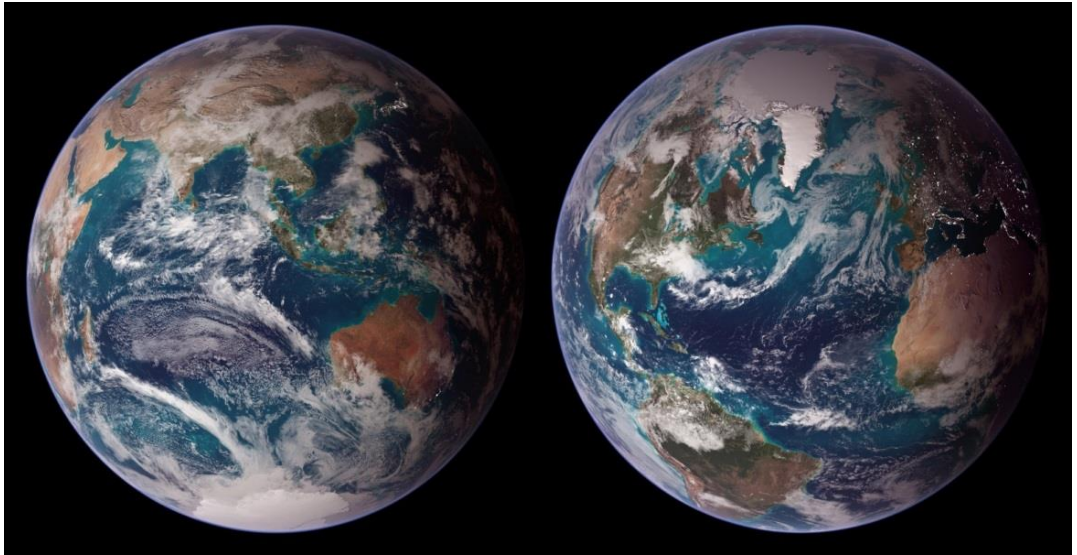




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

June 8, 2025

Today's Front Cover

Today is Pentecost Sunday, a wonderful day to remember that the gospel welcomes us into an all-nations family of God to become part of a people who are called and equipped by our Lord to take the gospel to every people group under heaven. As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary this month, we “move to minister” this gospel to one another, to our neighbors, to those in our local area, and to wherever we go in his name.

Today's front cover was used as our very first morning worship service cover on June 7, 2015 with the following write up:

“The book of Colossians describes the supremacy of Jesus Christ who is creating a growing, world-wide community that is based on *“the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed to the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth....”* (Colossians 1:5-6)”

“‘Twin Blue Marbles’: From NASA’s website: “Drawing on data from multiple satellite missions (not all collected at the same time), a team of NASA scientists and graphic artists created layers of global data for everything from the land surface, to polar sea ice, to the light reflected by the chlorophyll in the billions of microscopic plants that grow in the ocean. They wrapped these layers around a globe, set it against a black background, and simulated the hazy edge of the Earth’s atmosphere (the limb) that appears in astronaut photography of the Earth. Most of the data layers in this visualization are available as monthly composites as part of NASA’s Blue Marble Next Generation image collection.” ... NASA images by Reto Stöckli, NASA Earth Observatory (NASA Goddard Space Flight Center).” Original webpage: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/BlueMarble/>.



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 on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. Today's Nursery Workers are Grace Salyards and AmyLea Yingst.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. 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 Asahel Church.

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), Keith Dolon (sound), Peter Gible (viola), Joe Kearns (leading worship), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church, Greg Moore, and Brad Weaver

Today is known as **Pentecost Sunday** which indicates the 49th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the day the Holy Spirit came to indwell the church (as recorded in Acts 2) in fulfillment of Jesus's promise in John 14:16-17. Our pulpit and communion table use the red paraments to mark the day.

Prelude

Mission Team Commissioning: See page 14 for details of the trip.

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

1 Chronicles 16:9-10, 34

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

... ³⁴ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Response of Praise: Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features various chords and melodic lines, with some chords labeled above the staff (e.g., F7, Bb, Gm, C7, F, Gm7, F7, Gm, C#dim7, Dsus4 D, F7, Bb, Gm, Bb, D7, Cm7, Bb, F, Bb).

1. Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
 2. Praise the Lord, for he is glo - rious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail:
 3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to thee;

sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him all ye stars and light.
 God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.
 young and old, thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age bend the knee.

Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed:
 Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;
 All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee; we would bow be - fore thy throne:

laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance hath he made.
 heav'n and earth and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.
 as thine an - gels serve be - fore thee, so on earth thy will be done.

***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,

⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us,

⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been grieved by various trials,

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, ⁹ 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

Deuteronomy 5:6, 16

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

...

¹⁶ *"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."*

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

Q. 66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Colossians 2:13-14

[Y]ou, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 8-14, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Ronald McDonald House in Hershey
- **Civil Government:** PA State Senator Patty Kim
- **Unreached People Group:** Beidongnuo of China
Population: 500; Language: Miao; Religion: Ethnic Religions
"...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:** Catherine S.
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Elder Joe Kearns
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

The Lord's Prayer: We will close our prayer 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.

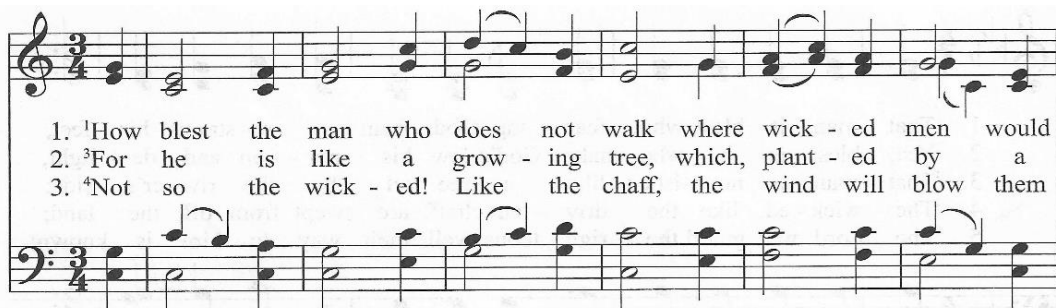
Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

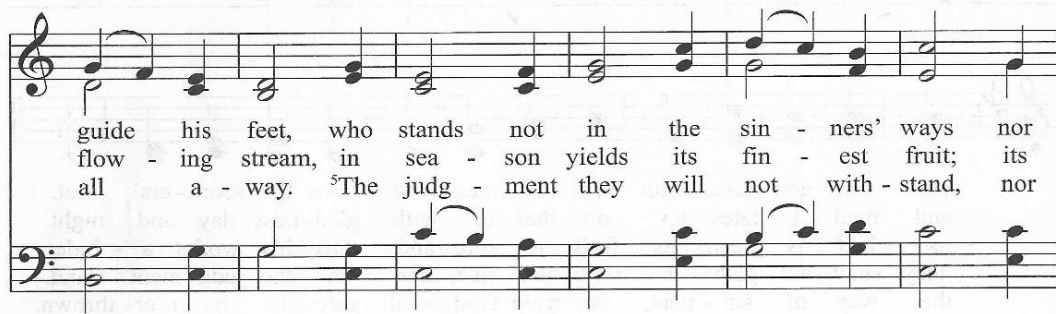
During the Song of Preparation, children from 4 years old through Grade 2 are welcome to attend Junior Church in the lower level of the education building. The Junior Church teacher will meet the children at the front in the narthex.

Song of Preparation:

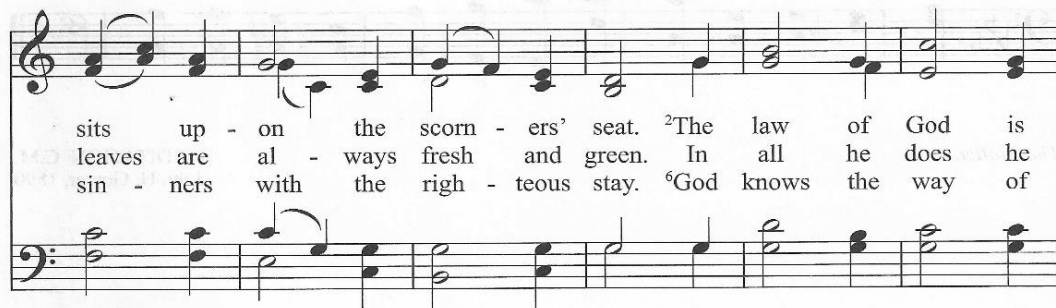
How Blest the Man



1. ¹How blest the man who does not walk where wick - ed men would
2. ³For he is like a grow - ing tree, which, plant - ed by a
3. ⁴Not so the wick - ed! Like the chaff, the wind will blow them



