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

GREENCASTLE
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVING THE CHURCH

Ministers ..... **Everyone in the church**

Pastor ..... Elder Kelsey Marshall, MDiv.

Musicians ..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Doug McCulloh

Liturgist ..... Gabe Gates

Communion Servers..... Deb & Ed Wine, Sheila & Gabe Gates

Acolyte .....

Children's Church Teachers ..... Sue Bell, Debra Miller

Audio / Video Tech..... Jeff Stouffer

Closer ..... Paul Sauder

BEFORE THE SERVICE, SPEAK WITH GOD.
DURING THE SERVICE, LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU.
AFTER THE SERVICE, SPEAK TO OTHERS.

** Please stand as able*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Elegy* G. T. Thalen-Ball
Doug McCulloh, *organ*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: How great is the goodness that the Lord has built up and stored for those who love and honor Him!

People: You, Mighty God, lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world!

Leader: The Lord hides His own in the shelter of His presence, safe from those who conspire against them.

People: You are our rock and our fortress, O God. You rescue us quickly as danger, fear, or sorrow tries to ambush us.

Leader: Therefore, let our hearts rejoice greatly with song and praise and word.

People: Yes, let us praise and worship the God of All the Universe.

*The Opening Hymn $353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*The Call to Confession **(Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have put up walls with our thoughts, words, and deeds about You. We have not listened to Your instruction, guidance, or expressions of love, so we have missed realizing what

You have fashioned for our lives. Forgive us for what we have been, help us correct what we are, and direct what we shall be so that we may truly delight in Your will and live triumphantly in Your ways.
(Silent confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

Children are invited to leave for Children's Church

The Prayer for Illumination **(Unison)**

Empower us, Holy Spirit, to hear anew Your words and recognize what You wish for each one of us. Fill us with anticipation in our hearts, minds, and souls to the honor and glory of Jesus, our only Savior and eternal hope. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson Psalm 84:1-4

The Word of the Lord

Hymn #402 *How Lovely, Lord*

The New Testament Lesson Matthew 7: 24-29

The Word of the Lord

The Message *The Gospel According to HGTV*

Elder Kelsey Marshall, MDiv.

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* p. 35

The Communion Anthem

Come to the Table of the Lord Jay Althouse

Come to the table where the bread is broken.
Come to the table where the word of God is spoken.
And take this bread into your life as a token.
Come to the table of the Lord.

Come to the table and drink this wine.
Come to the table believing in this sign.
Renew your spirit with this food divine.
Come to the table of the Lord.

Hungry and thirsty, we come, Lord to Thee.
We humbly bow on bended knee.

Come to the table and dwell in God's light.
Come to the table and kneel before His sight.
Join in communion and know His holy might.
Come to the table of the Lord.

lyrics by Sally K. Albrecht

The Service of Holy Communion

The invitation to the Lord's Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we praise You for in Jesus Christ, the mystery of the Word made flesh, You sent a light to shine upon the world that we might be brought out of the darkness. Thus with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore Your glorious name, praising You forevermore.

Words of Institution and Distribution

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes, Offerings, and Lives

*The Closing Hymn *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*
(see next page)

*The Blessing

The Postlude
Come We That Love the Lord Arr. James C. Kasen
Doug, McCulloh *organ*

Please join us after Worship
in the Social Room for Coffee Fellowship.
Graciously hosted by the Herrmann Family

