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Front Cover Artwork

Pieter Bruegel (c.1525-1530 to 1569), *The Hunters in the Snow*, 1565. Oil on wood. 46.06×63.77 in. Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria. In the public domain.

The group of hunters returns to the low-lying village, accompanied by an exhausted pack of dogs. Only a single fox hangs on one of the spears slung over the men's shoulders. To the left preparations are afoot to singe a pig over an open fire. Delightful details such as skaters on frozen ponds have added to the picture's enormous popularity. Yet it is not the sum total of details that make the picture important, rather its overall effect. In a manner both virtuosic and consistent, Bruegel evokes the impression of permanent cold in this first and most prominent winter landscape of European painting.

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Like these weary hunters, we might be tempted to feel as though the dark and dreary times will never end. But God's Word speaks of the hope we have in the gospel. God promises a reward to those who trust in Jesus and consequently pour their energies into doing the work of his glorious kingdom.

Galatians 6:9 says,

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

With that reminder, Paul then, in verse 10, encourages us with these words:

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.



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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Jared Salyards (piano), Ben Watt (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship: Psalm 93

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed;

he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

Mightier than the thunders of many waters,

mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house,

O LORD, forevermore.

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



Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10. John B. Dykes, 1861

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.

*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; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 98-100

Over the next few weeks, we will focus on what the Bible teaches about prayer through the reading of questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, written in London in 1646-1647. It is part of our doctrinal statement in the PCA. This edition in Modern English was published in 1986.

- Q. 98. What is prayer?
 - A. Prayer is offering our desires to God in the name of Christ for things that agree with His will, confessing our sins, and thankfully recognizing His mercies.
- Q. 99. How does God direct us to pray?
 - A. The whole word of God, but especially the Lord's prayer, which Christ taught His disciples, directs our prayers.
- Q. 100. What does the beginning of the Lord's prayer teach us?
 - A. The beginning of the Lord's prayer (Our Father in heaven) teaches us to draw near to God with completely holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father who is able and ready to help us. It also teaches that we should pray with and for others.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Matthew 7:7-11

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 31-February 6, 2021

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)

Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center: Doctors, Nurses, Staff, and Board of Directors

• **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:

 India
- **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)

Bagheti of India

Population: 38,000; Language: Odia; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- Health issues: Ken
- Church Government in our Local Church (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):

 Our Sound Team
- Our Denomination (PCA): Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

Supported Missionary or Organizations:
 Rick and Clare, serving in a sensitive area

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.

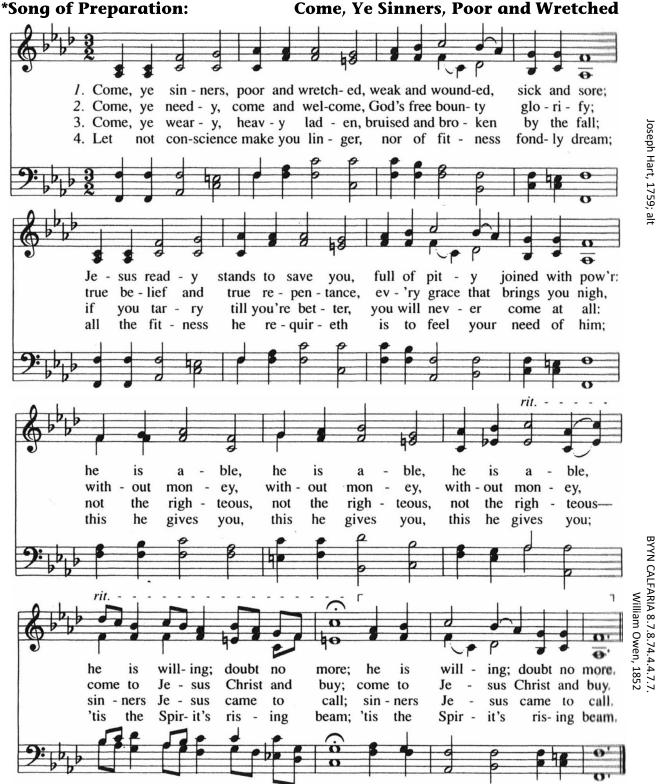
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

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.



- 5. View Him groveling in the Garden: Lo! Your Maker prostrate lies; On the bloody tree behold Him, Hear Him cry before He dies: It is finished! It is finished, It is finished. Sinner, will not this suffice? Sinner, will not this suffice?
- Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood; Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude: None but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good, can do helpless sinners

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:

Haggai 2:10-19

On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, 11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Ask the priests about the law: 12 'If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment and touches with his fold bread or stew or wine or oil or any kind of food, does it become holy?" The priests answered and said, "No." 13 Then Haggai said, "If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?" The priests answered and said, "It does become unclean." 14 Then Haqqai answered and said, "So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, declares the LORD, and so with every work of their hands. And what they offer there is unclean. ¹⁵ Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the LORD, 16 how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty. ¹⁷I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and with hail, yet you did not turn to me, declares the LORD. ¹⁸ Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider: 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you."

