



**Hershey Presbyterian**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

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## Front Cover Artwork

William Michael Harnett (1848-1892), *The Old Violin*, 1886, oil on canvas, 38 x 23 5/8 in., Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mellon Scaife in honor of Paul Mellon, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, in the West Building, Main Floor, Gallery 65. In the public domain.

### On the painting:

*The Old Violin* is one of Harnett's most famous paintings. The subject is deceptively simple; a violin, a sheet of music, a small newspaper clipping, and a blue envelope are shown against a background formed by a green wooden door.

The painting is also a work of multi-layered meanings involving the relationships between illusion and reality, between old and new, and between the momentary and the enduring. At the heart of such meanings is the transience of time, which the artist illustrated by showing signs of wear and age throughout the painting. Even the songs, one from Bellini's *La Sonnambula*, and the other the popular song "Helas, Quelle Douleur", are concerned with temporal change. But it is the violin itself, now mute, but worn with use and still dusted with rosin, that speaks most evocatively of past pleasures.

### On William Michael Harnett:

"Born in Clonakilty, Ireland, William Harnett was brought to Philadelphia as an infant by his immigrant parents, a shoemaker and a seamstress. After several years of Catholic schooling, he began to contribute to his family's support by selling newspapers and working as an errand boy. During his teenage years, Harnett trained as an engraver; by 1866 he was enrolled in the antique class of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. He continued his lengthy artistic education in New York, where he moved in 1869. ...Harnett's style of precise still-life painting changed very little throughout his career; thus his earliest compositions are a blueprint for the works he would produce over the next fifteen years. ...Harnett's effects of trompe l'oeil verisimilitude were particularly striking when he adopted an alternate compositional format: a shallow, vertical plane—usually a wooden door—from which letters, horseshoes, books, musical instruments, or wild game were suspended. ...After a brief stay in London and six months of employment...in Frankfurt, Harnett settled in Munich for about three years, frequently sending canvases back to the United States for exhibition and sale. ...The European sojourn ended with a residence in Paris before his return to New York in 1886. Harnett's late years were marked by great commercial success and increasingly debilitating bouts of illness. ... Although relegated to the margins of the professional artistic community (he was never elected to the National Academy), his influence was far reaching among late nineteenth-century still-life painters. He died in New York Hospital in 1892."



**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), Bob Eickelberg (preaching), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (leading worship), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Kentaro Minagawa (usher), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (piano).

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

**Today's Communion Servers** are Josh Franklin and Joe Kearns.

## Prelude

## Praising God

### \*Call to Worship

### Psalm 13:1-6

*How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?*

***How long will you hide your face from me?***

*<sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?*

***How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?***

*<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,*

***<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.***

*<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

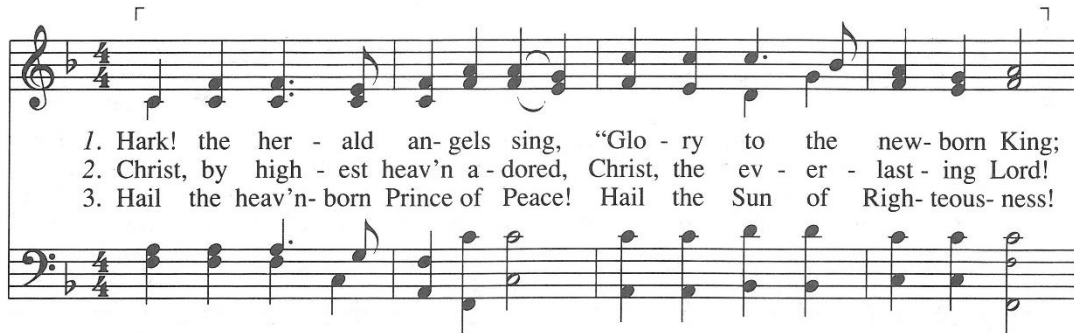
***<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.***

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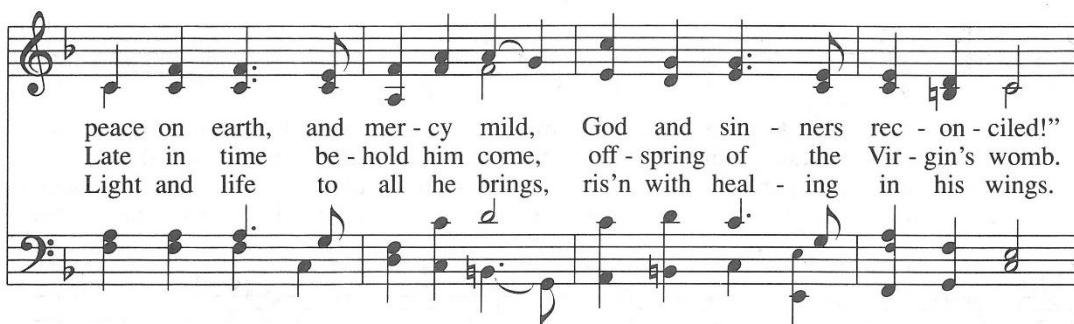
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## \*Response of Praise:

