



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

August 3, 2025

This Month's Front Cover

Crazy Quilt, Artist Unknown. Ca. 1800-1900, probably made in the United States. Wool with wool and silk embroidery. 71 in. x 71 in. Gift of the Zelanka Family, in honor of Bernard and Rhoda Zelanka, 2016. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Object Number 2016.108. In the Public Domain.

Provenance: The quilt was sold at auction in about 2005 by Bunte Auction Services, Inc. of Elgin Illinois. The quilt was purchased by dealer Jackie Radwin of San Antonio, Texas, who sold it in 2005 to Ivy Zelanka.

"This pictorial wool crazy quilt is unique among the other quilts of its type in the Museum's collection. Crazy quilts are most commonly pieced together with scraps of brightly colored silk and silk ribbons, such as 62.143, 1983.349, 1989.66, 1992.281, and 1993.101. However, The Met's collection also includes several interesting examples of crazy quilts that don't fit the norm, including a printed cotton example (2007.342), a Quaker silk and wool crazy (1974.34), and one made entirely of wool with an Amish provenance (2003.188). The pictorial nature of this quilt makes it particularly special. The images—mostly of animals, people, and things—applied onto each patch seem to reflect the maker's life. Dogs, horses, cows, rabbits, frogs, goats, elephants, and birds appear among a variety of flowers and leaves. Human figures go about their everyday lives: a girl jumps rope, a woman sweeps, and one man carries a ladder while another sits atop a horse. Small patches are applied with small objects such as jugs, shoes, and spoons. At the top right, there is a larger patch with the figure of St. Nick, all dressed in red robes. Unfortunately, the quilt came to the museum from the donor without no firm provenance, so other than the fact that it was last sold at auction in Illinois, we don't know anything about its' maker or where it was originally made.."

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/701310>



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 Bev Cox and Lauren Sanabria.

A **Junior Church** for children aged 4-Grade 2 is offered on the Lower Level of the Education Bldg. beginning during the hymn before the sermon. Today's Junior Church Teacher is Paul Hepperle.

Thank you to all who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Laura Church (vocals), Peter Gibble (viola), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Kentaro Minagawa (greeter), Greg Moore (leading worship), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), Jeb Yingst (sound).

Today's Ushers are Ephraim Church, Joe Kearns, Greg Moore.

