

In response to God’s love and grace, through Jesus Christ,
we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR August 9, 2026

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Greg Strine
Barry Leap, Brian Keck
Liturgist..... Kelsey Marshall
Closer..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us after Worship in the Social Room for
Fellowship and Refreshments, graciously hosted by
Anne Larew and Bryan Larew.*

* Please stand as able

Centering Thought

By faith in Christ, we have access to God and His life-giving blessings and renewal! The Revelation of John shows us a glimpse of Heaven- the water and river of life flowing from God Himself, coursing down upon His faithful, watering the Tree of Life to bolster our faith.

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *This Is My Father's World*
Greg Strine, piano

Phillip Keveren

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Here, in this place,

People: God's goodness delivers us and rescues us.

Leader: Here, in this place,

People: God hears us and we are saved.

Leader: Here, in this place,

People: God is our hope and our trust.

All: Let us praise God together!

*Hymn #31 *Let Us With A Gladsome Mind*

*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. (Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace with God

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

A 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

Revelation 22:1-6

Duet *Ain't That Good News*

Edward Boatner, arr. JFD

Barry Leap, *trombone*

Brian Keck, *trumpet*

Greg Strine, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Pastor: this is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message ***Back to the River*** — Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to the Word

We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.

We believe the love-kingdom is like a mustard seed; sown in apparent insignificance, growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.

We believe the love-kingdom is like yeast; inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life, expanding into enough bread for the world.

**We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a treasure;
lost and rendered insignificant under the ground, now
found with joy and thanksgiving.**

**We believe the love-kingdom of God is like pearls; all
others become in insignificant when the largest, most
beautiful pearl of all is found.**

**We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a net full of
fish; where even insignificant sardines are saved but
worm-ridden fish are cast away.**

**We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ
upon us, within us, beyond us; where the meek and the
poor, the merciful and the hungry, rejoice with the
angels of God.**

Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.

**Hymn #375 Shall We Gather At The River*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Doxology #606*

**The Closing Hymn #81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

**The Blessing*

The Postlude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Greg Strine, piano

arr. Jamey Ray

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests
known to God. – Philippians 4:5*

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, August 8

GPC Mission Team leave for Laurel Mission, Kentucky

Loving Father, thank you for the volunteers who have been called to serve. Prepare their hearts and minds for the work ahead.

Equip them with the knowledge, ability, and compassion needed to make a positive impact on those in need.

Sunday, August 9

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

Wednesday, August 12

9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

9:00 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, August 13

5:30 pm Session Meeting

Saturday, August 15

GPC Mission Team returns

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the safe return of our GPC Mission Team.

We praise You for the work they have accomplished; the seeds of your love they have planted; and the sacrifices they have made to be Your hands and feet in the world.

Sunday, August 16

Blessing of the Backpacks

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



Many Voices, ONE SONG

**Worship for ALL People of the Presbytery of Carlisle
Uniting Every Age, Every Parishioner, Every Congregation**

Save the Date

Sunday, August 30, 2026 • 4:00 pm

Outstanding Music

Unity Vocal Choir
Unity Bell Choir
Unity Youth Choir
Hallelujah Chorus Sing-Along

Have Fun Praising God with other Presbyterians!

Food and Fellowship
before and after Worship
Special Gatherings for
Children and Youth

Host Location:

Second Presbyterian Church

528 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013

CHURCH SECURITY PROTOCOLS

Sunday Worship: During Sunday worship, the Opener/Closer, or designee, will lock all church entry doors, EXCEPT the handicap door near the elevator, during the Prelude. At 15-minutes past the hour, the handicapped door will be locked.

Choir Rehearsals: On Choir rehearsal nights, ONLY the parking lot door will be unlocked for attendees. The door will be unlocked 15-minutes prior to EACH scheduled rehearsal start time and be locked when the rehearsal begins.

Internal & Approved External Groups: When GPC committees and approved external groups are using other rooms for meetings, only ONE access door to the other rooms will be unlocked for attendees by the Group Leader. * All other church access doors should remain locked. The door will be unlocked 15-minutes prior to EACH scheduled meeting start time and will be locked when the meeting begins. In all cases, the access door will be locked when group exits church by Group Leader.

GPC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook..... Interim Pastor
Dr. J. Frederick Davison..... Director of Music Ministry
Susan Miller..... Office Manager
Colleen Seidel..... Youth Group Leader
Diane Mills..... Christian Ed Coordinator
Ryan Hock..... Custodian
Debbie Hock..... Custodian
Bryan Larew Groundskeeper

SESSION MEMBERS

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Carole Malin..... Property & Maintenance
Dee Patton Special Events
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George Price..... Personnel

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