

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 January 4, 2026
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Dot Wilson, Joyce Hopkins
Liturgist..... Brian Keck
Acolyte.....
Sunday School Teacher Sue Bell
Audio Video Tech
Closer.....Paul Sauder

*Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the Social Room
after Worship. Hosted by Anne and Bryan Larew*

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

What is the treasure Paul describes in this verse?

From the previous verse, we know that it is the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor 4:6). Paul described God as shining His light into Paul's heart, penetrating the darkness of Paul's unbelief and revealing His glory to Paul through faith in Christ.

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. John Innes
Dot Wilson, piano Joyce Hopkins, organ

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God everyone!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Leader: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be respected,

People: a great King over all the earth.

Leader: God reigns over the nations; People: God sits on His holy throne. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by Your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen. (Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1.5-7)

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #583 *Gloria, Gloria*

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O God, may the light shine out of darkness to shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ through your Word today and always. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 4:1-18

Duet *Let's Enjoy God Together*

Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

Dot Wilson, *piano*

Joyce Hopkins, *organ*

*The Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message ***Treasure in Clay Pots!*** -Pastor Robert Cook

*Response: The Apostles Creed

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*Hymn #144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

*Closing Hymn #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Toccata on "Adeste Fideles"* arr. David Hegarty
Joyce Hopkins, organ

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 4

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
First Sunday Food Drive
Prayers for Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, January 6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Wednesday, January 7

9:00 am Prayer Group
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, January 8

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting
6:00 pm Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
6:30 pm Session Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Terri Brust
Patti Sechrist	Helen Taulbee
Alan Shope	David Pickart
Tim Walck	Greg Harmon
Mindy Grosh	Bonnie Speaks
Michael Paylor	Cindy Widder
Kathy Kendall	Donna & Sarah Stillwagon
Dan Patton	Carla Vickers
Bethany Yeager	Kevin Taulbee
Penny Mohler	Brandon Fisher
Cathy Thomas	Jan Eppleman
Sue Lum	Cora Crider
Frank & Tracey Toston	Kim Tartaglia
Sally Snyder	Bill Heacox
Chelsea White	Missy Benson
Lynne Leap	Joyce Baker
Gail Guyton	Dave Wilson
Marvin & Nancy Rice	Amanda Lain
David Myers	Doug & Gladys Grane & family
Kenny Reed	Pat Grimes
Todd Smith	For the hungry
John Stanton	For the imprisoned
Leslie Moose	For the peacemakers
Donna Bingaman	For those who are alone
Jason Kinzer	For those who are grieving
Emmie White	For those who cannot forgive

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. - Philippians 4:5

This prayer list reflects our love and support for our church family. Please submit or review names on the list to balance healing requests with general community/member prayers. Thank you.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.



An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, p. 94-95)

The word “epiphany” (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means “appearance” or

“manifestation” of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

[Excerpt from PC\(USA\) Worship](#)

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 membership 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**



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.

GPC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook..... Interim Pastor
Dr. J. Frederick Davison..... Director of Music Ministry
Keri Papa Acting Director of Christian Education
Colleen Seidel..... Youth Group Leader
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 Patton Special Events

Class of 2028

Mary Ann Ackerman Outreach / Mission
Phil Pearce Personnel

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026

Ben Herrmann
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Class of 2027

Polly Coulter
Kelly Kerstetter
Debra Miller
Virginia Vallillo

Class of 2028

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