Prelude

Praising God

***Call to Worship:**

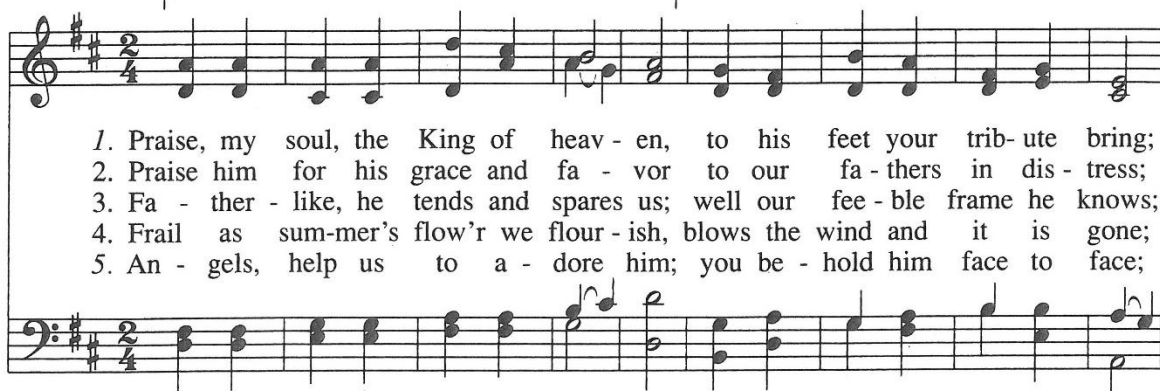
Psalm 103:8-12

*"The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us."*

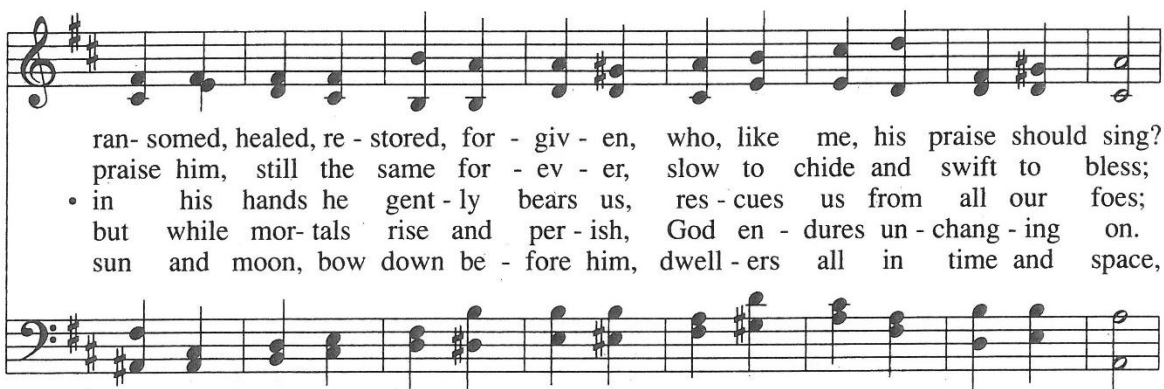
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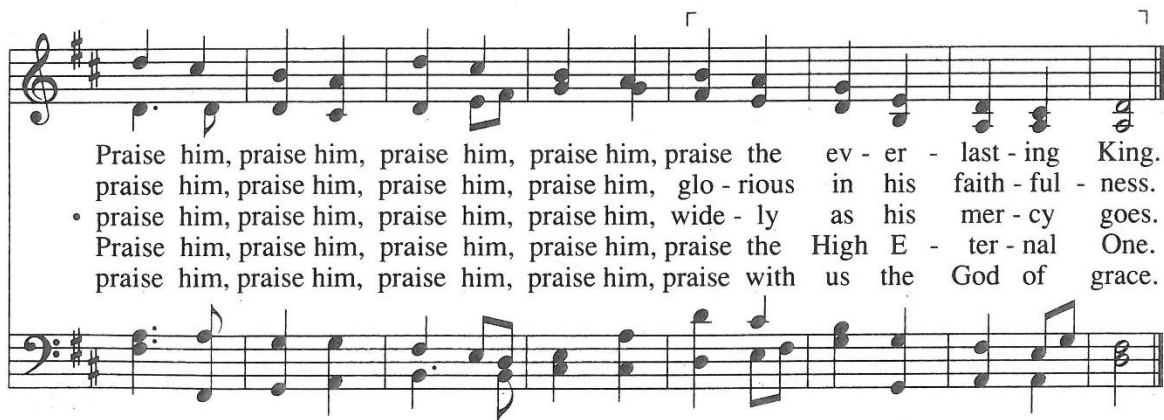
***Response of Praise: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

***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.

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.

* “‘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*.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

Deuteronomy 5:6, 18

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

¹⁸"And you shall not commit adultery."

Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Psalms 103:8-12

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of August 3 - August 9, 2025

Intercession *for the World*:

- **In the Local Community:** Derry Township Supervisor, Carter Wyckoff
- **Civil Government:** Vice President JD Vance
- **Unreached People Group:** Beldar, of Asia
Population: 2,025,900; Language: Bengali; Religion: Hindu/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:** Women's Ministry Leadership Team
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Matt & Joanna Dabiero (RUF, Penn State)

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: O God, Show Mercy to Us (Psalm 67)**

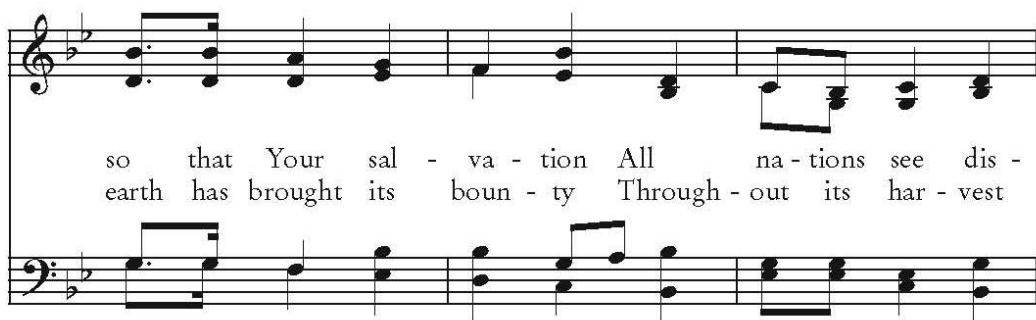
1. ¹O God, show mer - cy to us, And bless us with Your
2. For You will judge the peo - ples With per - fect eq - ui -

grace; And cause to shine up - on us The
ty; To na - tions of the whole earth A

bright - ness of Your face; ²So that the whole world
gov - er - nor You'll be. ⁵O God, let peo - ples

o - ver May tru - ly know Your way, And
praise You; Let all the peo - ples praise. ⁶The

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of four systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the next two lines. The fourth system contains the final two lines. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are written in a clear, sans-serif font, with line numbers 1 and 2 at the beginning of the first line, and line numbers 2, 5, and 6 at the beginning of their respective lines.



