

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 16, 2026

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Blessing of the Backpacks

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Zakary Reynolds, David Besecker
Liturgist..... Kelly Kerstetter
Closer..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us after Worship in the Social Room for
Fellowship and Refreshments, graciously hosted by
Deacon Care Cell #1 – Kelly, Sheila, Ginny.*

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

*Jesus kept on growing—in wisdom, in physical stature,
in favor with God, and in favor with others.”*

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Prelude No. 1, BWV 846 (from WTC 1)*
Zakary Reynolds

J.S. Bach

*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!

*Opening Praise *Goodness of God*

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram and Jenn Johnson



Goodness of God - CHORUS

And all my life You have been faith - ful, and all my life You have been so,
so good; with ev - 'ry breath that I am a -
ble, oh, I will sing of the good - ness of 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

Silent prayer

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
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,

As it was in the be - gin - ning, — is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men.

The Children's Time – Blessing of the Backpacks

The Prayer for God's Light Upon Us (Unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Psalm 67

Solo *Almighty God*

Phil McHugh

David Besecker, *tenor*

Zakary Reynolds, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: thanks be to God!

The Message

The Day Jesus' Heart Grew

—Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to the Word The Apostles Creed Pg. 35

*Hymn of Prayer #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

*The Blessing #738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

The Postlude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Marianne Kim
Zakary Reynolds

Our guest soloist today is **David Besecker**. Well known to members of our community, Dave recently retired from his position as Pastor of Music, Worship, and Pastoral Care at the Otterbein Church in Waynesboro after 30 years of outstanding service.



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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.

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 LarewGroundskeeper

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Dottie Davison..... Worship
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Jenn RobertsonClerk of Session

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Jim Papa Technology / PNC
George Price.....Personnel

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Class of 2029

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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.



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