



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

June 15, 2025

Today's Front Cover

The first Sunday after Pentecost is sometimes called Trinity Sunday for which we are using the white paraments today.

God has revealed himself to be a Triune God. Our catechism, the Westminster Shorter Catechism provides a concise and historic definition of the Trinity: Question 5. Are there more Gods than one? Answer. There is but one only, the living and true God. Question 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead? Answer. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance stance, equal in power and glory.

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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 Emily Church and Paige Eickelberg.

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 Bonnie Kertland.

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 (leading worship and violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Jericho Church (vocals), Laura Church (vocals), Dave Eakin (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), David Kertland (preaching), Jared Salyards (piano), Brad Weaver (sound), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Asahel Church, Michael Kitchens, and Nick Yingst

Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and grandfathers! While our worship service remains focused on the worship of our Sovereign God, we are grateful to Him for providing fathers who love and care for the covenant children of our church. Thank you for all that you do!

Prelude

Children's Choir: "Come with Hearts and Voices Sounding" arr. K. Lee Scott

Come with hearts and voices sounding;
Raise to God a hymn resounding:
He alone rules over all;
Let us now before Him fall.
O be joyful and enter with singing;
Ever praise Him with voices ringing:
Alleluia!

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

From Philippians 2:6-11

Let us prepare for worship this morning by remembering what the Apostle writes about Jesus:

*“Though he was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

*And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

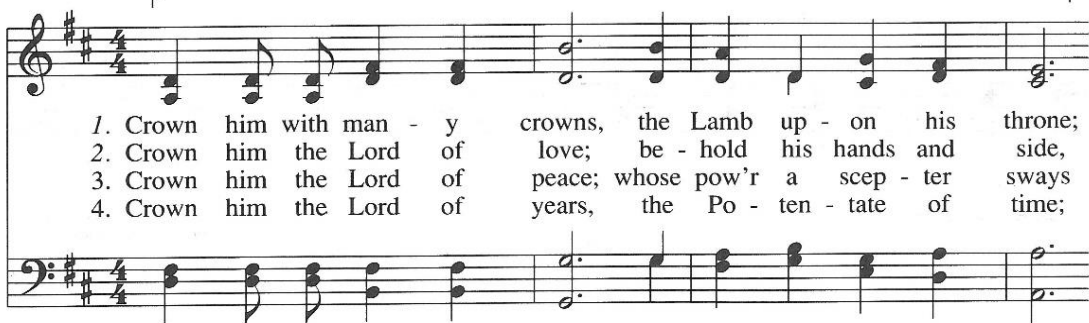
*Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

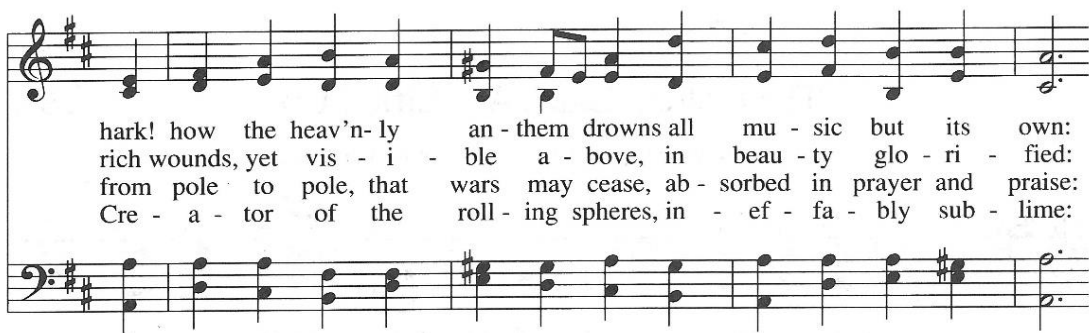
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”*

Response of Praise:

