

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 April 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Greg Strine
Liturgist..... Erin Herrmann
Acolyte.....
Sunday School Teacher Sue Bell, Diane Mills
Audio Video Tech
Closer.....Paul Sauder

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

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

The Emmaus Road story reminds us that God plans everything with a purpose.

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *The Power of the Cross* K. Getty & S. Townsend
Greg Strine, *viola*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Join together with me as we proclaim:

All: O sing to the Lord a new song! sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord; bless God's name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*Hymn #304 *O Sing a New Song to the Lord*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life that you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction. Help us pay attention with all of our senses.

Make our singing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your unforced rhythms of grace. (silent prayer and reflection)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: The God of creation assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing. God, who forgives and makes all things new, is eager to show us the path home, and the song to sing along the way. Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:17-23

The Anthem *We Worship As One*

Jay Althouse

Lord, we are as one united, for you guide us
and show the way.

We worship and pray together and sing our praise
on this holy day.

With one voice we sing this song.

To one church we all belong.

Tho' we are many, in you we are one.

Tho' we are many, we worship as one.

Lord, you are a sure foundation. We walk with
you hand in hand.

Guide us to a true understanding, and on this
solid ground we shall stand.

With one voice we sing this song.
To one church we all belong.
Tho' we are many, in you we are one. Tho' we are
many, we worship as one.

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-48

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message *Why Jesus Ate The Fish* Pastor Bob Cook

*Response to the Word (Unison)

We believe in the amazing God who clothes the wild flowers dressing them so superbly that they outdo Solomon in all his glory; who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small who feeds crows and redheaded woodpeckers, and even doleful ravens and mourning doves.

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, turns water into the best wine, brings healing with his every touch, and who welcomes a woman of love as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ, who sweated blood in an Olive Grove, and kept the faith to the very end.

We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day did a thing so prodigious that even his friends were dismayed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the Source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do. Amen

*Hymn #254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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 #246 *Christ Is Alive*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *See, What a Morning* K. Getty & S. Townsend
Greg Strine, piano

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 19 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship

Prayers for Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg

5:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, April 22 Earth Day – Caring for God's Creation

9:00 am Prayer Group

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Sunday, April 26 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship

Prayers for Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Hancock, MD

<https://carlislepby.org/calendar/>

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

*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.*

ATTENTION GRADUATES! If you will be graduating this spring, please contact the office so we may celebrate your accomplishment.

WE ARE HIRING! The Greencastle Presbyterian Church is seeking a Christian Education Coordinator (CEC) for its growing Children's ministry. This CEC must be a responsible, outgoing, and genuinely caring Christian person who models a life of growing discipleship and spiritual development in Christ. This individual also must be at least 21 years of age and able to relate to, and communicate clearly with children, parents and guardians, and GPC members and leadership. Prior experience leading Christian Education groups would be helpful but not required. Details are available on the website visitGPCpa.org

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT The Presbytery of Carlisle counts on each member of our congregations to contribute \$34.66. Of the current 132 membership, only 27 have donated to the Per Capita collection. Please share in giving this small amount that makes a big difference.

SAVE-THE-DATE

Saturday, May 16, 2026

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Tea Party Social

It takes a village

*Look forward to sharing and
counting our blessings.*

There is a sign-up sheet is
on the table outside
the Sanctuary.





Become Involved!

There are many other ways you can become involved with our Rainforest Falls Community Camp.



PRAY!!

Please pray for all of our planning efforts, and many hours of preparation behind the scenes.

Pray for the volunteers and staff that will be leading these precious children to a deeper walk with Jesus.

Most importantly, pray for the kids that will enter our church June 15-19.



Volunteer!

There are many areas of Community Camp that we will need your help! We will also need many hands prior to Community Camp week to help decorate/set up.

Donate!

We are collecting brown packing paper. See our Amazon wishlist for more ways to donate.

