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## Front Cover Artwork

Alfred Sisley. *Snow at Louveciennes*, 1874, Oil on canvas 22 in. x 18 in.; framed 29 3/16 in. x 22 5/8 in. x 2 7/8 in. The Phillips Collection. Acquired in 1923. In the public domain.

Alfred Sisley's *Snow at Louveciennes* captures the silence and serenity of snowfall in a village. It reflects the artist's mature period of the 1870s, when he created his "lightest, most luminous and lyrical paintings." Snow scenes were an ideal motif for impressionist: the softening and blurring of forms and the dense atmosphere required a muted palette to capture the myriad tones of reflected light and the softened contours of the landscape.

Duncan Phillips's early writings as well as his acquisitions indicate his long-standing interest in Sisley. The painting that Phillips retained for the collection exemplifies the "realm of enchantment" he sought in art during the museum's formative years. In 1926 he wrote, "*Snow at Louveciennes*, with its hush of snowflakes falling over roofs and garden walls, is a lyric of winter, enchanting both in its mood and in its tonality of tenderly transcribed 'values'."

<https://www.phillipscollection.org/collection/snow-louveciennes>

### About the Phillips Collection:

The Phillips Collection is housed at 1600 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Founded by art collector and philanthropist Duncan Phillips in 1921, The Phillips Collection has been collecting modern and contemporary art for one hundred years. Duncan Phillips's former home—and additions to it—in Washington's historic Dupont Circle neighborhood provides a unique setting for the growing collection of over 5,000 works. Following Phillips's unconventional approach to exhibitions, The Phillips Collection galleries are frequently rearranged to facilitate new conversations between artworks and fresh experiences for visitors.

<https://www.phillipscollection.org/about>



**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), Peter Gibble (viola); Joe Kearns (tin whistle); David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Jared Salyards (piano), Sarah Shafer (soloist), Brad Weaver (sound), 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 Josh Franklin.

## Prelude

## Praising God

**\*Call to Worship:**

**Psalm 117**

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

<sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**Praise the LORD!**

Light Text = Read by Leader

**Bold Text = Read by All**

## \*Response of Praise:

## Across the Lands



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be - gan;
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3. With a shout You rose vic - to-rious, wrest-ing vic - t'ry from the grave



eve - ry star and eve - ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by Your hand.  
and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.  
and as - cend - ed in - to heav-en, lead-ing cap - tives in Your way.



All cre - a - tion holds to-gether by the pow - er of Your voice;  
With a prayer You fed the hun-gry, with a word You calmed the sea,  
Now You stand be - fore the Fa-ther, in - ter - ced - ing for Your own;



let the skies de-clare Your glo - ry; let the land and seas re - joice!  
yet how si - lent - ly You suf-fered, that the guilt - y may go free!  
from each tribe and tongue and na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners home!



You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion, You're the Lord of eve - ry

man, and Your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

## **\*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.**

\* "'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*.

## **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
praise him, all creatures here be-low;  
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host:  
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.  
A-men.**

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

## **Romans 13:1-8**

*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,<sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.<sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.<sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

## **Confession of Sin**

## **Declaration of Pardon in Christ**

## **Romans 15:3, 13**

*Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."*

*<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 21-27, 2024

### Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** Hershey Vol. Fire Dept. Chief Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government:** PA Governor Josh Shapiro; leaders who respect God's image in humanity.
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** India
- **Unreached People Group:** Barma of Chad  
Population: 153,000; Language: Bagirmi; Religion: Islam

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:** Donna K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Elder Nick Yingst
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Faith Church, Quarryville, PA  
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Morning Star Pregnancy Services

**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:** "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer)  
Sarah Shafer

arr. Craig Courtney


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

## \*Song of Preparation: Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

G D G G/D D7 G



1 Lord, we hear your word with glad-ness: you have spo-ken— we re - joice:  
2 May we hear with un - der-stand-ing, by your Spir - it taught and led.  
3 You have spo-ken; yours the full-ness, ours the wealth of this your Word.




G D G G/D D7 G




words of love and life and free-dom— help us make their truth our choice!  
May the springs of all our be - ing by your liv - ing Word be fed.  
Debt-ors, then, as liv-ing let - ters we must make your gos - pel heard!




G D7 G D




Now in ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion for your Word we wor - ship you;  
May our hearts ac - cept with meek-ness all the grace your light makes known.  
By your Spir - it's power trans - form us; shed your sav - ing light a - broad



G D G G/D D7 G



spo-ken, writ - ten, known in Je - sus, ours to - day to prove a - new.  
May o - be-dience mark our foot-steps till we make each word our own.  
till our lives by love in ac - tion show our world the truth of God!



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HOLY MANNA

Text: Margaret Clarkson (b. 1915)  
Music: Columbian Harmony (1825)  
Text © 1987, Hope Publishing Co.



