



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

March 30, 2025

Front Cover Artwork

Linda Billet, *Rooted in Compassion*, fused glass mosaic, 2022, on display at the Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine at the Penn State Health College of Medicine, Hershey, PA.

Linda Billet is an artist in Hummelstown, PA who is a full-time glass artisan working in kilnformed and mosaic applications. More information and her portfolio can be found on her website, <https://lindabillet.com>.

The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine at the Penn State Health College of Medicine supports projects and initiatives that promote empathy and compassion in health care settings. Originally established as the Center for Humanistic Medicine in 1979 and renamed The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine in 1991, this center supports education and research aimed at promoting a humane, compassionate and patient-centered approach to medicine. The Center is named in honor of the late Drs. Lawrence F. Kienle and Jane Witmer Kienle, whose generous support created the center.
<https://sites.psu.edu/kienlecenter>



Detail of front cover



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 Rachel Ballach and Paul Hepperle.

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 Laura Church.

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

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

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

from Psalm 5:1-2, 11

Give ear to my words, O LORD;

consider my groaning.

² *Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God,*

for to you do I pray.

...

¹¹ *[L]et all who take refuge in you rejoice;*

let them ever sing for joy,

[S]pread your protection over them,

that those who love your name may exult in you.

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith: from 1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Our confession of faith today comes from 1 Corinthians 15, the great chapter about the resurrection of the dead in Christ. We confess this biblical teaching today, with thanks to God who raises the dead, and who teaches us that in life and in death we are secure in Christ.

**Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**But each in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

**Then comes the end,
when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father
after destroying every rule and every authority and power.**

**For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

***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

from Acts 17:29-31

Today we conclude our month of readings based on the Second Commandment that "forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word" (Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 51).

Being God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

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

from Romans 1:16-17

[T]he gospel...is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 30-April 5, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **Hershey Community:** Derry Township Manager Zachary Jackson
- **Civil Government:** US Senator John Fetterman
- **Unreached People Group:** Sirtican Bedouin of Libya

Population: 36,000; Language: Arabic; Religion: Islam

"...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.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Small Group Leaders and Hosts
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Oakwood Presbyterian Church, State College
(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

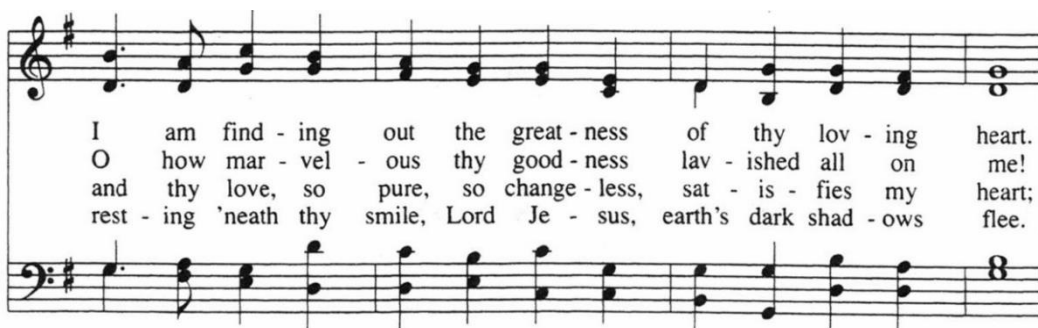
During this song, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in Room 111. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the door to the right when facing the stage.

