



#### **Front Cover Artwork**

The Return of the Prodigal Son (*Il Figlio prodigo*). 1975–1976 Marc Chagall Oil on canvas. 162 by 122 cm. Private collection, Paris

"Chagall's almost childlike use of color may be what enabled him to craft one of the most moving scenes of homecoming and embrace of all painting. A depiction of the climax of Jesus' parable about The Prodigal Son—where a son asks for his inheritance and leaves home, and is transformed to see that instead of being rejected, he is welcomed wholeheartedly by the father—Chagall captures the moment of embrace between father and son. It is a gentle encounter, highlighted by the serene eye-contact at the center of the picture. The recovery of intimacy between father and son is stressed also by the empty distance around them—as if to depict an eternal moment of quiet and embrace—but Chagall does not forget to show the reaction of the village too. In an insightful interpretation of Jesus' parable, Chagall understands that the acceptance by the father is connected to the acceptance of the whole community, who had also been left behind by the prodigal son. But now the crowd cheers his return, there is party and music, and a girl...offers him a bouquet of flowers." René Breuel as quoted on the Wondering Fair blog at http://wonderingfair.com/2014/12/01/colorful-like-the-circus/ (accessed 10/02/2015).

The embrace of the Father, who welcomes sinners to Himself through Jesus Christ, leads to a people who embrace each other in Christ as fellow members of the household of God. Thus, the Father's grace and mercy sets the tone for the whole church community.



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.

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# **Preparing to Worship God**

## Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA!

We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A nursery is available today for infants through age 3.

A private area for nursing mothers is located behind the beige curtain in the back of the worship area.

A Junior Church for young worshippers from  $age\ 4$  through  $2^{nd}$  grade is available in the hallway beginning during the Song of Preparation and lasting through the sermon time.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our gathered time of worship possible.

This week's announcements and a weekly schedule are found on pp. 17-18.

# **In Preparation**

As you wait for the service to begin, the following poem by John Newton is provided for meditation and personal reflection.

Begone unbelief,
My Savior is near,
And for my relief
Will surely appear:
By prayer let me wrestle,
And he will perform,
With Christ in the vessel,
I smile at the storm.

Why should I complain
Of want or distress,
Temptation or pain?
He told me no less:
The heirs of salvation,
I know from his Word,
Through much tribulation
Must follow their Lord.

#### **Prelude**

*Use the prelude time to find a seat and to prepare for joining in with God's people to worship God with joy and gladness. Thanks to Nick Yingst for playing piano for us this morning.* 

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

She Will Be Called Blessed

Happy the Home When God Is There

Now Thank We All Our God

Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

Croft

Barlowe

Dykes

Cruger

Wesley

# **Praising God**

# \*Call to Worship:

**Psalm 99:1-3a** 

As we turn to Scripture this morning, let these verses remind you to come with a heart prepared, a mind ready, to praise, love, and glorify God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

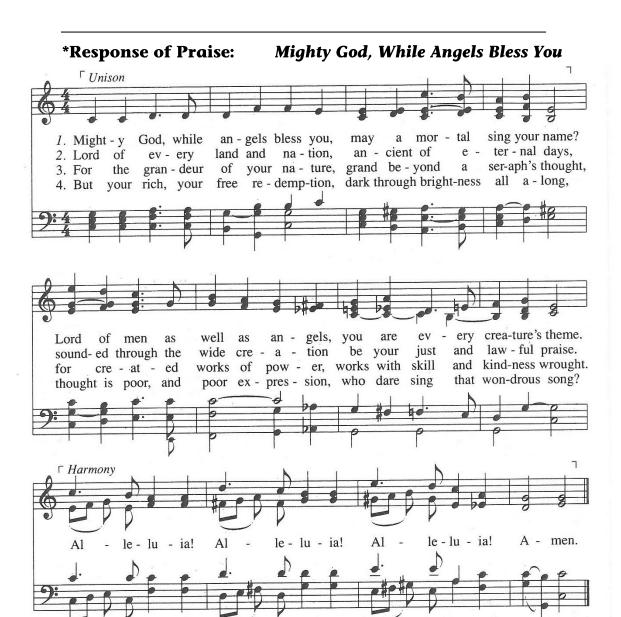
The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Light Text = Read by Leader **Bold Text = Read by All** 



- 5. Brightness of the Father's glory, shall your praise unuttered lie? Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence, sing the Lord who came to die. (Alleluias)
- 6. From the highest throne in glory, to the cross of deepest woe, all to ransom guilty captives, flow my praise, forever flow. (Alleluias)

# \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

In our first prayer we respond to our Creator God's call to come and worship him, acknowledging the true God as the Trinitarian God revealed in Scripture, and as our God.