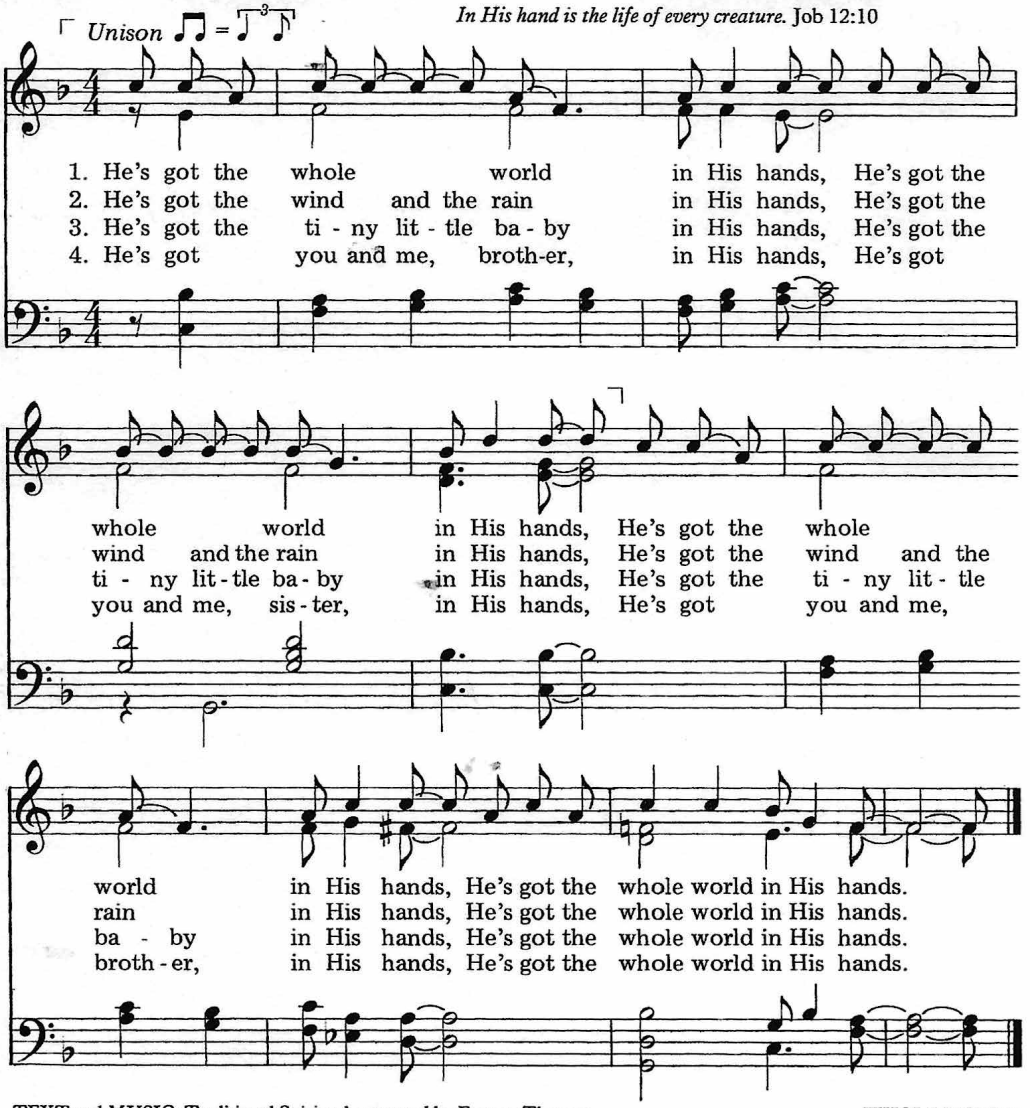




For it is by Grace you have been Saved, through Faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the Gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

In His hand is the life of every creature. Job 12:10



TEXT and MUSIC: Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Eugene Thomas

WHOLE WORLD
Irregular meter

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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

Patti Sechrist

Alan Shope

Tim Walck

Mindy Grosh

Michael Paylor

Kathy Kendall

Dan Patton

Bethany Yeager

Penny Mohler

Sue Lum

Tracy Toston

Sally Snyder

Lynne Leap

Marvin & Nancy Rice

David Myers

Todd Smith

John & Alysa Stanton

Leslie Moose

Donna Bingaman

Emmie White

Terri Brust

Helen Taulbee

Donna & Sarah Stillwagon

Carla Vickers

Kevin Taulbee

Cora Crider

Kim Tartaglia

Bill Heacox

Amanda Lain

Steve Miller

Julie Miller

Frank Custis

Tinninis/Seidel Family

Alicia DeAngelis

Evelyn Thompson

Dremah Sue Rockwell Runshaw

R. H. Stamper

Tom Hind

Tommy Heacox

The Reed Family

Kim Morrison

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

Sunday, October 4 World Communion Sunday
10:00 am **Worship** with Communion
First Sunday Food Drive / Coffee Fellowship
5:30 pm Youth Group
Prayers for Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

Monday, October 5
10:00 am Special Events Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 6
6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 7
9:00 am Prayer Group
6:00 pm Bel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, October 8
1:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Group
6:00 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, October 11
10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
5:00 pm Faithful Families Halloween Party
Prayers for Waynesboro Presbyterian Church



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Ways to support Operation Christmas Child this year:

1) Pick up a shoe box and fill it with goodies - the traditional approach!!
2) Make a monetary donation of any amount - thank you in advance!
3) Support Faithful Family November Event: The kids will "shop" at our store and fill the boxes themselves. Please help us by pledging to cover the cost of any pre-selected goodie listed on a white envelope. Just choose an envelope and turn it in with money enclosed. You can also donate anything that you want to - dollar store goodies, happy meal toys, anything that will fit in a box. (or see #2 above)
4) Any envelopes/cash donations can be placed in the red/white box!