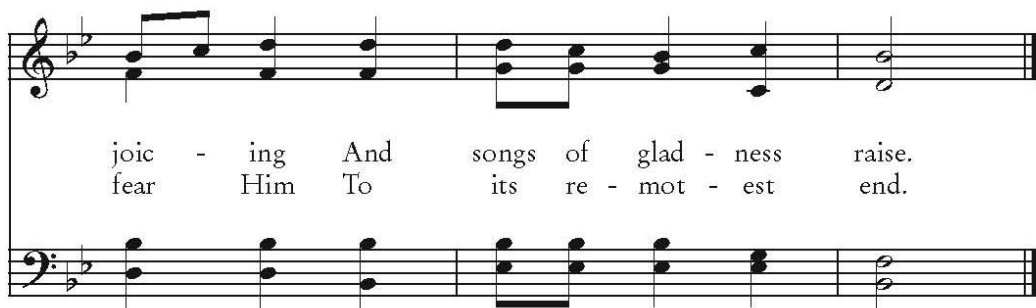
so that Your sal - va - tion All na - tions see dis -
earth has brought its boun - ty Through - out its har - vest



played. ³O God, let peo - ples praise You; Let
days Since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes,



all the peo - ples praise. ⁴Let na - tions come re -
God will bless - ing send, That all the earth may



joic - ing And songs of glad - ness raise.
fear Him To its re - mot - est end.

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**

Acts 6:1-7 & 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Acts 6:1-7: *"Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."*

1 Timothy 3:8-13: *"Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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

Sermon:

“The Deacon and His Office”

Today’s Text: Acts 6:1-7

Pastor David Kertland

1. The _____

2. The _____

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)

Ordination and Installation of a Deacon

Today Dr. Kentaro Minagawa will be ordained and installed as a Deacon of Hershey PCA (to the class of 2028). Having previously been elected to the office by this congregation, he will now be asked the following questions from *The Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America* (Chapter 24: Election, Ordination, and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons; see www.pcaac.org/bco)

Ordination Questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the church?

The deacon elect having answered in the affirmative, the minister shall address to the members of the church the following question: which you should answer in the affirmative by raising your right and saying, “we do.”

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitles him?

