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 November 15, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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 TO GOD.
DURING THE SERVICE, LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU.
AFTER THE SERVICE, SPEAK TO EACH OTHER.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Fanfare on "America"* John Dixon
Zakary Reynolds, *organ*

*Call to Worship (Ps. 46:1,2)

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea:

(All) Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn #338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

*Prayer of Confession **(Unison)**

Holy God, like a loving father and caring mother, you watch over us and beckon us to follow the right path. But we get stuck: stopped by our fear of trying something new, trapped by our memories of past failures, caught in a web of conflicting choices, halted by the clamor of many voices. We know the distress of worry and the blur of tears. Free us, O God, to follow you with joyful steps, to clearly hear your directions, to be bold in our loving, courageous in our caring and brave in our speaking. Through our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

(Silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #581

Children are invited to leave for Children's Church

Anthem *Prayer for Shalom* Kyle Peterson

God, we ask You bring shalom
so peace may dwell in every home;
heal us all that we may know,
the wholeness of Your great shalom.

To my friends and family, shalom;
to the stranger who I see, shalom;
to those I'll never meet, shalom;
to all humanity, shalom.

To my enemy I pray, shalom;
to the refugee I pray, shalom;
to heal the hurt that tears the soul;
hold our hearts and don't let go.

We pray the world may be restore,
full of grace and fully Yours.
Shalom.
God's peace to you, and grace and truth,
a place where you will be made new.
I pray shalom to you, my friend. Shalom.
God, we ask you bring shalom.

Message *Resident Aliens* Rev. David Wright

Scripture References: Jeremiah 29:1-10 and Philippians 3:20

*Affirmation of Faith The Declaration of Barmen 8.22-8.24

"Fear God. Honor the emperor." (I Peter 2:17.)

From the PCUSA Book of Confessions

(8.22) **Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the Church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. [It fulfills this task] by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability. The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things.**

(8.23) **We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well.**

(8.24) **We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State**

*Hymn 821 *My Life Flows On*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Doxology #606

*Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*Hymn #826 *Lift High the Cross*

*The Blessing

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C minor, No. 2, BWV 847 J.S. Bach

Zakary Reynolds, *piano*



Please join us for coffee, refreshments & fellowship in the Social Room after Worship.

All Are Welcome!

Kindly hosted by the Papa Family

SERVING THE CHURCH

Ministers	**Everyone in the church**
Pastor	Rev. David Wright
Liturgist	Jim Papa
Musicians	Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Zakary Reynolds
Acolyte	Paislee Shew
Children's Church Teachers	Racheal Bowman, Mary Ann Ackerman
Audio / Video Tech	Jeff Stouffer
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
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
Nancy Rice
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
Weslie Johnson
Dick Hammer
Jim McIntire
Donald McIntire

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, November 15

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
2:00 pm Dementia Caregivers Support Group
3:00 pm Cumberland Valley School of Music Student Recital

Wednesday, November 18

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, November 19

6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting

Friday, November 20

10:00 am Kim Morrison Memorial Service

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King Sunday

10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
5:30 pm Greencastle Community Thanksgiving Service
at First Assembly of God, 525 Leitersburg St, Greencastle
5:30 pm Youth Group

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Greencastle-Antrim Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 pm at First Assembly of God. It's an informal service and the offering goes to the food pantry. ***Always a good time for local churches, neighbors, and interfaith or multi-denominational groups come together in fellowship!***

FREE THANKSGIVING-TO-GO

Thursday, November 26, 2026 – pick-up between 10 am and 12 pm
FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOUR TABLE!

Help make our Thanksgiving Dinner a success. We need your support! Below is a link to donate food, make a donation toward the dinner, or volunteer your time for the meal.
https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/805044DACA62BA5F85-66200692-2026?useFullSite=false

Thanksgiving — A National Tradition

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November a "day of Thanksgiving and Praise," making annual an inconsistent national tradition. George Washington had issued two Thanksgiving proclamations, in 1789 and 1795; Thomas Jefferson zero. Some states had celebrated Thanksgiving, while others had not. Even the dates of celebration had differed.

