

The Season of Lent



**GREENCASTLE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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The Fifth Sunday in Our Lenten Journey

ORDER OF WORSHIP MARCH 22, 2026

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Centering Thought

*This story highlights the confrontation between truth and
hypocrisy calling all of us to a spiritual awakening*

* *Please stand as able*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Prelude in C Minor, BWV 999*
Zakary Reynolds, *organ*

J.S. Bach

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Let us be led by the Spirit,

People: even if the path to the Promised Land leads straight through the desert, through hunger and doubt and temptation; even if we are led where we would rather not go.

Leader: Yet we will be led by the Spirit

People: and end our journey rejoicing in the Lord our God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn *Led by the Spirit*

Words by Bob Hurd Music by R. Vaughan Williams

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of our comings and goings, God of our days and of our nights; we pause this morning to remember that you are the source and the goal of all our journeying. When we were lost, you came looking for us; when we were mired in sin, you freed us to follow; when we were condemned, you opened wide your arms on the cross and welcomed us home. Forgive us, God, for choosing our own ways over yours. When we grow weary in the long work of love, steady us. When we are tempted to give up, hold us fast. Lead us again toward your glorious future, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ... (silent confession). Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Anthem *Before the Cross of Christ We Stand*

Lloyd Larson

Before the cross of Jesus our lives are judged today;
the meaning of our eager strife is tested by His way.
Across our restless living the light streams from His cross,
and by its clear, revealing beams we measure gain and loss

The hopes that lead us onward, the fears that hold us back,
our will to dare great things for God, the courage that we lack,
the faith to keep in goodness, our love, both low or pure,
on all, the judgment of the cross falls steady, clear, and sure.

Before the cross of Christ we stand,
and gaze upon the nail-pierced hands,
of Him who died that we might live eternally!
Before the cross of Christ we stand.

We pray for strength in our striving as we face life's greatest tests.
O, guide our steps each day, we pray, as we journey in our quest.
Then send us forth in service; let the Holy Spirit fall,
and fill our hearts with grace and joy in answer to the call.

Before the cross of Christ we stand,
and gaze upon the nail-pierced hands,
of Him who died that we might live eternally!
Before the cross of Christ we stand.

Ferdinand Blanchard, 1929 *and* Lloyd Larson

*The Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

*Response The Apostles Creed

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*Hymn #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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 #549 *May the Love of the Lord*

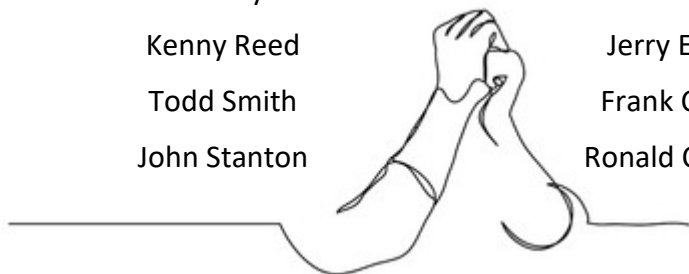
The Postlude *In Christ Alone*

Getty arr. Richard Kingsmore

Zakary Reynolds, *piano*

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Leslie Moose
Patti Sechrist	Donna Bingaman
Alan Shope	Emmie White
Tim Walck	Terri Brust
Mindy Grosh	Helen Taulbee
Michael Paylor	Bonnie Speaks
Kathy Kendall	Cindy Widder
Dan Patton	Donna & Sarah Stillwagon
Bethany Yeager	Carla Vickers
Penny Mohler	Kevin Taulbee
Cathy Thomas	Brandon Fisher
Sue Lum	Cora Crider
Frank & Tracey Toston	Kim Tartaglia
Sally Snyder	Bill Heacox
Chelsea White	Dave Wilson
Lynne Leap	Amanda Lain
Gail Guyton	PJ & Rebecca Wertime
Marvin & Nancy Rice	Steve Miller
David Myers	Julie Miller
Kenny Reed	Jerry Eisley
Todd Smith	Frank Custis
John Stanton	Ronald Cordell



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.

*Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship
in the Social Room after Worship.
All Are Welcome!
Hosted by The Ackerman Family*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for East Waterford Presbyterian Church
5:30 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 am G-A Christian Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

10:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Bob
5:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for Greencastle Presbyterian Church
<https://carlislepby.org/calendar/>

Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m.

at the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Memorial Fellowship Hall 130 N. Washington Street

Kelsey Marshall is the featured speaker, with Fred Davison leading the music. Fred, with his accompanist, Patti Divelbiss will be providing the inspirational music for the morning. Kelsey and Fred have selected musical pieces to complement Kelsey's message, "Life Unleashed". A not-to-miss event this coming week. As always, men are invited to attend.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Please join GPC's Youth Group as they present the annual Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 7:30 am.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



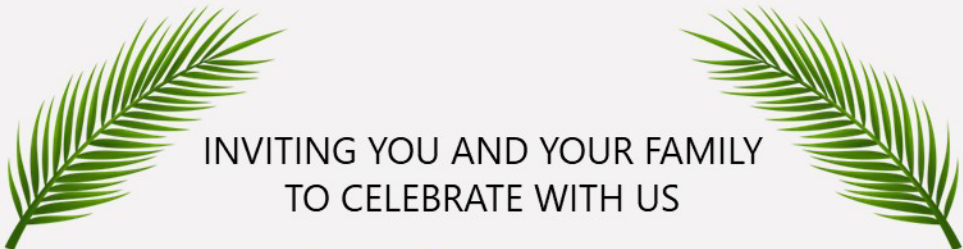
**GREENCASTLE
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**Sunday
April 12, 2026**

**immediately following
Worship**

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Zakary Reynolds
Liturgist Cindy Marconi
Sunday School Teachers Colleen Seidel, Debra Miller
Audio Video Tech Ami Myers
Closer Paul Sauder



INVITING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
TO CELEBRATE WITH US

HOLY WEEK 2026



March 29

PALM SUNDAY

Worship Service 10:00 am
Coffee & Fellowship

April 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Combined Worship Service
with Grace United Church of Christ
HELD AT GPC
Communion 7:00 pm

April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

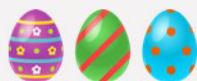
Resurrection of the LORD

Sunrise Worship Service 7:30 am

followed by Breakfast hosted by Special Events

Worship Service with Communion 10:00 am

followed by Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Christian Ed



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

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