

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 17, 2026
Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Trevor Timmons, Marisabel Cordova, LilLee Everett
Liturgist..... Kelly Kerstetter
Acolyte
Sunday School Teachers..... Keri Papa, Ed Wine
Audio Video Tech Jim Papa
Closer..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us after Worship for Coffee & Fellowship in the Social
Room, hosted by Deacon Care Cell 1 and Debra Miller*

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

We all are called to emulate Jesus' obedience—from incarnation to the cross—uniting the church through humble service, putting others first, and relying on God's power to work within them

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *There Is a Higher Throne*

Keith & Kristyn Getty, arr. Lloyd Larson

Trevor Timmons, *piano*

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.

*The Call to Worship

Leader: We come to this place for refuge.

People: God is our rock and our fortress.

Leader: We come to this hour for guidance.

People: God is our rock and our fortress.

Leader: We come together for courage, and we wait for the Lord.

People: God is our rock and our fortress.

*Hymn #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*The Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

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

All: Thanks Be to God!

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

J. Frederick Davison

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, — and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost,
5 As it was in the be - gin - ning, — is now, and ev - er shall be,
9 world with - out end. A - men. *rit.*

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

*The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

The Anthem *We Are Not Alone*

Pepper Choplin

Marisabel Cordova and LilLee Everett, *sopranos*

We are not alone; God is with us.

We are never alone, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always, Forever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone.

Our God is with us now.

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

*Hymn #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

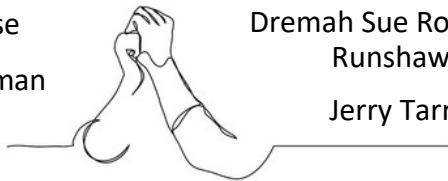
Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke. arr. Walter E. Buszin

Trevor Timmons, *organ*

PRAYER CONCERNS

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



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 17 **7th Sunday of Easter**

- 10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
 Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons
 Prayers for Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg
- 2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers
- 5:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
- 9:00 am Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Thursday, May 21

- 10:00 am Bible Study

Sunday, May 24 **Pentecost**

- 10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
 Honoring our Graduates and Scholarship Recipients
 Prayers for Paxton Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg
 <https://carlislepby.org/calendar/>

COMING SOON . . . 2026 GPC DIRECTORY



**Update your
contact info!**

Please notify the church office of any changes to your contact information. Keeping in mind:

- Canceling phone land-lines
- email address update
- Students
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Chairs/members of committees including meeting times
- Helping Hands Volunteers

WELCOME OUR NEW ELDER AND DEACONS

DOTTIE DAVISON Elder (Class of 2027)

I was raised in Philadelphia as a Baptist, but have embraced Presbyterianism for decades. My husband, J. Fred Davison, and I were married at The National Presbyterian Church (NPC) in Washington, DC, over 50 years ago. We have two married sons and two adult grandchildren, all living in Virginia.

While in the DC area, I was the domestic and international representative for The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. As a family, we were members of NPC where I served as a Deacon, a Trustee, and a second grade Sunday School teacher.

In 1999, Fred and I moved to California so that he could complete his doctoral work at UCLA. During that time, we were asked to create graduate programs in worship, theology, and the arts at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. The programs were such a success that we remained at the Seminary for 15 years.

Upon returning to the Davison family homestead in Chambersburg in 2014, we changed our affiliate membership at Greencastle Presbyterian Church to active status. I was called to serve as the Worship Chair, and remained in that position for 6 years. Currently, I am actively involved in the weekly prayer group while Fred serves as the Director of Music Ministries.

I feel immeasurably blessed to have the freedom to worship--and to have such a special place as the Greencastle Presbyterian Church to do so.

BEN HERRMANN Elder (Class of 2029)

In 2001, shortly after Erin and I were married, we decided to become members at Greencastle Presbyterian Church. It was clear from the outset that this congregation valued education and service. I was quickly invited to participate in the technology committee where I have been serving ever since. Our 3 children have been baptized, participated in and served as counselors for Community Camp at GPC before becoming members themselves. I have served as Elder, moderator of the nominating committee and most recently as a Deacon. Part of the service we value is the mission work we have contributed toward in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia as well as the Chambersburg Project.

I look forward to where this next phase of service takes us.

JIM PAPA Elder (Class of 2029)

In January 2016, Jim transferred from his Presbyterian Church in New York State. He was ordained as an Elder at GPC in April 2018 and this will be his 3rd term as Elder at GPC, making it his 6th term overall.

Jim and his wife, Keri, live in Greencastle with their three children: Kaylee, who is a Junior pursuing a dual major in Equestrian Studies and Media Communications at Emory & Henry University in Emory, VA; Brady who will graduate from Greencastle-Antrim High School in June; and Liam, a 7th grader at Greencastle-Antrim Middle School.

