



**Hershey Presbyterian**  
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## Front Cover Artwork

Claude Monet (1840-1926), *Lavacourt under Snow*, about 1878-1881, oil on canvas, 59.7 cm. x 80.6 cm., Sir Hugh Lane Bequest, 1917, The National Gallery, London. In partnership with Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin. On loan: Long Loan to The Hugh Lane (2019 - 2026) (Group B), Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Dublin, Ireland, 1927, Inventory Number NG3262. In the public domain.

“Snow scenes were a particular favorite among the Impressionists, and Monet painted several canvases that explore the way sunlight plays upon the snow, reflecting tones of red, pink, purple and blue at different times of day. He produced this scene of Lavacourt, a tiny hamlet on a bend in the Seine, when he was living in Vétheuil on the opposite side of the river.

The picture is dated 1881, but it may have been painted earlier, during the winter of 1879/80, which was unusually cold. The Seine froze over and Monet was captivated by the way the landscape was transformed by snow and ice, braving the freezing temperatures to set up his easel out of doors. The great bank of snow in the foreground is conveyed with broad sweeps of the brush, the whites overlain with blues. The cold tones suggest that this side of the river is in shadow, unlike the opposite side, where the pink tones suggest the warmth of pale sunlight.”

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/claude-monet-lavacourt-under-snow>  
<https://hughlane.ie/emuseum/lavacourt-under-snow>



**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 you have come to worship God with us as we come to him through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110. Today's Nursery Workers are Bonnie Kertland and Grace Salyards.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time for our young worshippers. This time begins during the hymn before the sermon. Children participating in Junior church will return to their parents during the final hymn. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Leah Gibble.

**Thank you** to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Thaddaeus Church (viola), Peter Gibble (viola), Joe Kearns (leading worship and tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Jeb Yingst (sound).

**Today's Communion Servers** are Keith Dolon and Joe Kearns.

## Prelude

## Praising God

### \*Call to Worship:

### Psalm 9:1-2

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;*

***I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.***

*<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in you;*

***I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.***

Light Text = Read by Leader

**Bold Text = Read by All**

**\*Response of Praise: O Lord Most High, with All My Heart**  
**from Psalm 9**

Chord progression: D G A<sup>7</sup> D Bm D G D A D D<sup>7</sup>



1. O Lord Most High, with all my heart your won - drous  
 2. The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, is seat - ed  
 3. Je - ho - vah will a ref - uge prove, a ref - uge  
 4. All they, O Lord, that know your name their con - fi -  
 5. Sing prais - es to the Lord Most High, to him who

Chord progression: G D A<sup>7</sup> D A E A A<sup>7</sup>



works I will pro - claim; I will be glad and  
 on his judg - ment throne; the righ - teous Judge of  
 • strong for all op - pressed, a safe re - treat, where  
 dence in you will place, for you have ne'er for -  
 does in Zi - on dwell; de - clare his might - y

Chord progression: D E<sup>7</sup> A D Em D A<sup>7</sup> Bm G D A<sup>7</sup> D



give you thanks and sing the prais - es of your name.  
 all the world will make his per - fect jus - tice known.  
 • wea - ry souls in trou - bled times may sure - ly rest.  
 sak - en them who ear - nest - ly have sought your face.  
 deeds a - broad, his deeds a - mong the na - tions tell.

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

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

**from 1 Peter 1:3-9**

**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,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,  
and unfading, kept in heaven for us,  
who by God's power are being guarded through faith  
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.  
In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary,  
we have been grieved by various trials,  
so that the tested genuineness of our 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.**

**Though we have not seen him, we love him.**

**Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and  
rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,  
obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

### **\*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\***

# Facing Up to Our Sin before God

**Reading of God's Standard    Proverbs 8:15; Jeremiah 29:13;  
Psalm 119:10-17**

*"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me."*

*"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."*

*"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. <sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word."*

## Confession of Sin

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon in Christ                      2 Corinthians 5:19, 21**

*[I]n Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 12-18, 2025

### Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Ronald McDonald House in Hershey
- **Civil Government:** US Supreme Court Justices
- **Unreached People Group:** Gil Bedouin of Morocco

Population: 50,000; Language: Arabic; Religion: Islam

*"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (Matt. 9:38)

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).

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

- **Health issues:** Lois K.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Today's Congregational Meeting on property
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA  
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)

**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

During this song, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

## \*Song of Preparation:

## Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

1. Dear ref - uge of my wear - y soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise,  
 2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine;  
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;

On Thee, when waves of trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies.  
 The springs of com - fort seem to fail and all my hopes de - cline.  
 And can the ear of sov - 'reign grace be deaf when I com - plain?  
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.

To Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal;  
 Yet, gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust;  
 No, still the ear of sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer;  
 Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;

Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - 'ry pain I feel.  
 And still my soul would cleave to Thee though pros - trate in the dust.  
 Oh, may I ev - er find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.  
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.