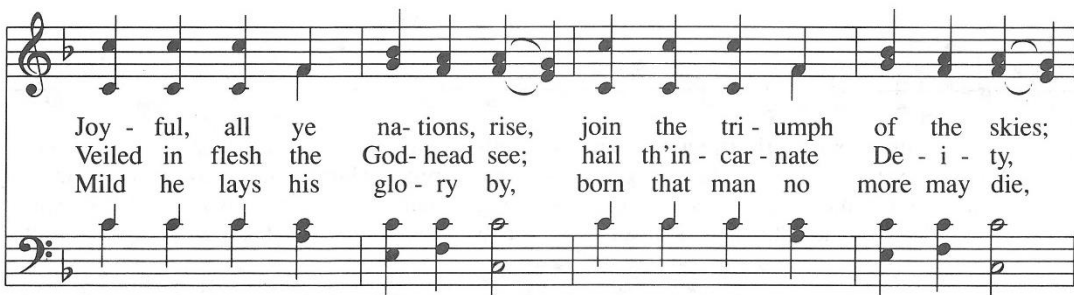
## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



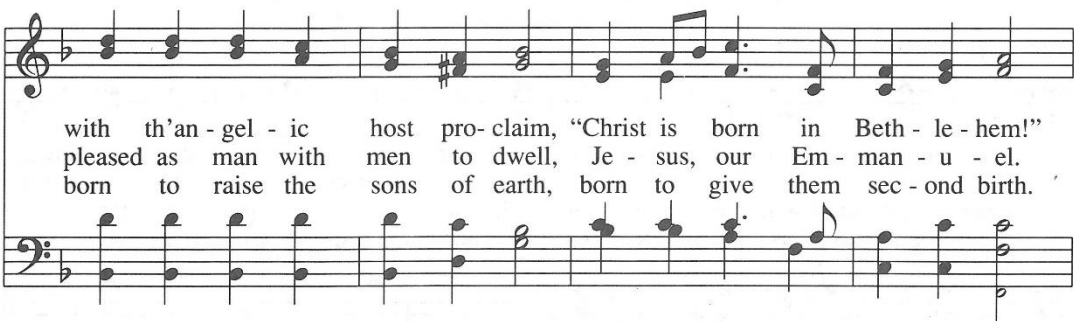
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



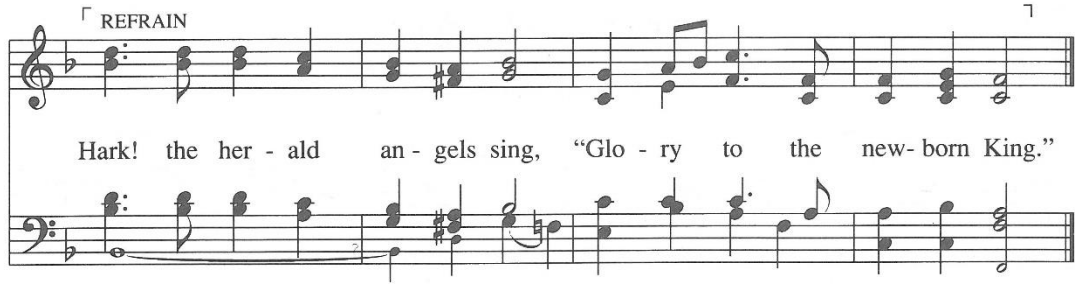
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.D.ref.  
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840  
Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

## **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 3-5**

Q. 3. What is the Word of God?

**A. The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.**

Q. 4. How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

**A. The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.**

Q. 5. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

# Facing Up to Our Sin before God

## Reading of God's Standard

**Psalm 119:9-16**

*How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not wander from your commandments!  
<sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!  
<sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare  
all the rules of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup> In the way of your testimonies I delight  
as much as in all riches.  
<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.  
<sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.*

## Confession of Sin

## Assurance of Pardon

**Romans 7:24-25a, 8:1**

*Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?  
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of December 18-24, 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](http://www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews))  
**Hershey Area Small Businesses**
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):  
**US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.**
- **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](http://www.joshuaproject.net)). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

#### **Bania Hardoi of India**

**Population: 47,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism**

### Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: Peter**
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):  
**Sunday School Teachers**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery:  
**Second City Church, Harrisburg, PA**
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
**Cam and Kaela Smith, serving with RUF at Penn State**