guide his feet, who stands not in the sin - ners' ways nor
flow - ing stream, in sea - son yields its fin - est fruit; its
all a - way. ⁵The judg - ment they will not with - stand, nor



sits up - on the scorn - ers' seat. ²The law of God is
leaves are al - ways fresh and green. In all he does he
sin - ners with the righ - teous stay. ⁶God knows the way of



his de - light, his med - i - ta - tion day and night.
finds suc - cess; pros - per - i - ty will he pos - sess.
righ - teous ones; the wick - ed way will be un - done.

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 15:1-11

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

United to Christ (4): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon:

“Abiding in Christ”

Today's Text: John 15:1-11

Pastor David Kertland

1) _____ in the Life

2) _____ into joy

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)

Leader:: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Prayer

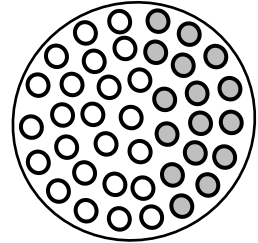
Words of Institution:

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.



Prayer

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

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

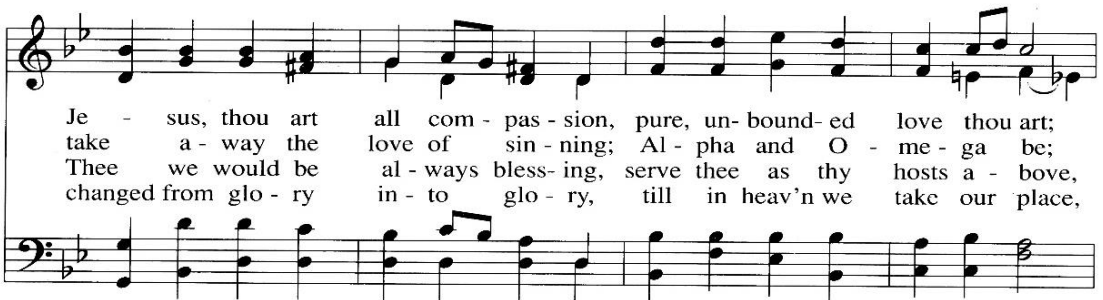
*Song of Dedication & Service: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry trou-bled breast;
 3. Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
 4. Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be:



fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown:
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest:
 sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;



Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
 take a-way the love of sin-nings; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be-gin-nings, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 pray, and praise thee, with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*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:** Front Cover Artwork: "Twin Blue Marbles" images downloaded with permission from <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=8108>. Accessed 02/20/2015.
- 2) **Music:** "Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him" (17), and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (529) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "How Blest the Man" (1B) is reprinted from *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture (OPC & URCNA), Willow Grove, PA, 2018). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/BlueMarble/>. 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.

HPCA Mission Trip to Herndon, VA

From June 14-21, Hershey PCA is sending a small, short-term mission team to help with the logistics and running of the Vacation Bible School program of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, a PCA church plant located in Herndon Virginia. Aside from VBS, the team will also help its host family (Jegar, Jemima, and Sheena Chinnavan) pack and move to a new home.

Team members include:

Paul Hepperle
Yaasha Hepperle
(Hepperle children)
Linda Nale
Elisha Nale



Mt. Zion is a missionary church seeking to reach immigrants and minorities in the Herndon area. They witness to Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist groups on a regular basis. Their VBS is designed to be cross-cultural, presenting the gospel clearly to children of all backgrounds. It is the hope and prayer of Mt. Zion that these children will hear the gospel and believe.

Please pray for: traveling mercies, good opportunities and courage to share the gospel, spiritual fruit from this VBS, and that God would add to Mt. Zion's numbers and increase his kingdom in the Herndon area.

Time to Register for 2025 Vacation Bible School!

Registration forms and invitation flyers are available on the table at the back of our worship space, on our website, or by calling the church office.



“UPWARD BOUND”

“FURTHER UP & FURTHER IN!”

Dates: Monday, June 30 - Thursday, July 3

Place: 850 Hill Church Road

Time: 5:30 -7:30 PM

For: age 3 through completed Grade 5

Activities: Bible stories, crafts, games, & snacks





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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



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