The Laying on of Hands, Prayer, & the Giving of the Right Hand of Fellowship

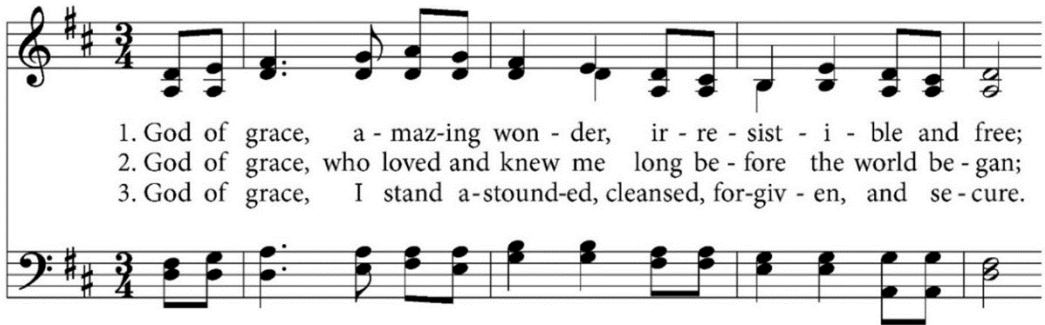
Pronouncement and Declaration

Exhortation to the Deacon and the Church

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:**

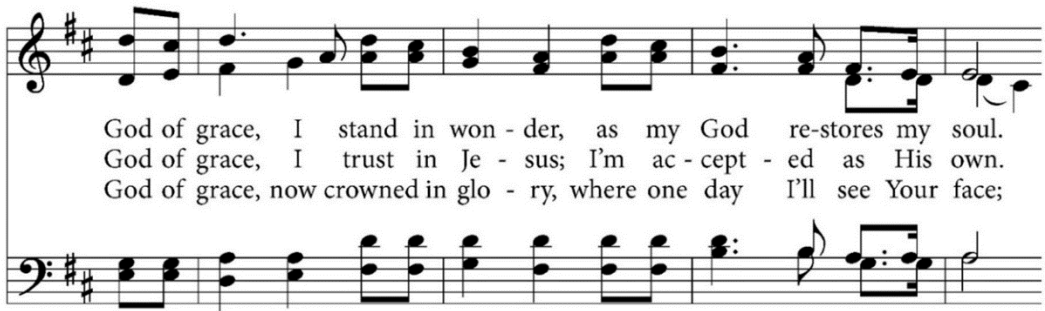
God of Grace



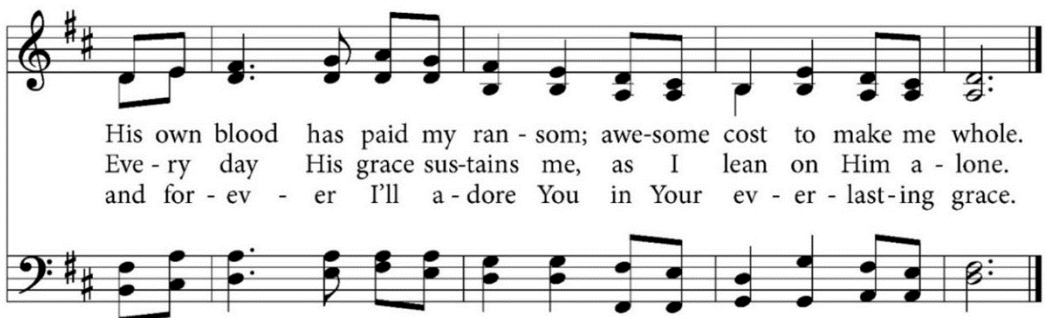
1. God of grace, a - maz-ing won - der, ir - re - sist - i - ble and free;
2. God of grace, who loved and knew me long be - fore the world be - gan;
3. God of grace, I stand a-stound-ed, cleansed, for-giv - en, and se - cure.



oh, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy, Je - sus reach - es down to me.
sent my Sav - ior down from heav-en— per-fect God and per-fect man.
All my fears are now con-found-ed, and my hope is ev - er sure.



God of grace, I stand in won - der, as my God re-stores my soul.
God of grace, I trust in Je - sus; I'm ac - cept - ed as His own.
God of grace, now crowned in glo - ry, where one day I'll see Your face;



His own blood has paid my ran - som; awe-some cost to make me whole.
Eve - ry day His grace sus-tains me, as I lean on Him a - lone.
and for - ev - er I'll a - dore You in Your ev - er - last-ing grace.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

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Being Sent to Serve God

*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.”
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:** Crazy Quilt, Artist Unknown. Ca. 1800-1900, probably made in the United States. Wool with wool and silk embroidery. 71 in. x 71 in. Gift of the Zelanka Family, in honor of Bernard and Rhoda Zelanka, 2016. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Object Number 2016.108. In the Public Domain. Accessed on 07/31/2025.
- 2) **Music:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (76) is reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). “O God, Show Mercy to Us” (67C) is reprinted from *The Book of Psalms for Worship* (Crown & Covenant Publications, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010). “God of Grace” (217) is reprinted from *Sing the Wonders* (2nd Ed.), Dan Kreider, General Editor, Grace Immanuel Bible Church, 2018. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Page 2: <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/701310>. 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.

"[T]hose who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 3:13)

The Deacon in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) From Chapter 9 in the PCA Book of Church Order

9-1. The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.

9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation.

In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment, conforming to the biblical requirement of chastity and sexual purity in their descriptions of themselves and in their convictions, character, and conduct.

...

9-7. It is often expedient that the Session of a church should select and appoint godly men and women of the congregation to assist the deacons in caring for the sick, the widows, the orphans, the prisoners, and others who may be in any distress or need. These assistants to the deacons are not officers of the church (BCO 7-2) and, as such, are not subjects for ordination (BCO 17).

For the full PCA Book of Church Order, and complete chapter on the Deacon, see <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/>.



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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is ***“Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.”***

Various organizations of the PCA include:



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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