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Front Cover Artwork

Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944), *Winter Landscape*, 1909. Oil on cardboard. 29.7 x 38.4 in. Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia. In the public domain.

"Kandinsky's painting *Winter Landscape* is one of the works in which the individualities of the artist, being the founder of abstract art, are shown in the full extent. The motive of thin black trunks is often used by Kandinsky in his landscapes. Bright coloring with dominant pink, yellow, blue and black is based on immediate visual impressions: the author seeks to convey various light effects in the snow lit by the setting sun; and the spatial depth of the landscape is emphasized with the composition."

<https://www.wassilykandinsky.net/work-123.php>

Even in the dead of winter, all creation continually displays the wondrous beauty of God!

Genesis 1:31

*And God saw everything that he had made,
and behold, it was very good.*

Psalms 19:1

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Psalms 96:6

*Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*



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), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), and Ben Watt (vocals).

Prelude

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arrangement by Marc Guy

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Psalm 145:1-9

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

*Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.*

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.*

*They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Song of Response:**

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -

a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -

va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his

ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

Johann J. Schutz, 1675
 Tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1864

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 Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch, 1566

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
 Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
 All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
 To God all praise and glory!
6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
 to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
 Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
 To God all praise and glory!

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.

*Gloria Patri

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
And to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end.
A-men, a-men.

* “ ‘Catholic’ means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples.”

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard:

Over the next few weeks, we continue to focus on what our Lord taught about prayer. God's Word is always our standard. We are also reading together questions from our Westminster Shorter Catechism, written in London in 1646-1647, as it provides a helpful way for us to read together a summary of what this Scripture is teaching us, but it is always "subject to and subordinate to the Scriptures." This edition of the catechism in Modern English was published in 1986.

Matthew 6:11

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 104

Q. 104. For what do we pray in the fourth request?

A. In the fourth request (*Give us today our daily bread*) we pray that we may receive an adequate amount of the good things in this life as a free gift of God and that with them we may enjoy his blessing.

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God

**whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way,
yet was without sin,**

We confess before you our own sinfulness;

**we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.**

Forgive our lack of faith;

have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such trust and love

**that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

John 6:35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of February 28-March 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-eneews)
Derry Township Supervisor Susan Cort
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
Vice President Kamala Harris
- **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:
Taiwan
- **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)
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Population: 6,700; Language: Bagvalal; Religion: Islam

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Elsie
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Deacon Keith Dolon
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
St. Stephen Reformed Church, New Holland, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Anees & Fareda Zaka, 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.

During this song, children from 3 years old through kindergarten
are invited to attend Junior Church in the church office.

***Song of Preparation:**

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

1. ¹ The LORD's my Shep - herd, lead - ing me;
 2. ³ And He re - stores my soul a - gain;
 3. ⁴ Though in a val - ley dark as death,

I will not be in need.
 He guides the steps I take
 No e - vil will I fear;

² He'll make me lie in pas - tures green;
 To walk a - long a righ - teous path,
 Your rod and staff, they com - fort me,

By qui - et wa - ters lead.
 All for His own name's sake.
 For You are al - ways near.

4. ⁵ A feast You have prepared for me
 In sight of all my foes;
 And You anoint my head with oil,
 My full cup overflows.

5. ⁶ What love and goodness all my life
 Will follow after me;
 And in the LORD's house evermore
 My dwelling place will be.

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:

1 Peter 1:3-12

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Stand Firm in the True Grace of God (3)

“Your Life as an Elect Exile - Part 2”

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Pastor David Kertland

Part 1:

02/21/2021

1. The source of your spiritual life.
God himself: “According to his great mercy, he has caused you to be born again...”
 - a. To a living hope
 - b. To an enduring inheritance

2. The _____ of your spiritual life.

a. You are being _____

b. You are being _____

3. _____ of your spiritual life.

a. You _____

b. You _____

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 & Service:**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B \flat (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B \flat (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G) F(D) C 7 (A 7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Cover: Wassily Kandinsky, (1866-1944), *Winter Landscape*, 1909. Oil on cardboard. 29.7 x 38.4 in. Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia. <https://www.wassilykandinsky.net/work-123.php> In the public domain.
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of the **Presbyterian Church in America** (www.pcanet.org).

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

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.



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