#### \*Confession of Faith:

# The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

#### I believe in **God the Father Almighty**,

Maker of heaven and earth.

#### I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

## I believe in the **Holy Spirit**,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

# \*Doxology

In this ascription of praise to God comes as a response to God's provision for us. Through it we call everyone in the created order to celebrate and praise our Provider God.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

# Facing Up to Our Sin before God

# **Reading of God's Standard**

Joel 2:1,11-13

As we listen to this reading of Scripture today we remember that our God is a holy God, "a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29), and so we are to "see that [we] do not refuse him who is speaking" (Hebrews 12:25).

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near...

<sup>11</sup>The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it? <sup>12</sup> "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

# **Confession of Sin**

Confession of sin expresses "both sorrow over the sins we have committed and our revulsion at sin in general." (Hughes Oliphant Old, Leading in Prayer, 78)

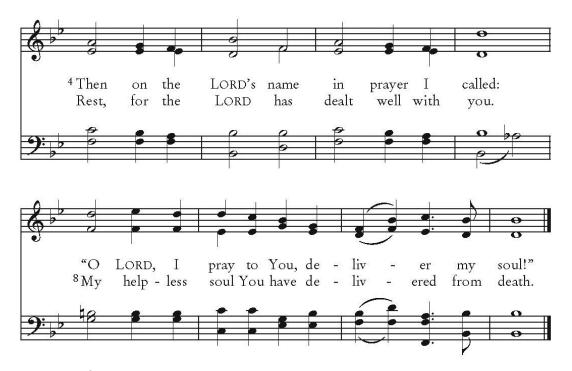
# **Assurance of Pardon in Christ**

**Joel 2:32** 

The Assurance announces that the Scripture promises forgiveness to all those who repent, confessing their sins to God and putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.





# Offering Our Prayers & Ourselves to God

# Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

See page 19 for this week's prayer items.

Our time of intercession will close with the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# **Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings**

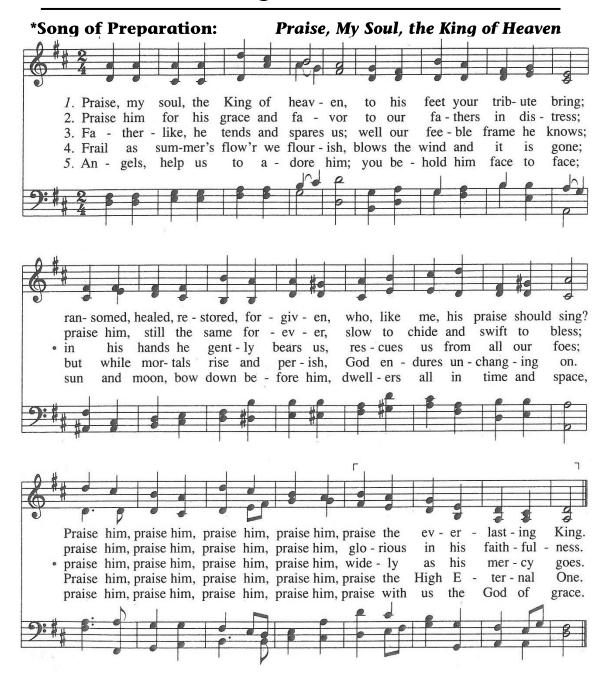
Tithes and Offerings are an expression of our worship of God. Through them we demonstrate that him. "...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

# Offertory

A Christian Home

Arr. Stevens

# Listening to God's Word



# **Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word. "The Holy Spirit who inspired the authors of these sacred texts must inspire those who read and those who preach and those who listen. Otherwise those texts will fail to move us. Revelation is from beginning to end a work of God's Spirit." (Hughes Oliphant Old, Leading in Prayer, 140)

# \*Reading of Scripture

Luke 15:11-32

The Scriptures, the Word of God written, informs us of God's revealed will. In it we learn what we are to believe concerning God, and the duty he requires of us (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 3). As it is read, remember what the Lord said through Isaiah: "...this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." (Isa. 66:2)

And he [Jesus] said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

<sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

\*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
\*Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon:** 

"Two Sons"

Luke 15:11-32

## **Pastor David Kertland**

The sermon is a time to consider the Scripture that was read, learning what it means and how it impacts our lives.

# **Prayer of Application**

The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

# **Receiving Provision from God**

# **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

# **Invitation & Warning**

# **Words of Institution & Prayer**

#### **Distribution of the Elements**

Please wait until all are served before eating.

