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## Front Cover Artwork

Ivanka Demchuk, *Prayer of the publican and the Pharisee*. Acrylic and pastel on board. 180 cm x 180 cm. Used by permission of the artist. This month, our cover artwork is from a Ukrainian artist whose art context differs from much of the artwork we have used. Though she is a Protestant Christian, her art reflects the influence of Orthodox iconography. This piece is a visual representation of Luke 18:9-14:

*[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*

Thank you to Ms. Demchuk for allowing us to reproduce this work in our worship booklet. For more information on her work, see [www.ivankademchuk.com](http://www.ivankademchuk.com).

### About the artist:



Born in 1990 in Lviv, Ukraine, Ivanka Demchuk went to the Lviv National Academy of Arts (high school) and graduated from the Lviv State College of Decorative and Applied Arts. I. Trusha, Department of Art Painting in 2008. She also graduated from the bachelor program (2012) and the master program (2014) of the Lviv National Academy of Arts (Львівська національна академія мистецтв), Department of Sacred Art. She has shown her work in Lviv (Ukraine), Lutsk (Ukraine), Biala Podlaska (Poland), Sambir (Ukraine), Lenčna (Poland), Warsaw (Poland), New York (US), Istanbul (Turkey), Savannah (US), Granada (Spain). She has participated in plein-air painting in the Ukraine and Poland.



**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): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Jared Salyards (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

**Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 3 is held in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time. Children are dismissed during the hymn before the sermon and will return to their parents during the final hymn.

**Today's Communion Servers** are Joe Kearns and Nick Yingst.

## Prelude

# Praising God

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Psalm 93:1-2**

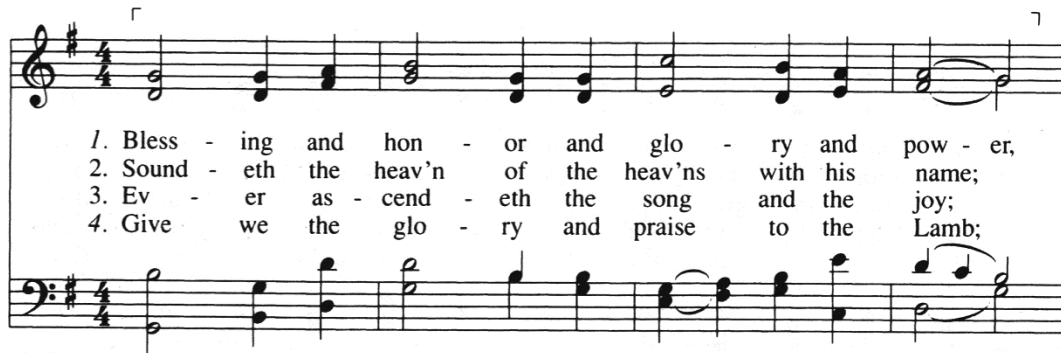
*The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;*  
***the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.***

*Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.*  
***Your throne is established from of old;***  
***you are from everlasting.***