GEORGE PRICE Elder (Class of 2029)

I grew up in Central Pennsylvania and am a graduate of Penn State University. My career was in commercial insurance and risk management, retiring in 2009. In 2015, my wife of twenty-five years, Pamela and I moved to Ocean View, Delaware. In 2022, we moved to Hagerstown, Maryland. I've been a member of the Presbyterian Church for over twenty-five years, including serving as an Elder in the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown, Pennsylvania. I am an honorably discharged Air Force veteran of the Vietnam era. Hobbies include traveling, cooking and reading. We are the proud parents of Jennifer, residing in Lancaster and have four stepsons, Adam, Andy, Jeremy and Joshua, living in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Idaho.

JENNIFER TURNER ROBERTSON Elder (Class of 2027)

I became a member of GPC in March, 2015. I've served as a Deacon, member of the Worship Committee, the Prayer Circle, the Outreach Committee and as your Clerk of Session since June, 2021.

I'm not a native Pennsylvanian, however, have deep Chester County roots from my paternal family. I have a strong Cornish heritage as my mother and family were from the West Penwith area of Cornwall, most recently the town of Penzance (think Pirates, Poldark, Daphne du Maurier, Rosamunde Pilcher, Bronte Family). The first third of my life was spent in the Kensington community in Maryland, the second third in the Harrisonburg, Virginia community and now in Greencastle.

I also serve the Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship as Co-Leader. As a retiree and widow, I enjoy keeping up with my sorority sisters, former business associates and friends from James Madison University. I also enjoy travel with friends.

I have a cat who adopted me a number of years ago, "Ori", short for "Orinoco" (from The Wombles of Wimbledon Common). And, yes, there's a story surrounding the name.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon
your servants whom you called and marked
as your own through the streams of baptism.

Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they
may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of
daily living and rightly govern your people.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the
church; strengthen the common life of your people;
and lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry,
give to your servants gladness and strength,
discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

SHEILA GATES Board of Deacons (Class of 2029)

I am coming onboard as a first time Deacon. In the past, I have served two terms (six years) as an Elder.

My husband, Gabe and I, moved to Greencastle in August of 2004 from Columbia, SC. He transferred to Hagerstown with Mack Truck. We both were born and raised in Lancaster, SC. We have two children. Our son, Zach is an officer in the USMC. He is married to Rebecca Parsons and they have four children, Addyson, Karryngton, Zayne and Evie, ages 12 to 8. Our daughter, Randall lives in Greencastle and has a daughter, Eleanor, who will soon be 8 years old. My background is in education, ranging from Early Childhood Education to Higher Education Leadership. I retired from Kaplan University after serving in senior management as the Registrar for the Maryland campuses.

Gabe and I found our church home/family at GPC not too long after moving to the area. We love spending as much time as possible with our grandchildren. We also like to travel. I look forward to serving as a Deacon and helping/serving you and your needs in any way possible.

KELLY KERSTETTER Board of Deacons (Class of 2027)

I've been a member of GPC for the past 27 years. I am happy to continue serving on the Board of Deacons. I have previously served as an Elder and spent many years teaching Sunday School and helping with Youth Group. I play in the bell choir and am heading up the Ladies Night Out group. My husband, Matt and I have been married for 38 years. We have two daughters and a 5-month-old grandson, Tucker. I am a Medical Laboratory Technician at Chambersburg Hospital.

BEVERLY LEAP Board of Deacons (Class of 2029)

I grew up in a small community in Bedford County Pa, in the village of New Enterprise, where I attended the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren. I was also baptized there; I served as a Deacon there as well. This is also the church that Barry and I were married. I enjoy arts and crafts, and sewing. I also like baking and cooking. Barry enjoys eating all that I bake and cook. When I have time, I also enjoy reading a good book.

SUE THOMPSON Board of Deacons (Class of 2029)

I found my church family here at Greencastle Presbyterian Church the summer of 2024 at Summer Camp with my grandson. That fall I officially became a member and quickly felt the acceptance and love from so many of Christ family here. My husband Jerry and I have been together since 1977, married 45 years. We have been blessed with 2 daughters, 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. One of my greatest joys is spending time, making memories with my family! I worked in the medical field most of my life, gratefully I was able to retire early and enjoying it! I really appreciate having the time now to participate in Church activities and serve on different committees. Last year I enjoyed helping with summer camp for the first time. What precious memories watching the children learn and grow that week. In the last year I took on the challenge of Moderator for Greencastle Presbyterian Women. No one could replace our beloved Jan Eppleman. So thankful for the grace I've been shown by the faithful ladies in our group as I learn from them. I now have been asked to join the Board of Deacons. To say I am very excited and humbled is an understatement! I am looking forward to serving and learning more about my Church Family and the lessons God has in store for me.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY CAMP: JUNE 15 – 19, 2026



- + Check our wish list on Amazon. There you will find our list titled Rainforest Falls Community Camp. You may also follow this link

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/13E7XFVM18WRV>



- + Make a monetary donation to help cover camp costs by putting in the offering plate, memo line: Community Camp
- + Help us create decorations for the week
- + Signup to volunteer that week as a snack helper, craft helper, crew leader or assistant



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