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Front Cover Artwork

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"Although Joseph Decker never achieved an important artistic reputation during his lifetime, his varied career encompassed more than thirty productive years. Born to a carpenter and his wife in 1853 in Württemberg, Germany, Decker emigrated with his family to America at the age of fourteen. He was first apprenticed to a Brooklyn house painter, then worked as a sign painter. In the late 1870s he began to take evening drawing classes at the National Academy of Design and by the end of that decade was exhibiting portraits and landscapes at the Brooklyn Art Association (also at the NAD in 1878). In the fall of 1879 Decker travelled to Munich, where he embarked on a year's study. His teacher there was the conservative and highly respected history painter Wilhelm Lindenschmidt (1829-1895).

Upon his return to the United States, Decker exhibited his work in the annual shows of the National Academy of Design, the Brooklyn Art Association, the Society of American Artists, and the Art Institute of Chicago. By the end of the decade, despite a lack of critical approbation, he felt secure enough to take a studio in Manhattan. In 1889 he exhibited at the Buffalo International Fair. Although he tackled varied subjects throughout the 1880s, his primary concern in those years was still life painting, and his still-life subjects were most often edibles such as fruits and nuts, rather than man-made objects.

The following decade was one of transformation for the artist. He returned to Brooklyn, stopped exhibiting his work, and showed increased interest in landscapes. Most importantly, his style in all subjects showed a dramatic evolution from a crisp and linear method to a softer, more atmospheric approach. His admiration for the landscapes of George Inness was finally expressed in the Barbizon and Tonalist-inspired scenes he created.

In addition to still lifes and landscapes, Decker also painted genre subjects, some portraits, and novelties such as the pictures in which he incorporated the shape of the artist's palette with finger-hole into the compositions. He became, as well, a restorer of Chinese porcelains for the well-known American collector Thomas B. Clarke. Clarke was Decker's most important patron, eventually owning eight paintings by him.

...Decker died in the charity ward of a Brooklyn hospital 1 April 1924. His work was virtually forgotten until its rediscovery by art historian Alfred Frankenstein in 1949 and not widely known until the 1960s."

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.13920.html#biography>

"Decker received considerable publicity in 2004 when a painting of 'Ripening Pears,' which had been purchased for \$5 at a garage sale, was sold to the National Gallery for \$1 million. His work can be found in the National Gallery, the Yale University Art Gallery, the Terra Foundation for American Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Metropolitan Museum, among others."

https://www.oxfordgallery.com/Period_Artists/decker.html



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.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Joe Kearns (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mike Kertland (sound), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Grace Salyards (French horn), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Grace Zhang (flute).

Today's Communion Servers are Dave Eakin and Joe Kearns.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 4 years old is provided.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 57:9-11

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

*For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!*


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

*Response of Praise:



Come Praise and Glorify




1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our Lord.
2. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in Christ.
3. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the Word.



In Christ, He has in heav'n - ly realms His bless - ings on us poured.
In Him our sins are washed a - way, re - deemed through sac - ri - fice.
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spir - it of the Lord.



For pure and blame-less in His sight He des - tined us to be,
In Him God has made known to us the mys - t'ry of His will,
The Spir - it guar - an - tees our hope un - til re - demp-tion's done,



And now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly.
 That Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill.
 Un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three in One.

To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the praise of Your mer - cy and grace,

To the praise of Your glo - ry, You are the God who saves!

Words and Music: Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

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

It is confessed in recognition of the believing church throughout the world; it is not a reference to what is today called the *Roman Catholic Church*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Confession of Sin

Psalms 51:1-5, 7, 9-12, 17

- ¹ ***Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.***
- ² ***Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!***
- ³ ***For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.***
- ⁴ ***Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.***
- ⁵ ***Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.***
- ⁷ ***Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***
- ⁹ ***Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.***
- ¹⁰ ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***
- ¹¹ ***Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.***
- ¹² ***Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.***
- ¹⁷ ***The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.***

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 32:5

Hear the assurance given to those who repent of their sins and trust in Christ:
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 2-8, 2022

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 Assistant Chief of Police Terry D. Ferree
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
President Joe Biden
- **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:
Honduras
- **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)
Bania Barahseni of India
Population: 1300300; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Trudy**
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders): **Elder Joe Kearns**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery:
Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Covenant Theological Seminary

The Lord's Prayer: We 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: "Near the Cross"

arr. Molly Ijames

Jared and Grace Salyards

***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.

Traditional Irish melody

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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:**

Romans 8:26-30

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Adopted by God (7):
We Know Our Future (1)
Today's Text: Romans 8:28-29
Pastor David Kertland

1. "According to the will of _____."

2. For _____.

3. For _____ ?

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

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, point you to Jesus—to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We do invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite 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 in Jesus 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 and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer

Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

Lift High the Cross

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
 5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

D.C.

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
 be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
 cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

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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."
Amen.*

*Postlude

* Congregation standing

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, 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 worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: *Grapes*, c. 1890/1895, Joseph Decker (American, 1853-1924), oil on canvas, overall 9 x 12 in., framed 21 7/8 x 24 15/16 x 2 7/8 in. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon. Inscription: lower right: J.DECKER. Not currently on view. Accession Number 1994.59.3. Downloaded from: <https://www.nga.gov/collection/art-object-page.89672.html>. In the public domain.
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- 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).



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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is ***“Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.”*** Various organizations of the PCA include:



Mission to the World ([\(\)](#)): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



Mission to North America (www.pcamna.org): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



Committee on Discipleship Ministries

(www.pcacdm.org, www.cepbookstore.com, www.gcp.org): Curriculum and other resources to assist leaders in the local church as they make disciples (Matthew 28:19) among children, youth, and adults in the congregation.



Covenant College (www.covenant.edu):

our denominational college on Lookout Mountain, Ga (overlooking Chattanooga, TN)



Covenant Theological Seminary

(www.covenantseminary.edu): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



Reformed Universities Ministries (www.ruf.org): the PCA college campus ministry



Ridge Haven Camp, Conference Center, Retreat Center, and Residential Community

(www.ridgehaven.org): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.



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