Deadline for all cash donations is November 1. All other donations of goodies for the boxes and any shoe boxes that are already packed could be turned in on/before the morning of November 8.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR WORLD COMMUNION

"What does the Lord require of you?" "… to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8
Greencastle Pres. will join Christians world-wide celebrating World Communion on October 4. As we prepare for that unifying celebration with sisters and brothers with whom we share our Earth, PCUSA and Greencastle Pres. will collect a new special offering for World Communion, supporting causes of racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement. We can put our prayers into action by giving to the World Communion Special Offering. Please prayerfully consider contributing online through the GPC website "Give" page, or by cash or check made out to Greencastle Presbyterian Church, noting it is for World Communion offering. Donation envelopes will be available in the Sanctuary. You can find more details and information on the PCUSA website page: https://pcusa.org/giving/special-offerings

With grateful thanks from your Session.

GPC SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM FIRE DRILL UPDATE

As part of the ongoing work of the Safety & Security Team, we will have an announced fire drill, as part of worship, on Sunday, October 25th. On that day, the fire alarm will sound near the end of worship and we will evacuate the entire church as quickly as possible. All attendees will meet at our designated rally point near the Train Station, a head count will be taken and our worship will formally conclude with song & prayer. Look for future bulletin announcements with additional details outlining how the drill will be conducted.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Together we make a difference! Our church is a community built on faith, love, and generosity. During the month of October, we invite everyone to consider making a specific commitment of time, talents, and financial support for the coming year. Please pray about your part in the future of GPC then return your pledge card to the church by October 31. You can place your pledge card in the offering plate or return it to the church office.



YOUTH GROUP: GENERATIONS!

Cora Crider was invited to be a special guest at this past Sunday's Youth Group meeting. She shared her experiences of the church when she was a youth in the 1940s. (There was no Youth Group back then, but plenty of fun times spent sliding down the banister at the pastor's house!) The teens enjoyed listening to Cora's stories and sharing some chocolate cake, a personal favorite of hers. At the end of the meeting, Cora summed things up pretty well.



Lots of things have changed over the years, she said, but one thing never changes: the story of Jesus and his love for you.

This picture represents three generations of GPC Youth! Cora, From the 1940s; Colleen, from the early 2000s; and some of our current youth, Liam, Laiken and Brooklyn.



IF YOU ARE NEW HERE –
We are glad you joined us for worship!

Please take a moment to sign the visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering basket in the front of the sanctuary. Print your name, address, phone number, and email address so we can follow-up. If you want to learn more about our church, a good place to start is our website visitGPCpa.com. You can livestream or view past services.

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2026 End of Year Giving: Honoring a Legacy

This winter, Conococheague Institute founder **Dr. John C. Stauffer will celebrate his 100th birthday!** One hundred years old, and still visiting the site he founded more than three decades ago!

For 32 years, the Conococheague Institute has carried forward Dr. Stauffer's vision: *to develop and foster awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the cultural and natural history of the Appalachian frontier of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.* What began with his passion for preserving this special place has grown into a thriving museum and educational organization serving thousands of students, families, and visitors each year.

To celebrate this remarkable milestone, the Stauffer family is once again offering a $50,000 matching challenge for our End of Year Giving Campaign. Every contribution you make will be matched, dollar for dollar, until we reach the $50,000 goal, turning your support into $100,000 for CI's future.

Your generosity helps make everything we do possible: maintaining our historic buildings, grounds, and nature trails; keeping the site open to the public for free each weekend; providing hands-on educational programs for thousands of students; caring for our animals; and supporting the staff who bring CI's history to life.

A gift to this campaign is more than a donation. It is an investment in the future of the place Dr. Stauffer believed was worth preserving, and in the generations of visitors and students who will continue to discover its history.

Help us reach $50,000 by December 31, 2026, and double your impact. Thank you for being part of our frontier family.

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