

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



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome

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.



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

Prelude *Psalm of Gladness*

Kevin McChesney

GPC Bell Choir

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Welcome to the day God has made!

People: We give thanks for the blessing of the new day.

Leader: Everyone is invited to God's banquet!

People: We respond to God's invitation with clear hearts and minds!

**Hymn #291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

Holy God, there are times when distraction takes over and we forget you. Forgive us for this. Our daily lives, responsibilities, fears, and judgement get in the way of following You. We mistake worldly things for You, and harm our relationships with each other and with You. Help us turn our faces to the Light and guide us to Your table where everyone is fed. We yearn to be close with You. *(Silent prayer)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

All: Thanks be to God!

***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.



*Children are invited to
attend Children's Church*

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit,
that in your Light we may see Light, in your truth find
freedom, and in your will discover peace; through
Christ our Lord, Amen.**

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Refrain:

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear.

Though the earth should change,
Though the earth should crumble into the sea,
Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city. It shall not be moved.
God will help when the morning dawns.

Refrain

The nations are in an uproar.
The Kingdoms of men have tottered.
God thunders, the earth melts,
The God of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Refrain

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Message *The Abiding Invitation*

Naomi Madaras

*Response to the Word The Apostles' Creed p.35

*Hymn #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Doxology #606

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*Hymn #769 *For Everyone Born*

*Blessing

Postlude

Lord, I Know I Been Changed spiritual, arr. Larry Shackley
Brenda Slick, *piano*

SERVING THE CHURCH

Ministers **Everyone in the church**
Pastor Naomi Madaras
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Brenda Slick

GPC BELL CHOIR

Fred Davison, *Director*

Mary Ann Ackerman	Danielle Kline
Terry Davis	Berry Kline
Joyce Hopkins	Barry Leap
Brian Keck	Pat McCulloh
Kelly Kerstetter	Dee Patton

Liturgists.....Aubrey Smith & Debra Miller
Acolyte
Children’s Church Teachers Erin Herrmann, Jennifer Smith
Audio / Video Tech Ben Herrmann
Closer Paul Sauder

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

Remember in prayer the family of **Marvin Rice** who joined the Church Triumphant on Sunday, September 13, 2026. Please continue to pray for his wife Nancy and sister-in-law of Linda Thomas.

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 11

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

Monday, October 12 Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13

3:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Prayer Group
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Thursday, October 15

6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Friday, October 16

6:00 pm Youth Group Hang-out Night

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
Prayers for Wells Valley Presbyterian Church, Wells Tannery



*Please join us after Worship in the Social Room
for Coffee Fellowship. Graciously hosted
by the Special Events Committee*

Congratulations to Randall & Mary Ann Ackerman
on the birth of baby granddaughter,

Claire Katherine Ackerman

born Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Parents are Scott & Katie Ackerman

Big brothers are Weston & Cole

*"We ask for God's continued blessings upon
this family. Grant them wisdom and grace to be
loving parents and to raise their children in
a way that brings glory to God. Amen."*



WITH LOVE FROM GREENCASTLE 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) 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.

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is open for donations Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. to schedule a drop off time, contact the pantry at 717-597-8333 Ext. 2 or gafoodpantry@gmail.com.

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, we are collecting the following items during October and November. Thank you for blessing our neighbors.

- Green Beans
- Crispy Fried Onions
- Mushroom Soup
- Sweet Potatoes
- Mashed Potato Mixes
- Turkey or Chicken Gravy
- Stuffing Mix

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOUR TABLE

FREE Thanksgiving Dinner

DRIVE-UP STYLE • SINGLE SERVE READY-TO-EAT MEALS

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

Pickup between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Call the office 717-597-8333 Ext 3 to reserve your meals

Thanksgiving-To-Go

Below is a link to help with donations and volunteers for the meal.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/805044DACA62BA5F85-66200692-2026?useFullSite=false>

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.

GPC FIRE DRILL UPDATE

Working closely with the Greencastle Rescue Hose Company, ***the Safety & Security Team will conduct an announced fire drill as part of worship on Sunday, October 25th.*** As part of the drill, the fire alarm will sound and we will evacuate the entire church as quickly as possible. (members of the Rescue Hose Co. will be onsite as observers and will offer feedback surrounding the drill) Following a head count, worship will conclude when all attendees gather together at our designated rally point, near the Train Station across the street. Look for future bulletin announcements with additional details outlining how the drill will be conducted.



Dear Friends:

As part of our Sunday worship service commemorating All Saints' Day this November, we will be paying tribute to those who have departed this life while we have cared for their loved ones during their time of loss and grief. This will include members from our congregation as well as individuals and families from our community.

Since the Reverend Dr. Robert Cook has retired, the Sunday service will be officiated by Elder Kelsey Marshall, MDiv. We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 1, 2026, at 10:00 AM, and would certainly welcome you to worship with us. During that service, we will also celebrate Holy Communion.

Should you choose to join us, your dear one's name will be read during the service. You may also wish to have a special candle which will be lit in their memory at that time. The candle will be yours to take as a keepsake after the service.



Thus, if you wish to participate and contribute to this poignant service of remembrance, we ask that you contact the church office no later than Thursday, October 22, 2026.

You may call the office at 717-597-8333, extension 3, or send an email to gpc.office17225@gmail.com.

Blessings upon you,

Dottie Davison

Dottie Davison,
Ruling Elder & Worship Chairwoman

Notes: _____

GPC STAFF

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

Class of 2027

Dottie Davison Worship
Carole Malin..... Property & Maintenance
Jenn Robertson Clerk of Session

Class of 2028

Mary Ann Ackerman Outreach / Mission

Class of 2029

Ben Herrmann..... Christian Education
Jim Papa Technology / PNC
George Price..... Personnel

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2027

Polly Coulter
Kelly Kerstetter
Debra Miller
Virginia Vallillo

Class of 2028

Brian Rice

Class of 2029

Sheila Gates
Beverly Leap
Sue Thompson



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