# 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:**

## **Psalm 82**

*God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:*

*<sup>2</sup> "How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked? Selah*

*<sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;  
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.*

*<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

*<sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
they walk about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

*<sup>6</sup> I said, "You are gods,  
sons of the Most High, all of you;  
<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, like men you shall die,  
and fall like any prince."*

*<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth;  
for you shall inherit all the nations!*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:                   Appealing to the King of Kings**

Today's Text: Psalm 82

Pastor David Kertland

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ God.                   (verses 1, 5, 8)

2. Our God's \_\_\_\_\_ .                   (verses 2-4, 6-7)

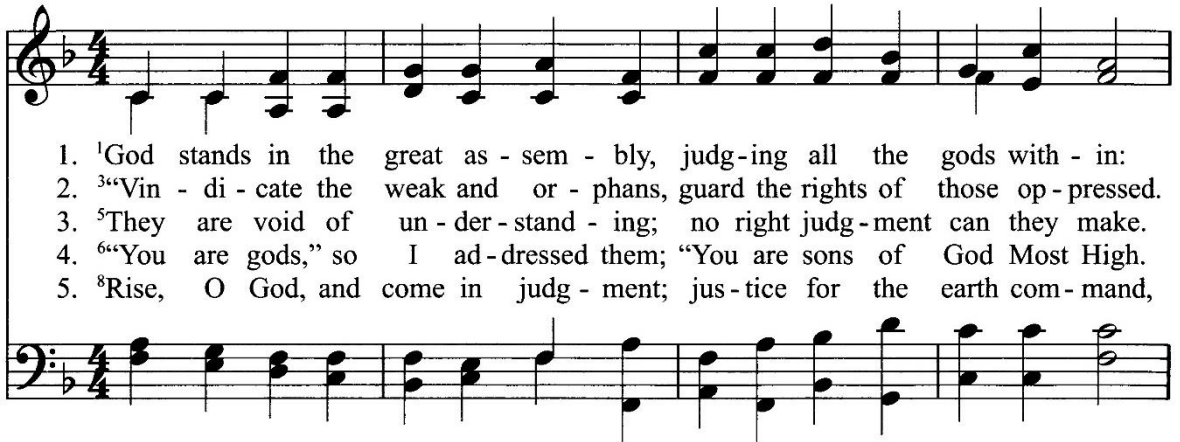
3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ .                   (verse 8)

**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)*

**\*Singing the Psalm:**

**God Stands in the Great Assembly  
(Psalm 82)**



1. <sup>1</sup>God stands in the great as - sem - bly, judg - ing all the gods with - in:  
2. <sup>3</sup>“Vin - di - cate the weak and or - phans, guard the rights of those op - pressed.  
3. <sup>5</sup>They are void of un - der - stand - ing; no right judg - ment can they make.  
4. <sup>6</sup>“You are gods,” so I ad - dressed them; “You are sons of God Most High.  
5. <sup>8</sup>Rise, O God, and come in judg - ment; jus - tice for the earth com - mand,



<sup>2</sup>“How long will you judge un - just - ly, fa - vor - ing the wick - ed men?  
<sup>4</sup>Save the weak, sup - port the need - y; from the wick - ed give them rest.”  
• They walk on in ut - ter dark - ness; all of earth’s foun - da - tions shake.  
<sup>7</sup>You will fall like oth - er princ - es, you as com - mon men will die.”  
for you hold as your pos - ses - sion ev - ’ry race and ev - ’ry land.

# 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.'*

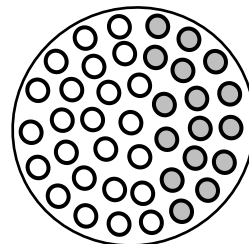
*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

*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.



white circles = grape juice  
gray circles = wine

**Music Meditation:** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Dan Forrest

(See lyrics on next page)

### Prayer

## **My Jesus, I love Thee**

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

# Receiving God's Blessing

**\*Song of Dedication & Service: God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

*Unison*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

*Harmony*

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -  
 'neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na  
 when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put his lov - ing  
 keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ning

*Unison*

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

Tune from the *English Hymnal* by permission of Oxford University Press.

RANDOLPH Irreg.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

# 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

**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.

### Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Alfred Sisley. *Snow at Louveciennes*, 1874, Oil on canvas 22 in. x 18 in.; framed 29 3/16 in. x 22 5/8 in. x 2 7/8 in. The Phillips Collection. Acquired in 1923. In the public domain. From: [www.phillipscollection.org/collection/snow-louveciennes](http://www.phillipscollection.org/collection/snow-louveciennes).
- 2) **Music:** "Across the Lands" (38) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders: Hymns and Psalms for the Church*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Jupiter, FL: Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018). "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness" (89) is reprinted from *Sing! A New Creation: Pew Edition* (Grand Rapids, MI: co-published by Calvin Institute of Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources, and Reformed Church in America, 2001). "God Stands in the Great Assembly" (82) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Willow Grove, PA: Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture, 2018). "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (385) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** Information about the artist and the museum from [www.phillipscollection.org/collection/snow-louveciennes](http://www.phillipscollection.org/collection/snow-louveciennes) and [www.phillipscollection.org/about](http://www.phillipscollection.org/about). Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this sermon from Psalm 82, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Augustine, Robert Bratcher, John Calvin, Ligon Duncan, Allen M. Harmon, Matthew Henry, Philip P. Jenson, Derek Kidner, Andreas J. Köstenberger, Tremper Longman, C. H. Spurgeon, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed agrees with my conclusions. Yet, many of the insights belong to these and others. 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).

\* Congregation standing



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