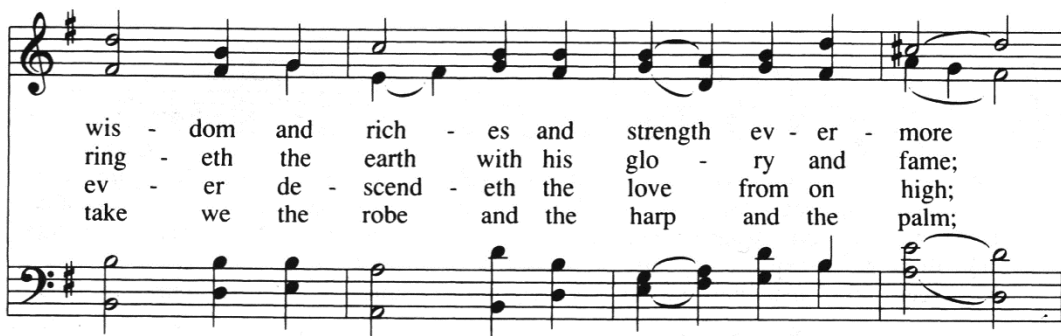
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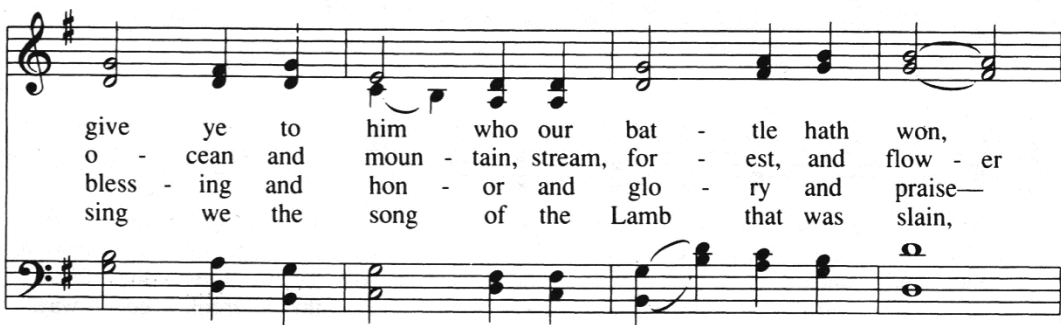
# \*Response of Praise: Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power



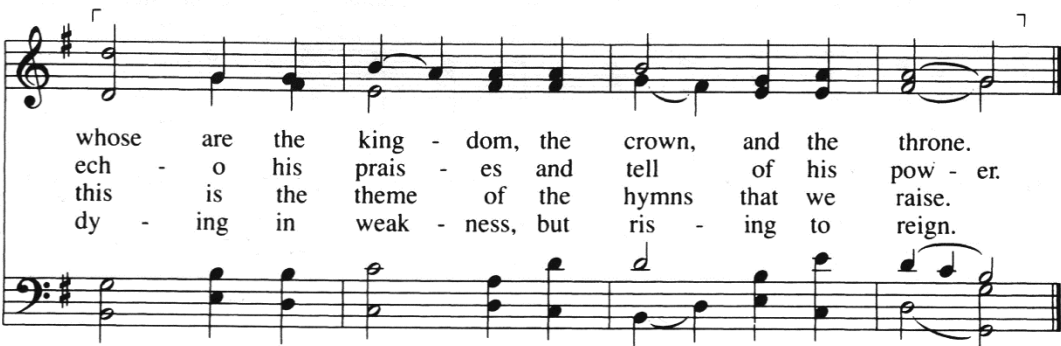
1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er,  
 2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;  
 3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;  
 4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more  
 ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;  
 ev - er de - scend - eth the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;



give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,  
 o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow - er  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—  
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow - er.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

O QUANTA QUALIA 10.10.10.  
 La Feillée's Méthode du plain-chant, 1808

Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.  
 Tune from the Revised Church Hymnary by permission of Oxford University Press

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

### **\*Confession of Faith:**

**Colossians 1:3-5a, 12b-20**

#### **Leader:**

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus  
and of the love that you have for all the saints,  
because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.”

*Brothers and sisters, the Father has*

“...qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

*Christians, what do you believe about the Son?*

#### **Congregation:**

**“He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.  
And he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.”**

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## **\*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.**

## **Reading of God's Standard**

**James 3:13-18**

*Today's reading continues to explore in Scripture the ninth commandment's call to not bear false witness against our neighbor. (See Deuteronomy 5:20.)*

*Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.<sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.<sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.<sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

## **Confession of Sin**

## **Declaration of Pardon in Christ**

**Hebrews 12:22-24**

*[Y]ou have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,<sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of October 22-28, 2023

