

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 30, 2026

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison
Brenda Slick, Seth Shields
Liturgist.....Albert Miller
Closer.....Paul Sauder

*Please join us after Worship in the Social Room
for Fellowship and Refreshments, graciously hosted
by The Papa Family.*

* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

*We are always to be cultivating genuine love, harmony,
and humility in all our relationships, responding to evil
with goodness, and striving to live peacefully with others.*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude

The Light of the World is Jesus

Philip Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the house of the Lord!

People: That he may teach us his ways and walk in his paths.

Leader: For out of God's presence shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD to all the earth with light and hope.

People: He shall judge between the nations... neither shall they learn war anymore.

Leader: People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*Opening Hymn #749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we confess how easily we lose sight of that which is primary. We confess how quickly we veer to that which is secondary, fleeting, trivial, or vain. We are willing to fiercely contend for our own interests and glory, but rarely for yours. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the joy of your salvation in Christ and enable us to contend for the truth of the gospel in our generation. May we faithfully receive,

preserve, and pass along the faith once for all entrusted to the saints. For we pray in the Name of the Savior who contended for us on the cross and rose again victorious, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon & Peace with God (1 Peter 3:18, 4:11)

Leader: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and power forever and ever. Amen. In the name of Jesus the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

All Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Solo *If with All Your Hearts (from Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn
 Seth Shields, *tenor* Brenda Slick, *piano*

Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments for your transgressions: even as Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,
ye shall ever surely find Me." Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence.

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message ***Practical Teaching***

-Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to the Word

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, Father of all people, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord.

We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, and in the brother and sisterhood of all under the parenthood of God.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*The Closing Hymn #718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Spiritual, arr. Brad Nix
Brenda Slick, piano

MUSIC MINISTRY

Members and friends are invited to participate in the GPC Music Ministry. If you have an interest in singing in the Chancel Choir or ringing in the Bell Choir, or if you play a musical instrument, please contact Fred Davison jfdavison50@gmail.com or text at (626) 590-4221.

The Bell Choir meets on Wednesdays 6:00-6:45 pm starting September 23. The Chancel Choir also meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting September 9. ***Please join us!***

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 30

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
5:00 pm Youth Group Kick-off Picnic

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, September 3

6:00 pm Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

We're back, Ladies! Come join our GPC Bible Study on Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 pm in the Edwards Room. Our devoted member, Debbie Young, will be sharing a study on the Book of Mark. We are very excited to start the new year with ladies wanting to study God's Word to us. All ages, members, and newbies are welcome. Come and feel the fellowship in our group. Can't wait to see you!

Bring your Bible!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

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 Youth Group

2026-27

Kickoff Picnic!

Antrim Township Park
@ Martin's Mill Bridge Park



Sunday, August 30
5-7pm

(rain location: GPC)