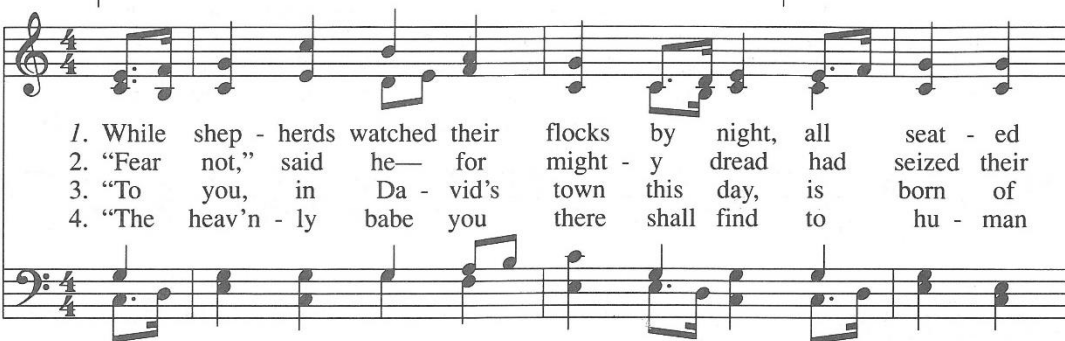
**The Lord's Prayer:** We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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.

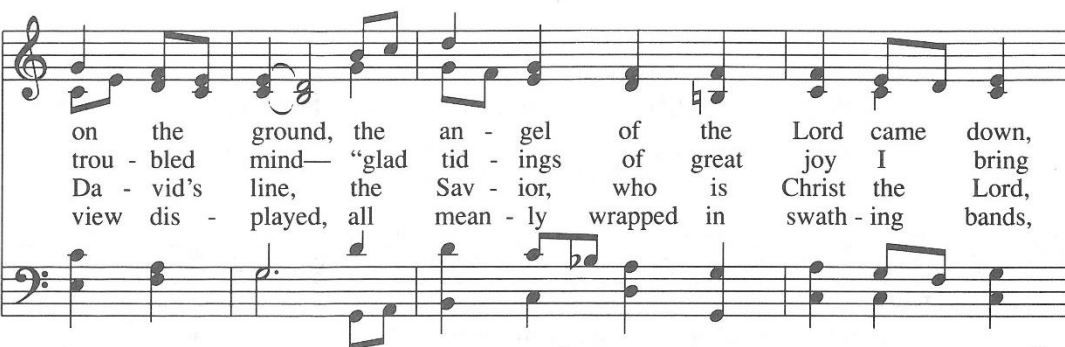
## Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

### Offertory

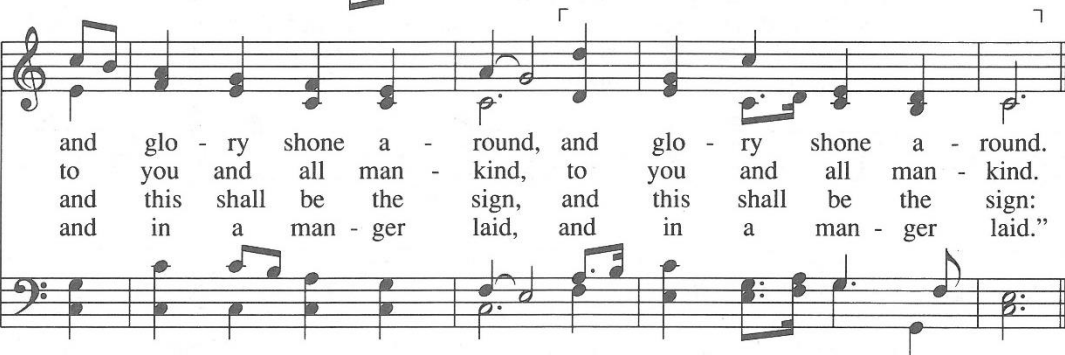
## \*Song of Preparation: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed  
 2. "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread had seized their  
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of  
 4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man



on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down,  
 trou - bled mind— "glad tid - ings of great joy I bring  
 Da - vid's line, the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord,  
 view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,



and glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 to you and all man - kind, to you and all man - kind.  
 and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:  
 and in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
 appeared a shining throng  
 of angels praising God, who thus  
 addressed their joyful song,  
 addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,  
 and to the earth be peace;  
 good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,  
 begin and never cease,  
 begin and never cease!"

Nahum Tate, 1700

From George Frederick Handel, *Stirre*, 1728  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1821

CHRISTMAS C.M. rep.

# 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:**

## **2 Timothy 3**

*But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. <sup>9</sup> But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.*

*<sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon:       The Struggle and the Scriptures**

Today's Text: 2 Timothy 3

Pastor Bob Eickelberg

### **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

# Receiving God's Blessing

## \*Song of Dedication & Service: How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and  
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your  
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

Figgon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.  
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J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832.  
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5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

# 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**

\* 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: *The Old Violin*, 1886, William Michael Harnett (1848-1892), oil on canvas, 38 x 23 5/8 in., Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mellon Scaife in honor of Paul Mellon, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. On display in the West Building, Main Floor, Gallery 65. In the public domain. <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11762>, accessed 12/22/2022.
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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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