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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), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), and Nick Yingst (piano).

Prelude

Four tunes from Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 46:1,10-11

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Light face type: Leader
Bold Face type: Congregation

Response of Praise:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***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.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard:

Deuteronomy 5:8-10

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.⁹ You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,¹⁰ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Colossians 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses

The Sacrament of Baptism

Today **Joshua and Brittany Franklin** present their covenant child, **Rosalie Maeve** for the sacrament of baptism. This sacrament was instituted by Christ. As this sign and seal is applied, we remember that “the promise is made to believers and their children; and that children of believers have an interest in the covenant, and right to the seal of it, and to the outward privileges of the Church, under the Gospel....” *

Exhortation to the parents: *

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 her 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

*From the PCA’s *Book of Church Order*, 56-4, 5, & 6.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 25-31, 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-e-news)
Derry Township Supervisor Susan Cort
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Senator Patrick Toomey
- **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:
Egypt
- **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)
Badhi of India, Nepal, and Pakistan
Population: 148,700; Languages: Hindi, Nepali, Urdu; Religion: Hinduism and Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Jim**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers):
Elder Nick Yingst
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Mike and Ashley Troxell, serving with MTW in Honduras

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:

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone, where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while his truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and his finished sacrifice.

Chorus:

Glory be, glory be to God alone!
Through the Church he redeemed and made his own.
He has freed us, he will keep us till we're safely home,
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace – undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore!

Chorus

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:

James 2:1-13

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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

Sermon:

The Church: Being & Becoming (5):

“Fellowship: A Neighbor-First People Who Welcome”

Text: James 2:1-13

Pastor David Kertland

1. The _____ of gospel welcome

2. _____ gospel welcome

3. The _____ of gospel welcome

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:

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son.
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Chorus

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Chorus

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

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:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (92) and "To God Be the Glory" (55) are from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Reformation Hymn" is from Sovereign Grace Music and ChurchWorksMedia.com. 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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