

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 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
MusiciansDr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick
Liturgist..... Colleen Seidel
Acolyte
Sunday School Teachers..... Erin Herrmann, Mary Ann Ackerman
Audio Video Tech
Closer..... Paul Sauder

*What does this good shepherd do for his sheep, his followers,
his disciples? He lays down his life for them. He lays
down his life—for you and for me.*

** Please stand as able*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude

O Thou In Whose Presence Freeman Lewis, arr. Victor Labenske
Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Friends of God, believe this—God loved the world, God
so loves the world; we are the beloved!

**People: May the truth of this great love story shine
through our worship today and renew our sense of
calling.**

Leader: Come in friendship to God, to each other, and in
friendship to the world,

**People: We come to listen for God's Word to us, to
offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.**

Leader: Friends let us worship our Creator and Lord!

*Hymn #618 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk
about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about
love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have
mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.
Amen. (silent prayer)**

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria

Glory Be to the Father

J. Frederick Davison

The first system of musical notation for 'The Gloria' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a rest followed by a series of chords and eighth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

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The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It includes the vocal line with the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost,". The notation includes a fermata over the word "Fa-ther".

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The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It includes the vocal line with the lyrics: "As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall". The notation includes a fermata over the word "beginning" and a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line.

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rit.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. It includes the vocal line with the lyrics: "be, world with-out end. A - men." The notation includes a fermata over the word "end" and a ritardando marking (*rit.*) above the staff.

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The Anthem

My Savior's Love

Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Glenn Pickett

*The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

We Are A Shepherding People

Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to the Word

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, Father of all men, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord.

We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, and in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Service of Christian Baptism
for Braxton Barnes and Colton Merkel**

Baptismal Hymn #482 *Baptize in Water*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn #244 *This Joyful Eastertide*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Good News! The Chariot's Comin' Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson
Brenda Slick, piano

*Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the
Social Room after Worship. Hosted by the
Presbyterian Women's Groups*

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Please pray for Karol Keller as she grieves the loss of her husband of 65 years, **Robert "Bob" Keller** who went to be with Our Lord on April 16. *Heavenly Father, God give this family peace; allow them to hear your comforting voice; and know that you are God and are with us always.*

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.

Welcome Into Our Faith Community

Today we celebrate the Baptism of cousins

Braxton Anthony Barnes

Son of Hunter Barnes and Tyra Rowland

AND

Colton Dakota Merkel

Son of Amanda Barnes

Both young men are great-grandsons of Louise Houck

We rejoice in their new life in Christ Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 26 **4th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church, Hancock, MD

Monday, April 27

6:30 pm Safety & Security Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

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

Sunday, May 3 **5th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am **Worship with Communion**
Coffee Fellowship / First Sunday Food Drive
Prayers for Capital Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg
<https://carlislepby.org/calendar/>
3:00 pm Cumberland Valley School of Music
Spring Student Recital in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm Youth Group Meeting

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

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



SAFETY AND SECURITY The GPC Safety and Security Team will have an organizational meeting on Monday, April 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Edwards

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.

GPC BIBLE STUDY A study of the Book of Revelation begins April 30.

Most church people are very interested in what the book of the Revelation has to say. But it's always shrouded in myths and in superstitions. It is one of the most unique books of the Bible, and it is not that difficult to understand.



Beginning April 30 and for about eight Thursdays after that at 10 AM Pastor Robert Cook will lead a Bible study on the book of the Revelation. Your textbook will be your Bible.

All are welcome And I hope that you will find that the mystery is not so mysterious, but it's actually very contemporary very powerful and not difficult to understand.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the sanctuary.



Penn State Mont Alto Chorale

~ A Concert Invitation ~

Echoes of Freedom: 250 Years in Song

A choral concert that traces a journey – from the birth of a nation to the heartbeat of today – reflecting the dreams, struggles, hope and courage that defines us.

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28th

General Studies Auditorium

Penn State Mont Alto

**Attendees will enjoy complimentary Penn State Berkey Creamy Ice Cream after the concert*

CONCERTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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.





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