# 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 62**

To the choirmaster: according to the Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

*For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.*

<sup>2</sup> *He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

<sup>3</sup> *How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?*

<sup>4</sup> *They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.*

*They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah*

<sup>5</sup> *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.*

<sup>6</sup> *He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

<sup>7</sup> *On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

<sup>8</sup> *Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;*

*God is a refuge for us. Selah*

<sup>9</sup> *Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;*

*in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.*

<sup>10</sup> *Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;*

*if riches increase, set not your heart on them.*

<sup>11</sup> *Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,*

<sup>12</sup> *and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.*

*For you will render to a man according to his work.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:**                    **“Finding Rest: A Single Focus”**  
Sermon Text: Psalm 62:5-8; Pastor David Kertland

Sermon Notes: As you hear God’s Word read and preached today, try to write down one or two thoughts that you want to remember.

**1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : “O my soul” (verses 5-7)**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ God alone.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ God alone.

**2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : “O people” (verse 8)**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ God alone.

Some application questions to consider:

What does this Psalm teach me to believe about God?

What does this Psalm teach me about finding my rest in God?

What things have become too important in my life—more important to me than God?

How should my life change because of what I learn in this Psalm?

See also Day 9: “A Spiritual Posture” in *Rest: Creating Space for Soul Refreshment* by Heather Nelson (P&R Publishing, 2024)

**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.'*

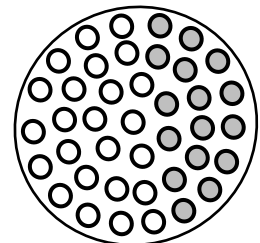
*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

*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.



white circles = grape juice in clear cups  
gray circles = wine in purple cups

### Prayer

# Receiving God's Blessing

**\*Song of Dedication & Service:**

**A Triune Prayer**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, each with four lines of text corresponding to the four parts of the choir.

1. Bless-ed Fa - ther, hear our cry. Cast out sin, but draw us nigh.  
2. Bless-ed Je - sus, make our plea. In Your name to God we flee;  
3. Bless-ed Spir - it meet our need; In our si - lence in - ter-cede.  
4. Tri - une God, please grant our prayer As Your glo - ry we de-clare.

Not for mer - it we have none; For Your mer - cy, for Your Son.  
Thru Your blood we seek His face, By Your priest-hood claim His grace.  
Trans-late groans we can - not speak; Heal the bro - ken, help the weak.  
May Your prom - ised king-dom come; May Your will on earth be done.

Words: Chris Anderson

Music: Molly Ijames

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# Receiving God's Blessing

## \*Benediction:

Revelation 22:21

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."*

## \*Postlude

**To our guests this morning:** We are 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:** Claude Monet (1840-1926), *Lavacourt under Snow*, about 1878-1881, oil on canvas, 59.7 cm. x 80.6 cm., Sir Hugh Lane Bequest, 1917, The National Gallery, London. In partnership with Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin. On loan: Long Loan to The Hugh Lane (2019 - 2026) (Group B), Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Dublin, Ireland, 1927, Inventory Number NG3262. In the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "O Lord Most High, with All My Heart" (48) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul" (52) and "A Triune Prayer" (330) are reprinted from *Hymns of Grace* (Los Angeles, CA: The Master's Seminary Press, 2015). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: on the artwork: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/claude-monet-lavacourt-under-snow>; <https://hughlane.ie/emuseum/lavacourt-under-snow>. Page 7: today's Confession of Sin comes from <https://thirdmill.org/files/english/html/worship/pray.confess.html>. Some of the 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) **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, as personal ability allows.

## Resting in the Lord

In the first week (Days 1-7) of devotional readings in *Rest: Creating Space for Soul Refreshment*<sup>1</sup> (Heather Nelson, P&R Publishing, 2024), the topic has been about thinking through how you spend your Sundays as a day of Sabbath rest and worship. “God...gives his people signs to signal his covenantal relationship with them. These signs are reminders that they belong to him.” (from Day 4: The Sign of the Sabbath, page 23)

Our doctrinal statement, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, also understands the Scriptures to teach us that Sunday is a weekly day for Christians to set aside for this special purpose.<sup>2</sup>

A few excerpts from the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter 25: Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day:

Paragraph 5: “The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear, the sound preaching and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God, with understanding, faith, and reverence, singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ, are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: beside religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions, which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.”

Paragraph 7: “As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all [persons] in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven, for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture, is called the Lord’s Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

Paragraph 8: This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when [people], after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest, all the day, from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are taken up, the whole time, in the public and private exercises of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.”

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<sup>1</sup> This month, we are focusing on the topic of rest. Pastor Kertland has encouraged you to use this devotional to think through the topic for yourself. Copies are available in the back of the worship room or in the church office during the week. Additional copies will be ordered as needed.

<sup>2</sup> Our doctrinal statements can be found online at [www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession](http://www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession).



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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.



### **Committee on Discipleship Ministries**

([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.



### **Covenant College** ([www.covenant.edu](http://www.covenant.edu)):

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



### **Covenant Theological Seminary**

([www.covenantseminary.edu](http://www.covenantseminary.edu)): our denominational seminary in St. Louis, MO.



**PCA Administrative Committee** ([www.pcaac.org](http://www.pcaac.org)): promotes the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA.



**Reformed Universities Ministries** ([www.ruf.org](http://www.ruf.org)): the PCA college campus ministry



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

([www.ridgehaven.org](http://www.ridgehaven.org)): providing camps, retreats, conferences, and etc.

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