

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 May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Dorthalee Wilson, Joyce Hopkins
Liturgist..... Anne Larew
Acolyte
Communion Servers..... George Price, Pamela Price,
Deb Shank, Jeff Shank
Sunday School Teachers.....
Audio Video Tech Ben Herrmann
Closer..... Paul Sauder

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

Jesus us tells us to trust in His presence, to trust in His promises, and to trust in His person. He will not disappoint us or abandon us.

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Amazing Grace* arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad
 Dorthalee Wilson, *piano* Joyce Hopkins, *organ*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name!

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,

People: Who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

*Hymn #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, you have heard our complaints, our impatience. Sometimes we become frightened, and we move away from you. Forgive our wandering. Guide our hearts back to you. Help us to think beyond our own wants, and to desire only to do your will. Heal and forgive us, good and gracious Lord. We pray this in Jesus' name. (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 reconciled to God and each other!

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens.

Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

I Peter 2:2-10

Duet *To God Be the Glory*

arr. Joel Raney

Dorthalee Wilson, *piano* Joyce Hopkins, *organ*

*The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

*Response To the Word

We believe in God, our Creator, maker of a universal community still in process; God, who created precious resources to provide for all; God, who created us to be connected as companions with God, the Earth, and

people of every race, class, generation, gender, and ability.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who was ridiculed, tortured and executed for the sins of humankind. He rose from the dead, overthrew the dominance of evil and injustice for our sake, and he continues to judge and liberate the hatred, ignorance, and arrogance of all human beings. We believe the way of Jesus is our way; our way of light, and our way of life.

We believe in the Spirit of God, our Advocate, whose blaze comforts with divine presence and challenges human hearts to burn for righteousness. We see the power of God in our lives and throughout the world. We trust that God's work, through our actions, can bring peace. Amen!

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*Our Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn #494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: We come to this table at Jesus invitation, where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God Into a meal of love and grace. A supper of visions and dreams A table where all souls are welcome.

Pastor: In this season of Easter, where Jesus breathed his Spirit into his disciples, we invite the Spirit to come upon us again. God of winds, pour out your Spirit to make us fully alive. Make this meal awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls. May this time of eating and drinking be one where we stir from our

sadness and rise from our hopelessness. May we begin to celebrate visions and dare to dream again.

The night before Jesus died was a solemn time around the table.

In the breaking bread, in drinking of the cup, Jesus invites us to remember him and to know he is fully present with us in the power of the Holy Spirit. And so today we remember as we also celebrate with joy the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Shortly after the day of resurrection, the disciples ate on the beach with the risen Christ Celebrating new life, new hope, new vitality. So, on this Lord's Day, as we come to the table, let us celebrate the Spirit of Resurrection and the promise Christ's real presence in our lives. Therefore, let us partake in faith of this celebratory meal together as we pray:

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

The Breaking of the Bread and the Giving of the Cup

The Prayer After Holy Communion (Unison)

Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. Through your Son, our Redeemer. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

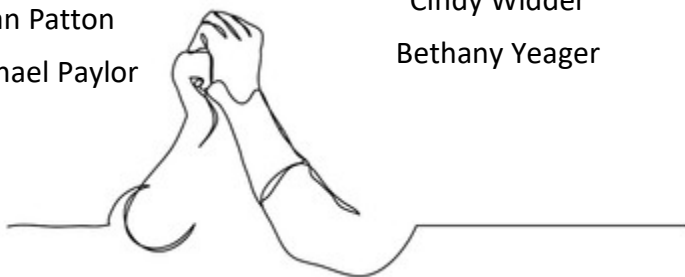
*The Blessing

The Postlude

There's a Quiet Understanding arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad
Dorthalee Wilson, *piano* Joyce Hopkins, *organ*

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 & Alysa 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	



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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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
- 3:00 pm Cumberland Valley School of Music
Spring Student Recital in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

- 6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 am Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Jean Widder Memorial Scholarship Meeting
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, May 7 National Day of Prayer

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship
- 6:00 pm Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

Sunday, May 10 6th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

- 10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg
<https://carlislepby.org/calendar/>



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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.