**Our communion bread** is gluten-free.

**The tray of communion cups** provides a choice of grape juice or wine (see diagram).

#### **Prayer**

# **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

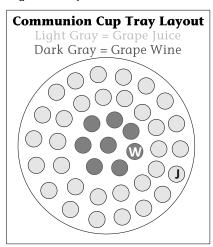
Let this table, and our communion together as guests around the Lord's table each week, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to regularly hold out your *empty and faltering* hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that He, *your Creator* and *your Head*, is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a baptized believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this

morning! We ask you not to participate in this part of the service. We do invite you to stay and observe this celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. Today, even as the bread and wine pass by, let them urge you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

#### Prayer of Belief:

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.





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# **Being Sent to Serve God**

# \*Benediction

#### **Hebrews 13:25**

The benediction is a pronouncement of blessing on God's people in Christ. It is usually a biblical blessing. Let it remind you that if you are in Christ, you can leave with confidence to live this week knowing that the Lord Himself is your Shepherd and that you will lack no needful thing (Psalm 23).

Grace be with all of you.

#### \*Postlude

**Use this time to greet someone** that you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ. The time after our worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ.

**To our guests:** We are glad that you have joined us for worship today. We would like to invite you to stay for a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members.

**To our members:** As an act of fellowship and service, please help to tear down today. We would love your help!

\* Congregation standing

## Today's Service Information

- 1) Artwork: Front Cover: "The Return of the Prodigal Son" (*Il Figlio prodigo*), 1975–1976, oil on canvas by Marc Chagall, is part of a private collection in Paris. The JPEG used on the cover was downloaded from the blog "Wondering Fair" at https://wonderingfair.files.wordpress.com/2011/09/chagall-return-of-prodigal-son.jpg.
- 2) Music: "Mighty God, While Angels Bless You" (8), "Doxology" (733), and "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (76) are reprinted from the *Trinity Hymnal* (Atlanta, GA: Great Commission Publications, 2000). "I Love the Lord" (116C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Pittsburgh, PA: Crown & Covenant Publications, 2013). "In Christ Alone" in hymnal form was purchased at www.gettymusic.com. Music is reprinted from Music used by permission: CCLI License #703337.
- 3) Quotes: Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes used to explain prayers in our worship service from Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship by Hughes Oliphant Old (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995)." Page 2: www.britannica.com/biography/Gustave-Dore and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave\_Dor%C3%A9 (both accessed 05/05/2017 at 9:30 AM). Page 3: poem by John Newton, originally published as part of Olney Hymns (1779, p. 353, Book 3, Hymn 37, I will trust and not be afraid, vv. 1,5) and reprinted from 365 days with Newton: A unique collection of 364 daily readings from the unpublished sermons and writings of John Newton (Marylynn Rouse, Day One Publications, 2006, reading for May 12).
- 4) The "Invitation to the Lord's Supper" and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster. PA (2015).

# **Announcements for Week of May 14-21**

This Week at Hershey PCA / Trinity PCA*			
Today	Time of Event <b>10:00 AM</b> 10:15 AM	Activity <b>Hershey PCA Morning Worship Service</b> Harrisburg (Trinity PCA) Worship Service	Location <b>Hershey</b> Trinity
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Kearns SGC**	
Wednesday	<b>9:30 AM</b> 1:00 PM 6:30 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Meet & Greet, Stay & Play Afternoon SGC** ESL Class, Middle School Youth Group Evening Prayer	Cocoa Castle Trinity Trinity Hershey Office
Thursday	6:30 PM	<b>Hershey Committee of Session Meeting</b>	<b>Hershey Office</b>
Saturday	9:00 AM <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	Susquehanna Presbytery Meeting  Life Explored Youth Class  Facility Set-up and Preparation	Mount Joy Hershey Office Hershey
Next Sunday	10:00 AM 10:15 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Hershey PCA Morning Worship Service Harrisburg (Trinity PCA) Worship Service High School Youth Group Evening Worship Service	<b>Hershey</b> Trinity Trinity Trinity

<sup>\*</sup>Trinity PCA is our other worship site at 6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109. Trinity PCA's full weekly schedule and additional information can be found at www.trinityhbg.com. For questions about our youth groups and children's programs, contact Pastor Mike Wolcott at mwolcott@trinityhbg.com.

# **Happy Mother's Day**

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing mothers who love and care for the covenant children of our worship site. Thank you for all that you do! For an article titled "Recognize True Mother's Day..." by Mary Beth McGreevy, the speaker at our recent Women's Ministries retreat, see marybethmcgreevy.blogspot.com/2015/04/reconize-true-mothers-day-not-may-10th.html.

# Life Explored Class for Youth

All youth are invited to come *and bring friends* to *Life Explored* Saturdays from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. A light dinner will be provided each week. There is no cost to attend. For more information, please talk to Cisco Victa. There is also a sign-up sheet in the lobby for other adults to indicate an interest in a possible summer adult *Life Explored* course.