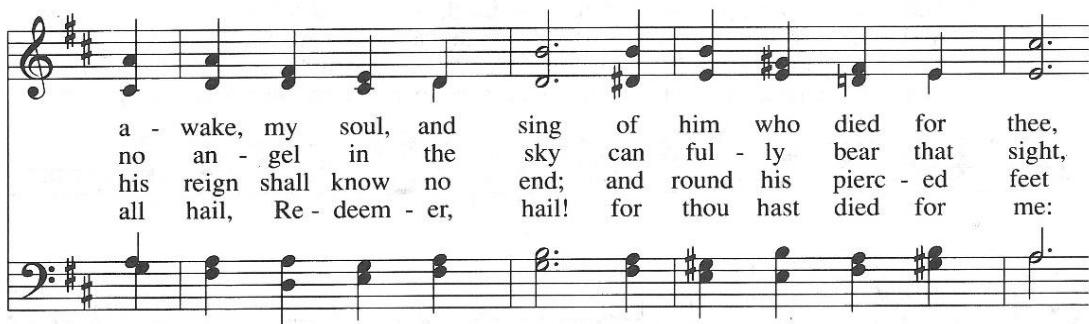
Crown Him with Many Crowns



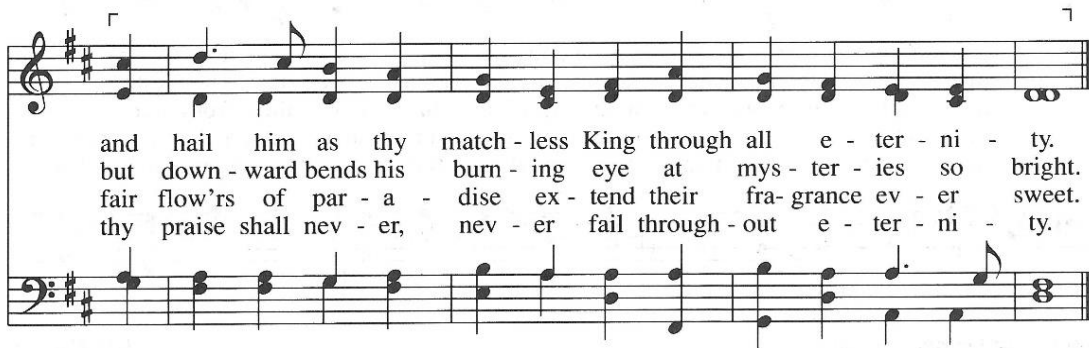
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side;
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

Matthew Bridges, 1851

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

The Nicene Creed

We confess our common faith today with the Nicene Creed, a summary of the Bible's teaching about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of the Spirit. From the Trinity Hymnal: "The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ."

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,*
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the
living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

* The term "very God of very God" means that our Lord Jesus Christ is "true God from true God."

** "'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*.

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

Ephesians 6:1-4

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of June 15-21, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Hershey Area Retirement Communities
- **Civil Government:** PA Governor Josh Shapiro
- **Unreached People Group:** Beja, Bedawi of Africa
Population: 2,394,000; Language: Bedawiyet; 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:** Elmer and Pat Cope
- **Leaders of Our Congregation:** Elder Greg Moore
- **Summer Short-Term Mission Trip to Herndon, VA:** See page 16.

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: "Give Me Jesus" Lyrics on next page. arr. Kristin Campbell

Offertory Lyrics: “Give Me Jesus”

arr. Kristin Campbell

In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.

Chorus:

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus!
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus!

And when I am alone,
Oh, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Chorus:

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus!
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus!

And when I come to die,
Oh, and when I come to die,
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Chorus:

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus!
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus!

