard Ed Wine's
father

Tom Zullinger 1901 - 1996 WWI long standing member

The WWI Origins of the Poppy as a Remembrance Symbol

The Remembrance Day symbolism of the poppy started with a poem written by a World War I brigade surgeon who was struck by the sight of the red flowers growing on a ravaged battlefield.

<https://www.history.com/articles/world-war-i-poppy-remembrance-symbol-veterans-day>

The Poppy | The history of Remembrance Day poppies

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cXxOs_Fwrs&t=194s

During the First World War, millions of soldiers saw the poppies in Flanders fields on the Western Front. Some even sent pressed poppies home in letters. Over 100 years later, the poppy is still a world-recognized symbol of remembrance of the First World War. What is it about the poppy that captured the public imagination so profoundly? And why do some people see the poppy as a controversial symbol? In this video, First World War Curator Laura Clouting tells us more about the history of the poppy.

“In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/why-we-wear-poppies-on-remembrance-day>

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War. It is strongly linked with Armistice Day (11 November), but the poppy's origin as a popular symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War.

Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. The flower provided Canadian doctor [John McCrae](#) with inspiration for his poem 'In Flanders Fields'. In 1918, in response to McCrae's poem, American humanitarian [Moina Michael](#) wrote 'And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honor of our dead...'. She campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Artificial poppies were first sold in Britain in 1921 to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund in support of ex-servicemen and the families of those who had died in the conflict. The poppy continues to be sold worldwide to raise money and to remember those who lost their lives in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts.

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