*Song of Preparation:

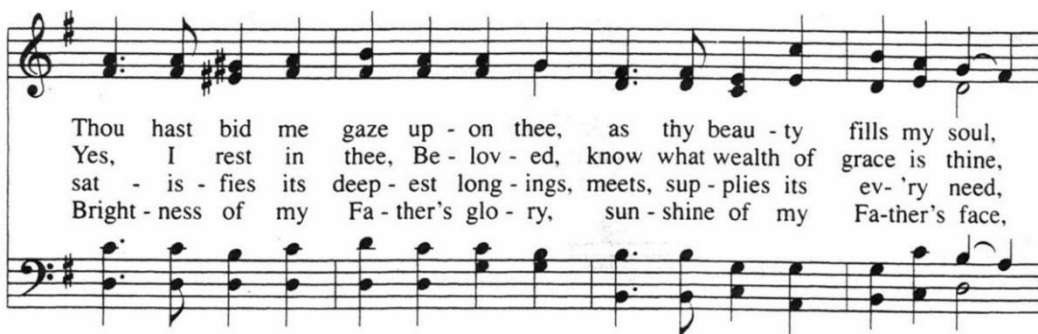
Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting



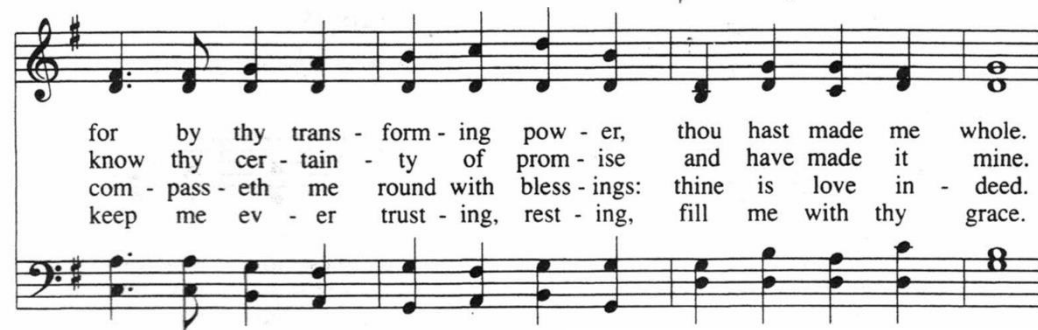
1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;
2. O how great thy lov - ing - kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,
4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me as I work and wait for thee;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
O how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness lav - ished all on me!
and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart;
rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee, as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
Yes, I rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine,
sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast made me whole.
know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: thine is love in - deed.
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with thy grace.

Please turn the page for the refrain. —————>

REFRAIN

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I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876: alt.

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James Mountain, 1876

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 (seated)

John 13:1-38

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to

Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke.²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?"²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." ³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Through Me! (9): "The Servant"*

Today's Text: John 13:1-38; Pastor David Kertland

1. Jesus's love _____ his own

2. Jesus's love _____ his own

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 (see below)

"Lift up your hearts." **"We lift up our hearts to the Lord."**

Prayer

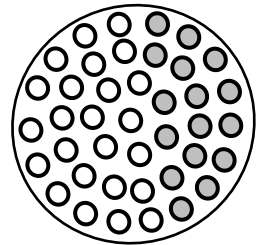
Words of Institution:

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."

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

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.

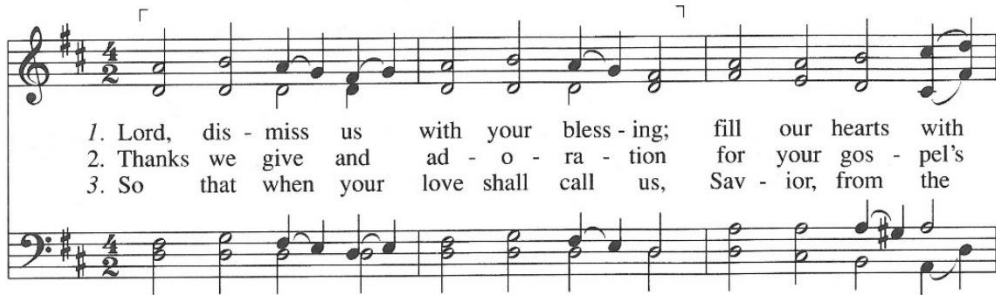
If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation,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