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

Sermon:

I Am With You: A Series from Haggai (3) "Consider from This Day Onward"

Text: Haggai 2:10-19 Pastor David Kertland

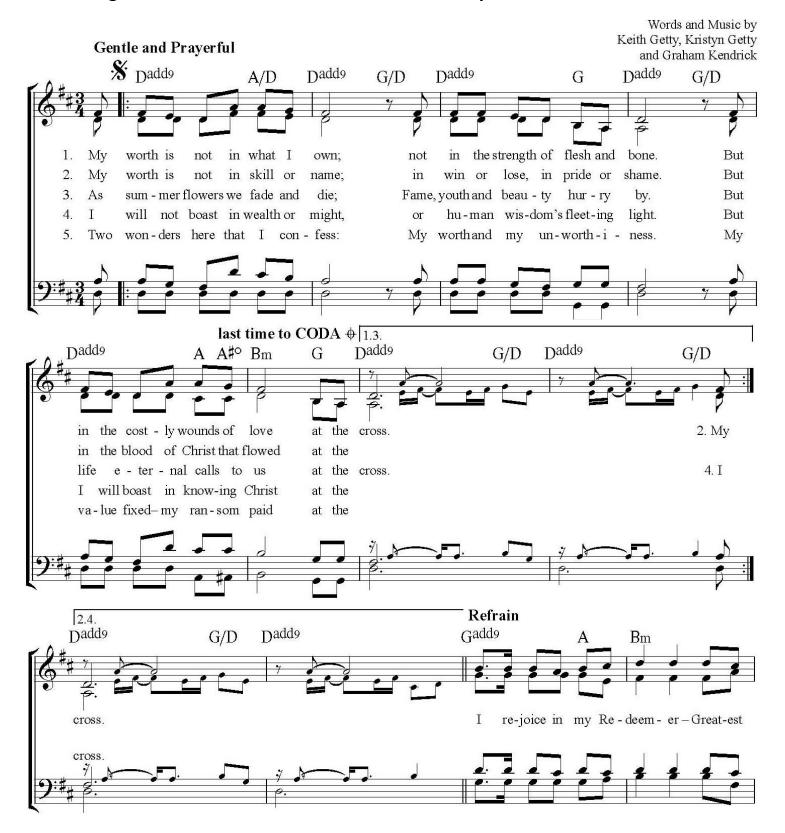
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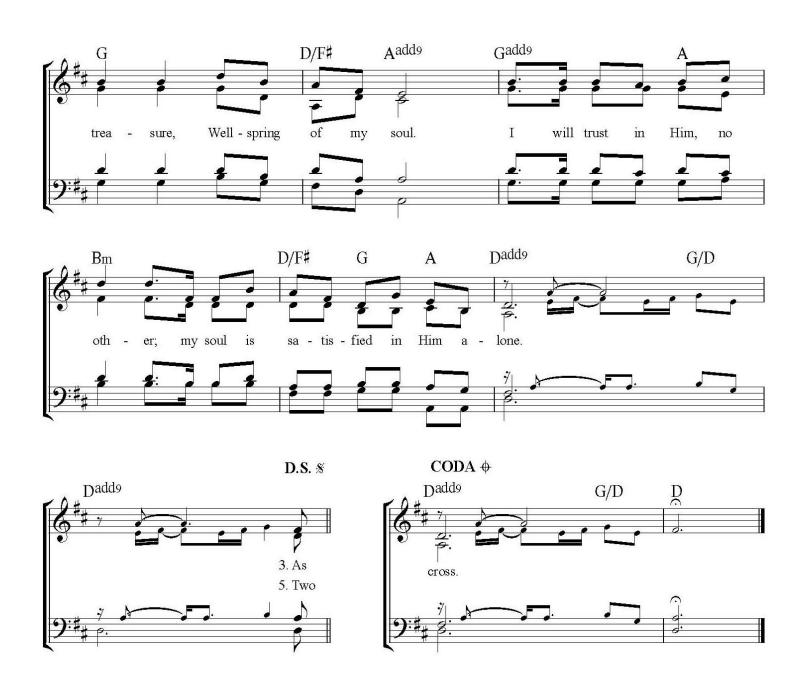
Prayer of Application

Confessing Our Faith in God

*Song of Dedication and Service:

My Worth is Not In What I Own





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.

Postlude

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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Today's Service Information

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- 2) Music: "Holy, Holy, (100) and "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched" (472) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "My Worth is Not In What I Own" is reprinted from gettymusic.com. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
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