



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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Front Cover Artwork

Vincent van Gogh, *Harvest at La Crau, with Montmajour in the Background*, 1888. Oil on canvas. 2' 5" x 3' 0". Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

<https://www.vangoghgallery.com/catalog/Painting/184/Harvest-at-La-Crau-with-Montmajour-in-the-Background.html>

"Van Gogh considered this impressive vista as one of his finest works. The colours of the southern French countryside in summer dominate this painting: the warm yellowy-gold of the wheat and azure green of the shimmering light. The painting shows the plain of La Crau, outside Arles, with in the distance the Alpilles mountain range. For the foreground Van Gogh used touches of paint in various directions, while for the background he applied more uniform colour patches, thereby creating extra depth."

<https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/the-harvest-vincent-van-gogh/UAFejbUbf7fwSg?hl=en>

Our Lord Jesus mentioned the harvest multiple times during his earthly ministry. In his parables, *"the harvest"* referred to the *"end of the age"* (Matthew 13:39), when he will gather his children to him as a farmer gathers the good grain. God's Word tells us that the Church participates in the harvest as we proclaim Christ to the world. May the sight of the crops being harvested this fall in our area, remind us of our work as harvesters for the Kingdom, and encourage us to *"pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"* (Matthew 9:38).



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.*

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.

Thanks to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Bob Eickelberg (preaching), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

Light face type: Leader

Bold Face type: Congregation

*Response of Praise: Praise the Lord (Psalm 117)

The musical score for Psalm 117 is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are: "1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! All you na - tions, ex - tol Him; Ex - tol Him, all you peo - ples; 2 For great is His love toward us, And the faith - ful - ness of the LORD En - dures for - ev - er." The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a more melodic treble line.

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard:

Deuteronomy 5:6-7

*"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
You shall have no other gods before me."*

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a, 9b-10

"For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

⁹ ...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."

Reception of New Members & the Sacrament of Baptism

In today's service, we publicly receive Jesse, Chauntel, and Penelope Mancuso as members of Hershey PCA. Jesse and Penelope will receive the sacrament of baptism. This sacrament was instituted by Christ. As this sign and seal is applied, we remember Jesus's instructions to us: *"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"* (Matthew 28:18-20)

Declaration of Admission:

As an applicant for admission into the Church of God by Baptism, which is a sign and seal of our engrafting into Christ, and of our engagement to be the Lord's, and into the membership of Hershey PCA, the Session has examined and approved **Jesse Mancuso**, who is cordially welcomed into the fellowship of the household of faith and into the fellowship of Hershey PCA.

As an applicant for admission into the membership of Hershey PCA by reaffirmation of faith, having previously been baptized into the Triune Name of God, the Session has examined and approved **Chauntel Mancuso**, who is cordially welcomed into the fellowship of Hershey PCA.

Profession of Faith (Questions for Membership)*

Both of you being here present to make a public profession of your faith, are to assent to the following declarations and promises, by which you enter into a solemn covenant with God and His Church.

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation welcome Jesse & Chauntel into the fellowship of the church as a brother and sister in Christ and fellow citizens in the kingdom of God's Beloved Son? (Colossians 1:13-14)

Exhortation to the parents in presenting their child *Penelope Lou* for baptism: *

Reading the Covenant Promises: *

Genesis 17:7: *“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”*

Acts 2:39: *“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*

Acts 16:31: *“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”*

Questions for the parents: *

1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the congregation: *

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Prayer for Blessing

Baptism in the Triune Name

Concluding Prayer

*Developed from the PCA’s Book of Church Order, 56-4, 5, 6; 57-3, 5.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 18-24, 2020

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 Supervisor Chris Abruzzo
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Senator John DiSanto
- **Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends.** 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:
China
- **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 Untied out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Badhai of India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Bangladesh
Population: 7,394,800; Languages: Hindi, Maithili, Sindhi, Urdu, and Punjabi;
Religion: Hinduism and Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: John and Catherine Simon**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):
Elder Joe Kearns
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
St. Stephen Reformed Church, New Holland, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Richard and Lynne Smith, serving with RUF-I at Penn State

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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.

Our Tithes & Offerings

This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com.

***Song of Preparation:**

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note chord (B-flat, D-flat, F), followed by quarter notes G, A, B, and C. The instrumental line (bass clef) provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure and lyrics.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

The third system features a new vocal melody for the phrase 'Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!'. The instrumental accompaniment continues with sustained chords.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final vocal phrase and instrumental accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

Daniel Iverson, 1926

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Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

Romans 15:1-7

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.' ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

The Church: Being & Becoming (4):

"Fellowship: A Neighbor-First People Who Build Up"

Text: Romans 15:1-7

Pastor David Kertland

1. Our _____

2. Our _____

3. Our _____

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)*

Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

Receiving God's Blessing

***Benediction:**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*"The **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ and the **love** of God
and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all."*

Amen.

Postlude

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** van Gogh, Vincent, *Harvest at La Cra, with Montmajour in the Background*, 1888. Oil on canvas. 2' 5" x 3' 0". Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands. <https://www.vangoghgallery.com/catalog/Painting/184/Harvest-at-La-Cra,-with-Montmajour-in-the-Background.html>. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise the Lord" (117B) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Pittsburgh, PA: Crown & Covenant Publications, 2013). "Spirit of the Living God" (726) and "We Gather Together" (363) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 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 (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 1995).

**We are glad that you have joined us for worship today
—either in person or by livestream.**

If you are new to Hershey PCA, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kertland at pastor@hersheypca.com. We would love to personally welcome you.

Updates, announcements, and a weekly schedule of events with meeting links are being communicated through our Prayer and Information email list.

If you are not receiving these updates and would like to be on the email list, please send your name and email address to office@hersheypca.com.

Requests for pastoral or diaconal support can be made directly to one of our elders or deacons, or can be emailed to us at: pastor@hersheypca.com or deacons@hersheypca.com.

Join us for **Sunday worship** at 10:00 AM (EST) onsite or by livestream at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

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