Receiving God's Blessing

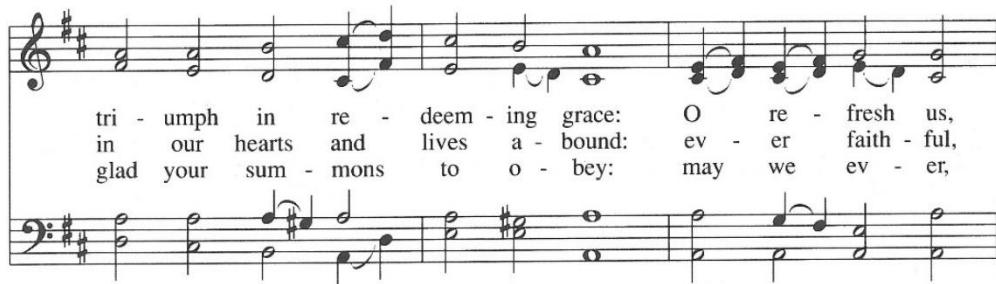
*Song of Dedication & Service: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



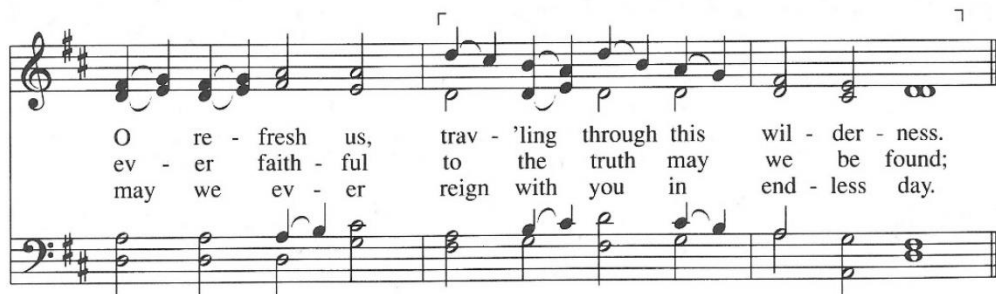
1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 world a - way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Receiving 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

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:** Linda Billet, *Rooted in Compassion*, fused glass mosaic, 2022, on display at the Doctors Keinle Center for Humanistic Medicine at the Penn State Health College of Medicine, Hershey, PA. Used with the permission of the artist and the Keinle Center at Penn State University Medical Center (displayed in hallway of the Medical College outside of Au Bon Pain). Use on our booklet cover is solely for the purpose of displaying the work of a local artist. It is not intended to imply any relationship, alignment, agreement or disagreement with the Keinle Center and its pursuits and policies.
- 2) **Music:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" (101), "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" (188), and "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (384) are 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: about the artist: <https://lindabillet.com>; about The Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine: <https://sites.psu.edu/kienlecenter>. Page 6: Confession of Sin borrowed from Trinity Presbyterian Church. 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).
- 5) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Greek and English texts, a variety of commentaries and other study aids may have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the Gospel of John, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of Eric Alexander, 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.

* Congregation standing, as personal ability allows.

Community Welcome!



Children's Easter Devotion & Egg Hunt – April 12

Children from age 1 through Grade 5 are invited to participate in our annual Easter devotion and egg hunt on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. The event will be held outside. After a short devotion, children will take turns “hunting” to allow for age differences. Invite your friends! Sign up for this event by emailing our church office: office@hersheypca.com.

2025 Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

“UPWARD BOUND”

“FURTHER UP & FURTHER IN!”



Mark your calendars for our mountain-themed Vacation Bible School this summer! Children aged 3 through completed Grade 5 will participate in Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

When: Monday, June 30 through Thursday, July 3

5:30 -7:30 PM

Where: at our new location at 850 Hill Church Road



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Mission to the World (www.mtw.org): 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.



PCA Administrative Committee (www.pcaac.org): promotes the unity, purity, and mission of the PCA.



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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