Throughout the Civil War, the Union and Confederate States would use competing Thanksgiving proclamations to lift public morale. Many of the Thanksgiving sermons held by the Presbyterian Historical Society are pointed responses to such decrees. After the capture of Fort Sumter on April 13, 1863, the president and congress of the Confederate States declared June 13 a day of National Thanksgiving. In *The Battle of Fort Sumter: a Discourse Preached on the Day of National Fasting, Thanksgiving and Prayer*, the Reverend Thomas Smyth told the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, SC, that, "On this occasion, we will restrict our argument, and your attention, to the glorious victory of Fort Sumter, considered, first, as a signal proof of the powerful providence of God; and, secondly, as a pledge and promise of God's continued providence and protection over us."

A month later, after another Confederate victory at Manassas, VA, and another declaration of Thanksgiving, the Reverend George D. Armstrong found more evidence of divine support for the Southern cause. In *The Good Hand of God Upon Us: A Thanksgiving Sermon Preached on Occasion of the Victory of Manassas, July 21st, 1861,* Armstrong told the Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, VA, that, "Through 'the good hand of God upon us,' in making mad our enemies, we stand this day a thoroughly united people, with none feeble of purpose in all our hosts; and the foul aspersion attempted to be cast upon our fair fame in calling us 'covenant-breakers, traitors, rebels' recoils upon its authors." Militarily, the Confederate States dominated the first two years of the War. Only with the Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in 1863 did the Union cause seem the more likely to prevail.

On August 6, Lincoln made his first declaration of a day of Thanksgiving for that year.

Northern Presbyterian ministers used the opportunity to rally a beleaguered people behind the Union cause. The Reverend Frederick T. Brown's *sermon Giving Thanks for Union Victories Preached in Bridge Street Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, D.C.,* is one conciliatory example. "Divided, made two, we are ruined," claimed Rev. Brown, "and will be the scorn and contempt of the world. But, one, undivided, and united, we may fearlessly face the world, and go on in that career of progress in which we have started….till that one word American shall make the bad tremble and the good rejoice wherever spoken the world over." The Civil War would end two years later, but the newly reunited nation would continue to celebrate Thanksgiving each fall, giving gratitude for what it has achieved in times of plenty and loss. In 1863, the songwriter William Muhlenberg wrote *"The President's Hymn: Give Thanks All Ye People."* Its words continue to capture the spirit of Thanksgiving today:

Give Thanks all ye people, Give thanks to the Lord,
Alleluias of freed, with joyful accord:
Let the East and the West, North and South roll along,
Sea, mountain and prairie, One thanksgiving song.

Reprint from Presbyterian Historical Society Blog
https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/blogs/historical-society-blog/thanksgiving-2013-our-150-year-old-national-tradition

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SOCK DRIVE



The Mission /Outreach Committee is holding a Sock Drive from now through the end of December. New socks of any size, with/without grips, can be donated by placing them in the Tub of Warmth drawer in the cabinet by the elevator. All socks will be added to the Tub of Warmth and given out to Food Pantry patrons and to those in need via the Tub at the Besore Library. Thank you in advance for your donations.

HERITAGE CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE



Do you like popcorn, warm cider, putting a smile on the faces of passersby on the square in a Christmas atmosphere????
Then please join the members of the Outreach Committee for Heritage Christmas on the Square on December 4 or 11 to do just that! We will be welcoming people with our wonderful smelling fresh-popped popcorn and warm cider on a festive night!

If you are interested in helping, there are sign-up sheets in the lobby by the elevator for taking a shift or donating cider! Please come join in these wonderful evenings as we represent GPC in the community!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

To remember a loved one or honor someone please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check made payable to: Greencastle Presbyterian Church, marked "Christmas Poinsettia."



Name: _____

Poinsettias are multi-bloom 6.5" pots. Cost is $11.50 per pot.

❑ Red ❑ White ❑ Pink

❑ In memory of / ❑ In honor of _____

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❑ In memory of / ❑ In honor of _____

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❑ In memory of / ❑ In honor of _____

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❑ In memory of / ❑ In honor of _____

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❑ I will pick up my poinsettia **after** the Christmas Service.

❑ Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Our order to the florist will be placed on Monday, Nov. 30, 2026.

GPC STAFF

Dr. J. Frederick Davison..... Director of Music Ministry
Susan Miller..... Office Manager
Colleen Seidel.....Youth Group Leader
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Ryan Hock..... Custodian
Debbie Hock..... Custodian
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