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:**

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash-ion us
mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance
plans for us: truths un-changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down

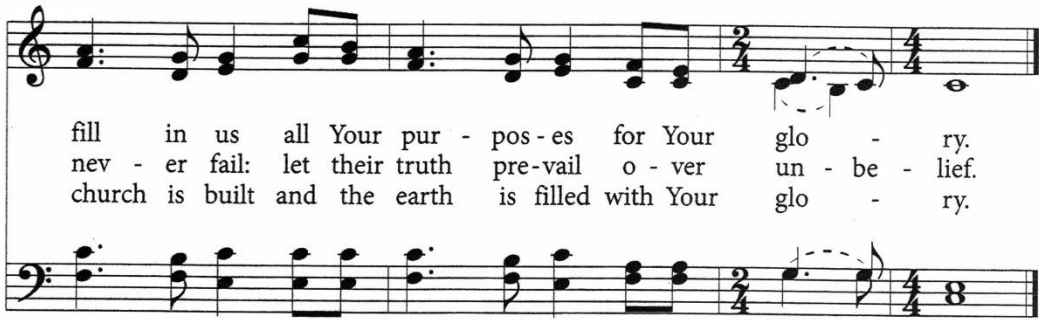


in Your like - ness; that the light of Christ might be seen to - day
of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es,



in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your





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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 15:12-17

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

United to Christ (5): *The Gospel of John* chapters 14-17

Sermon: ***“I have called you friends”***

Today's Text: John 15:12-17 - Pastor David Kertland

1) What is _____ with Jesus?

2) _____ as Jesus's friends.

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 up our hearts to the Lord!

Prayer

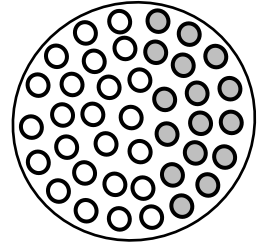
Words of Institution:

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.



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

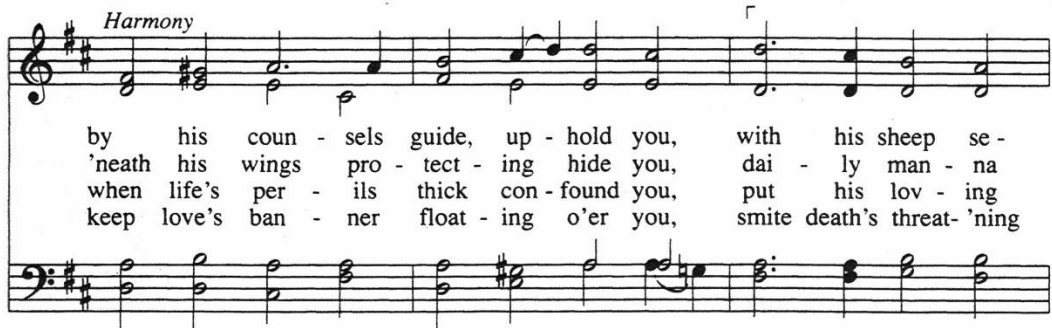
*Song of Dedication & Service: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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

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RANDOLPH Irreg.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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.

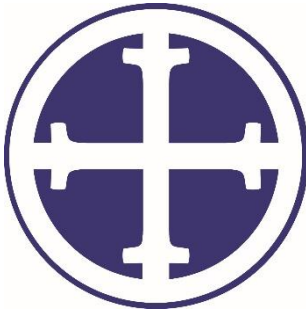
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- 2) **Music:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (295), and "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (385) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Speak, O Lord" (328) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders: Hymns and Psalms for the Church* (Grace Immanuel Bible Church, Jupiter, FL, 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).
- 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.

Pray for Our Mission Team in Herndon VA this Week!

This week our Short-term Mission Team is helping Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church of Herndon, VA with a Vacation Bible School. Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church is a PCA church plant. Teaching Elder Jegar Chinnavan serves as its pastor. In addition, the team will also help Jegar and Jemima pack and move to a new home.



Hershey PCA Team Members include:
Vicki Gehron
Paul Hepperle (team lead)
Yaasha Hepperle
along with Keziah, Mathias, and Yonah
Elisha Nale
Linda Nale



Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church is a missionary church of the PCA 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, 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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