

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 23, 2026

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

~ RALLY DAY ~

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musician / Liturgist..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison
Closer..... Paul Sauder

*Please join us after Worship in the Social Room for
Fellowship and Refreshments, graciously hosted by
Albert & Debra Miller and Dee Patton.*

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

Lord, I linger with this question: what are you to me?

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Cantate domino*

Hans Leo Hassler

Washington County Consort

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty God, you have been our dwelling place through all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, like a watch in the night.

People: Our days are like grass that sprouts in the morning and flourishes and in the evening, it fades and withers.

Leader: Teach us to count our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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

The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ, you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and use-

less when we should be useful. We are sluggish servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and, though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Special Music

Nottasonata No. 1

Daniel Thrower

Washington County Consort

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

Why The Secret?

Pastor Robert Cook

The Service of Christian Baptism for Charlotte Ashton Newhouse

Baptismal Hymn #486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

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 #310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Allegro from Concerto Grosso #1 in G

G.F. Handel

Washington County Consort

Recorder Ensemble

Shelly Harr, Joyce Hopkins, Naomi and David Styer

Zakary Reynolds

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 23 Rally Day

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

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Sunday, August 30

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

5:00 pm Youth Group Kick-off Picnic

How can I contribute
to the energy of Rally Day?



Rally Day Sunday marks the opportunity to celebrate the start of the Christian education programming for the year.

Rally Day is a way to remind ourselves of the importance of both Christian education and formation in the life of our faith community.

In what ways can we seek to nurture our faith and remember our baptismal promise to encourage engagement to pass on our faith to the next generation?

Please visit our 3 volunteering tables.

Christian Education representatives of our programs and initiatives are hosting information visits for nurturers interested in sitting to talk about our activities, needs and how your help will be an investment in the spiritual growth of the youth here at GPC. Thank you for rallying our energy to meet and connect with others who are passionate about supporting our faith community!

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.

Welcome Into Our Faith Community

Today we celebrate the Baptism of
Charlotte Ashton Newhouse

Daughter of Hannah Myers and Ashton Newhouse

Grandparents are Ami Myers & Dave Durff;

Steve & Chris Myers; and Jami & Jeff Newhouse

We rejoice in this new life in Christ Jesus.



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Dear GPC Folks

The Presbytery of Carlisle will be hosting a huge worship celebration, at Second Presbyterian Church, in Carlisle, called Many Voices, One Song. The event will be held on Sunday, August 30, at 4:00 pm. When was the last time you met with a large group of like-minded Presbyterians who love to sing, fellowship and be together in witness to God's grace? Here is your opportunity!

I will be attending this event. I count it as important and worthwhile. Will you join me? (So far, no one has said they would attend with me) If you are interested in singing as a member of the large church choir, or just being with this large group of Central Pennsylvania Presbyterians, please let me know. So, join me and come to Carlisle to be a part of a great gathering. Did I mention a great meal following the event? Presbyterians do like to eat! Below is a link for more information.

<https://carlislepby.org/manyvoices/>

– Pastor Bob Cook

GPC Youth Group

2026-27

Kickoff Picnic!

Antrim Township Park
@ Martin's Mill Bridge Park



Sunday, August 30
5-7pm

(rain location: GPC)