# **Vacation Bible School (VBS) this Summer**

Mark your calendars now for Hershey PCA's second Vacation Bible School, "Called by the King," Monday-Thursday, July 24-27, from 5:30-7:00 PM here at our worship site for ages 3 to completed Grade 6. We are looking for volunteers to serve as class guides, craft helpers, teachers, recreation leaders, music leaders, snack coordinators, nursery workers, and decorators. If you love children and would like to be a part of this year's VBS, please see Bonnie Kertland.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Shepherd Group Communities, our small groups at Hershey PCA & Trinity PCA, that meet each year from September to May. If you are interested in joining a shepherd group community, please see Pastor Kertland.

# Next Meet & Greet, Stay & Play – May 17

Our next Meet & Greet, Stay & Play will be on Wednesday, May 17, at Cocoa Castle, 605 Cocoa Ave., Hershey, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. If it is raining that day, we will meet in the community room at Briarcrest Apartments. Meet & Greet provides a great opportunity for us to get to know women and their preschoolers in our community. We usually meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Anyone is welcome to come help the children enjoy play time, a craft, and a snack. Please consider participating!

# Women's Ministries Pizza & Game Night May 22

Join with the ladies of Hershey PCA for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun at 6:00 PM on Monday, May  $22^{nd}$  at the church office and ministry center. We will have some pizza and play some group games. Bring a veggie or snack to share.

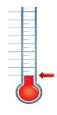
# Parking Lot Use at LMS-Hershey Campus During School Day

The administration of Lancaster Mennonite School--Hershey Campus has asked us to abide by the following rules regarding their parking lot when the school is in session: 1. When entering the parking lot, please stay to the right and go around the building, as traffic flows in a counterclockwise direction. 2. When parking, use the lined sections of the parking lot. (Do not park in the unlined section.)

# **Combined Ministries with Trinity PCA**

Wednesday evenings during the school year provide opportunities to attend programs at Trinity, our sister congregation (6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg). A **Kids Club** for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, an **ESL class**, and our **Middle School Youth Group** all meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings; **High School Youth Group** continues on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM. Hershey PCA is part of all of these ministries.

#### **Summer Mission Teams**



The Missions Committee has set a goal for this summer for our two worship sites to raise \$20,000 to provide support for our three summer teams and the Eickelberg's pastoral care trip. Trinity PCA/Hershey PCA is planning a trip to Kentucky led by Mike Wolcott (June 25 - July 1), a trip to Gambia, Africa, led by Ed Lankford (July 6 - July 16), and a local mission to Harrisburg led by Mike Wolcott (June 15, 22, 29, and July 6). Please consider how you might help support these trips.



# Hershey PCA Prayer Guide for the Week of May 14-20, 2017

Tear off this page and post it in the place where you pray.

#### **Intercession for the World:**

• The Hershey Community (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly Enews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews)

#### Derry Township Director of Community Development Charles Emerick

• Civil Government (those in authority over us):

#### **US Supreme Court Justices**

• Countries of Origin of our Church Family, Friends, and ESL Students (at both of our worship sites, Hershey and Locust Lane) Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:

#### Mexico

• Unreached People Group (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

#### Ad Dharmi of India

Population: 769,000; Language: Punjabi; Religion: Hinduism

# **Intercession for the Church (God's People):**

- Long-Term Health Needs (If you would like to be added to this list, let us know):
   Lois Kertland
- Church Government:

In Our Local Church (our ordained officers at Hershey PCA & Trinity PCA):

#### **Deacon Don Goss**

• Our Denomination (PCA):

Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):

# Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA

• Supported Missionary or Organizations:

Mission to North America (MNA)

# **Additional Items for Prayer:**

#### The King and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers of the Gospel: All our members

## **Hershey PCA Committee of Our Session\*:**

Pastor / Teaching Elder: David O. Kertland, M.Div., D. Min. dkertland@hersheypca.com

Ruling Elders: Chris Haynes, Dr. Greg Moore, Nick Yingst

**Pastoral Intern:** Francisco Victa, M.Div. cvicta@hersheypca.com

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#### **Additional Members of Our Full Session & Pastoral Staff**

who primarily worship at Trinity PCA, our other worship site:
Pastor / Teaching Elder: Bob Eickelberg (beickelberg@trinityhbg.com)
Ruling Elders: John McCurdy, George Parmer, Tom Seymour
Youth & Family Pastor / Teaching Elder: Michael Wolcott (mwolcott@trinityhbg.com)

\*In the PCA, the Session is the governing body of the local church. Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) shares leadership and oversight with Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA).



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Church Office & Ministry Center: 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036 (Trinity PCA's office is at 6098 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109.) You can reach us through Trinity's office at (717) 545-4271.

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