### Intercession *for the World*:

**The Hershey Community:** Hershey Entertainment & Resorts

**Civil Government:** US Senator Robert Casey, Jr.

- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Canada
- **Unreached People Group:** Baraua of India  
Population: 600; Language: Hindi ; Religion: Hinduism

Unreached people groups make up 42.4% of the world's population (approximately 3.4 billion 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)

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

- **Health issues:** Trudy K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Small Group Leaders
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church, Hanover, PA  
(Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

**Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

**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:** "Before the Throne of God Above"      Jared Salyards and Ephriam Church  
arr. Reba Snyder



During this song, children from 4 years old to 3<sup>d</sup> grade are dismissed  
to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

## \*Song of Preparation:

## God of Grace

1. God of grace, a - maz-ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;  
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;  
3. God of grace, I stand a-stound-ed, cleansed, for-giv - en, and se - cure.

oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.  
sent my Sav - ior down from heav-en— per-fect God and per-fect man.  
All my fears are now con-found-ed, and my hope is ev - er sure.

God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re-stores my soul.  
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.  
God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face;

His own blood has paid my ran - som; awe-some cost to make me whole.  
Eve - ry day His grace sus-tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.  
and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last-ing grace.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes a variety of musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and bar lines. The final system ends with a double bar line.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

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# 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:**

**John 5:30-47**

*"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.*

*<sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.*

*<sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.*

*<sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.*

*<sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.*

*<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.*

*<sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

One with the Father (4):

**Sermon:** A sermon series from chapters 5-6 of John's Gospel

***Changed by the Love of God***

Today's Text: John 5:30-47

Pastor David Kertland

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the love of God *for* us
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. As he \_\_\_\_\_ his shocking claim *to* us
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. So that the love of God would \_\_\_\_\_ *from* us

**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 invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask 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.'*

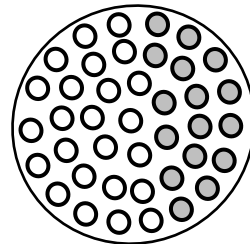
*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

### 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



white circles = grape juice  
gray circles = wine

# Receiving God's Blessing

## \*Song of Dedication & Service: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem - er's praise,  
 2. My gra- cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
 new life the dead receive;  
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
 your loosen'd tongues employ;  
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
 Alt. 1961

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 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

# God's Blessing

**\*Benediction:**

**Colossians 4:18c**

*In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
"Grace be with you."*

**\*Postlude**

**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 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.

\* Congregation standing

## Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: Ivanka Demchuk, *Prayer of the publican and the Pharisee*. Acrylic and pastel on board. 180 cm x 180 cm. Downloaded on 09/26/2023 from [en.ivankademchuk.com/ivankademchukportfolio](http://en.ivankademchuk.com/ivankademchukportfolio). Used by permission of the artist. Also, thank you to Joe Kearns for giving us information about this artist.
- 2) **Music:** "Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" (300) and "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (164) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "God of Grace" (217) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), Dan Kreider, General Editor, Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Information on the artist and the artwork from [en.ivankademchuk.com](http://en.ivankademchuk.com) and [artandtheology.org/tag/ivanka-demchuk](http://artandtheology.org/tag/ivanka-demchuk). Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Augustine, John Calvin, D. A. Carson, John Chrysostom, Sinclair Ferguson, William Hendriksen, Matthew Henry, Timothy Keller, J. I. Packer, Herman Ridderbos, R. C. Sproul, St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate (Dick Lucas, William Taylor), William Still, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
- 5) 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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**Mission to the World** ([www.mtw.org](http://www.mtw.org)): international missions in keeping with the Great Commission



**Mission to North America** ([www.pcamna.org](http://www.pcamna.org)): North American missions in keeping with the Great Commission.



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([www.pcacdm.org](http://www.pcacdm.org), [www.cepbookstore.com](http://www.cepbookstore.com), [www.gcp.org](http://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.



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



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